

Barwon Heads Primary School
'It takes a village to raise a child'
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Newsletter 18th February 2016

Term Dates:

Term 1: 1 February to 24 March (as
25 March is public holiday)

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

Important Dates:

15/2/16 - 18/2/16: Grade 6 Ocean Awareness
Program

15/2/16 - 18/2/16: Grade 3 - 5 Week 2 Swimming
Commences

19/2/16: Youth Leaders Forum

22/2/16: Parent/Teacher sharing sessions

2/3/16: School Captains National Young Leaders
Conference

3/3/16: Grade 1 Community Walk

14/3/16: Labour Day Public Holiday

16/3/16: Grade 2 Rock Pool Ramble Excursion

17/3/16: Whole School Cross Country

26/3/16: Easter Fair & Sheepwash Classic Fun Run

13/6/16: Queens Birthday Public Holiday

10/8/16 - 12/8/16: Grade 6 Camp

***Please provide the office with an up to date
email address to ensure you can log onto
Compass School Manager.**

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A Word from Our Principal

BHPS Family Picnic @ school

Our newly formed Welcome Committee is coordinating a family picnic evening at 5.30pm on Thursday March 3rd at school. We are inviting all families to attend with a picnic dinner to be enjoyed on our magnificent oval. There will be coordinated activities for families to participate in, or simply enjoy the ambience of the environment. This evening will provide an opportunity for all our families to get together in a relaxed environment to as a nice start to the year. It will also an excellent opportunity to welcome our new families (of which there are 9 outside of grade prep). We will be sending home RSVPs for all families in the near future so that we can coordinate icy-poles for all children attending.

Easter Fair

The Easter Fair committee met on Tuesday evening Everything is on track for our major fundraiser. Sarah Jackson, with support from the committee, has worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure a successful event.

We are now desperately seeking parent volunteers to fill the holes for the planned events. If you are able to help please contact our Easter Fair coordinator - Sarah Jackson. wjackson2@bigpond.com

Road Safety

We are occasionally asked by community members who have witnessed a concerning behaviour on the roads, to speak to our children about road safety and remind them to be responsible road users. However

I have recently been asked to remind parents that their road behaviours serve as models for children, in particularly the wearing of helmets. New laws recently introduced see the fines for no helmet being \$319. In terms of keeping our students, and their families, safe, there is obviously more at stake than a fine. Thank you to all those parents who do provide themselves as excellent role models for our students to observe.

Ocean Awareness Program

This week the grade 6s participated in our first ‘Ocean Awareness Program.’ This program replaces the Surf Awareness Program which unfortunately could no longer cater for the growing needs and numbers of our school.

Fortunately our PE teacher, Mrs Kneebone, along with support from teachers Miss Curtain and Mr Steven, were able to work with parents Amena McDonald (OGSLC) and Bec Lamperd (Surf Sessions) to build a replacement program that not only caters for all our grade 6 students, but also educates them on local water conditions. I would like to thank the many parents who have also volunteered to assist in the running of this program, and those who showed their support by turning up to watch.

Parent/Teacher Sharing sessions- Start Right

BHPS provides an opportunity for parents to share information about their child in order to further enhance the relationship between teacher/student/parent. The building of this relationship has been shown in research to be of significant importance in the improvement of student learning outcomes. Hopefully the majority of parents have now booked a time through COMPASS with their child’s teacher for next week. If you are yet to do so please do this in the very near future? Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents to obtain a greater understanding of their new students from a parent perspective.

Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal

“YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS”



00A	Audrey	Ted
00B	Indigo	Cove
00C	Zack	Arabella
1A	Steele	Sarah
1B	Jasper	Amelie
1C	Isla	Oliver
2A	Jonty	Zarah
2B	Minne	Max
2C	Matilda	Xavier
3A	Ismena	Flynn
3B	Sonny	Ashli
34C	Charlotte	Mitch
4A	Isaiah	Alex
4B	Tess	Oskar
5A	Masooma	Harry
5B	Samuel	Will
56C	Zebedee	Neisha
56C	Amelie	Elliot
6A	Taj	Jazzie
6B	Ane’	Tai

Language Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts in Indonesian.

3A Ned, 2A Jordan 3/4C, Khy, 3A Sunny.



Compass School Manager

Barwon Heads Primary School uses the Compass platform for a number of functions including attendance roll marking, event notifications **Online booking system for Parent Teacher Conferences**, access to your child's semester reports and access to the Newsletter.

It is imperative that the office is provided with an up to date email address for you to receive notifications from Compass. **If you do not have a username and password to logon to Compass please contact the office ASAP.** When you log onto Compass for the first time you will be asked to change your password. Please be aware that you should treat your password as confidential Compass is a live document linking to your family/student information. We endeavour to make access for you to be as seamless as possible but password control is not something that is easy to access due to the confidential nature of the system. Please log onto the Compass website provided and follow the prompts.

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***Please note that there is a new function available on Compass which will enable you to approve your child's unexplained absences.**

School Cross Country

The whole school cross country will be held at Village Park on **Thursday the 17th of March**. Students will walk down in their house groups after snack and return for lunch. Parents are most welcome to come and watch the events and a coffee van will be available. Hope to see you there.

Mrs Kneebone

Easter Fair & Sheepwash Classic Fun Run 26th March 2016

Sheepwash Classic Fun Run

Registrations are open and well underway for the Sheep wash Classic Fun Run. Please see the link below to register for the Sheepwash Classic Fun Run.

Register online and save:

registration: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=15635>



Introducing the new Barwon Heads Bazaar!

Just a reminder to donate your pre-loved goods and hand crafted items to the Barwon Heads Bazaar and help make it the 'go to' destination at the Easter Fair. We are also looking for people to help with setting up, designing and manning the new Barwon Heads Bazaar. If you are interested in assisting or contributing in any way please email Natalie Batchelor on natalie2006.batchelor@gmail.com

Lucky Bag Fillings

We are still seeking donations for the fillings for our lucky bags. There will be three different sections this year, and boy's selection and girl's selection and a general selection. Students will be coming around to collect all the donations on a daily basis. Items such as stationary (pens, pencils, paper etc.), small toys (figurines, key rings, toy cars etc.) are all welcome.

Thank you for your support.

Sharna Renfrey

Performers Needed for our Easter Fair!

Calling all the talented Barwon Heads Primary School students who sing and/or play an instrument.

We are looking for busking kids to perform at the Easter Fair

Please contact Pip May at pipamay@gmail.com if you would like to perform

Rides Tickets

Unlimited rides tickets will be available for presale next week at the front office for an early bird price of \$28.

On the day of the Fair unlimited rides tickets will be \$34.

Jams & Preserves

Attention all plum tree owners!!! We have plum jam makers at the ready - all they need is any excess fruit you make have. If you can help please drop into the office or email sarah_shaw@netspace.net.au

Preserves stall news

Jars are NOW AVAILABLE to pick up from the office, along with sterilisation instructions and recipe tips.

How to sterilise jars

Step 1: Preheat oven to 110°C. Wash jars and lids in hot, soapy water. Rinse well. Place jars and lids in a deep saucepan. Cover with cold water.

Step 2: Bring water to the boil over high heat. Cover pan. Reduce heat to medium and boil gently for 10 minutes. Line a baking tray with a clean tea towel.

Step 3: Using metal tongs, remove jars and lids from boiling water and place upside down on tray. Place in oven and heat for 15 minutes. Bottle hot chutneys or jams in hot jars and cooled chutneys or jams in cold jars.

We will also soon have labels and bags of sugar to pick up as well! Please take as many as you need and return them on or before the end of term, possibly filled with something delicious like this:

Strawberry & vanilla conserve

4 x 250g punnets strawberries, washed, hulled

1kg caster sugar

80ml (1/3 cup) fresh lemon juice

1 vanilla bean, split lengthways



Step 1: Layer strawberries and sugar in a large bowl. Cover. Set aside overnight to infuse.

Step 2 : Transfer to a large saucepan or stockpot. Add the lemon juice. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the pan. Add the bean to the mixture. Cook, stirring occasionally, over medium-low heat for 5-10 minutes or until the sugar dissolves.

Step 3: Increase heat to medium-high and bring to the boil. Use a large metal spoon to skim any froth from the surface. Cook, stirring often, for 25-30 minutes or until the conserve jells when tested.

Step 4: Spoon the hot conserve into clean, dry glass jars. Seal and invert for 2 minutes. Turn upright and set aside to cool.

Cake stall news

Remember, there is no limit to what you can contribute to the cake stall - cakes (of course), but also cookies, muffins, slices, muesli bars, protein balls, chocolates, toffees - the list is endless!

Just to get you thinking, here is one of our favourite recipes...



Barwon Heads Primary School promotes integrity, life-long learning and the attainment of excellence.



Lemon yoghurt cake with syrup

Ingredients

3 eggs
220g (1 cup) caster sugar
2 lemons, juiced, plus 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
300g (2 cups) self-raising flour, sifted
280g (1 cup) Greek-style yoghurt, plus extra, to serve
125ml (1/2 cup) vegetable oil

Lemon syrup

2 lemons, zest peeled into strips
110g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
80ml (1/3 cup) lemon juice

Step 1: Preheat oven to 180C. Grease 22cm springform cake pan, then line base and side with baking paper.

Step 2: Using an electric mixer, whisk eggs and sugar for 4 minutes or until pale and creamy. Add lemon juice and zest, then whisk for a further minute.

Step 3: Stir in flour, yoghurt and oil until smooth. Spoon into prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean.

Step 4: Meanwhile, to make syrup, place zest in a saucepan of boiling water for 1 minute. Drain and reserve zest. Combine sugar, lemon juice and 2 tablespoons water in same saucepan and cook, stirring, over low-medium heat until sugar dissolves. Simmer for 3 minutes or until thickened, then return zest to pan. Makes 125ml (1/2 cup).

Step 5: Using a skewer, poke approximately 15 holes all over cake. Pour half the hot syrup over cake, allowing it to sink in, before adding more. Stand cake in pan for 30 minutes. Release from pan and drizzle with remaining syrup if desired.

Camp Australia

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A snapshot of what we have been up to so far...

For the first two weeks back to school we have been playing lots of games together to get to know each other as there are a few new faces in OSHC. The children and I have filled out a questionnaire about ourselves to display on our walls and a funny picture of them will be displayed with these so that we all know who each other are.

We have also been playing bingo, which has been heaps of fun and lots of prizes have been won!

Every fortnight a new theme is introduced, such as pets, countries, science or cooking and we focus a daily activity on the chosen topic, whether it be a game, art and craft activity or construction.

What we are up to this fortnight...

For the next two weeks we will be doing 'under the sea'. There will be lots of fun art & craft activities, such as painting and making window decorations.

Bookings and Cancellations

If this sounds like fun and you would like to come and join us in OSHC, we would love to have you. Please come and visit us one afternoon to see all the wonderful things the children get up to after school.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to come and see me in the OSHC area located next to the stadium. I am here Monday to Friday 2.30-6.00pm or you can contact me on 0432 636 625.

To book please call customer service hotline on 1300 105 343.

Hats

In Term 1 children must bring a hat so that we can go outside and do sport etc. If children are not provided with a hat they must wear sun screen and play in the shade. Therefore, they may not be able to join in the sports games we are playing. If you would like to purchase an extra hat I am happy to keep it safe in OSHC for them to use.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you soon in OSHC! - Jen Nichols



BHPS Superstars!

I had a wonderful opportunity to visit Geelong Mums to see the warehouse and find out all the wonderful things they do for the disadvantaged in Geelong's community.

Geelong Mum's Director Kate Kent works tirelessly with a team of volunteers to make sure that new mums and dads who don't have appropriate clothing, cots, prams, high chairs, car seats even toys don't go without. They make sure there are packs of clothes that coordinate, look stylish and are season appropriate.

No child too hot no child too cold!

There are piles and piles of clothes and donations carefully ordered ready to go to waiting families.

The \$240 I have raised with the support of this community is being used to buy two new cots and mattresses for Geelong Mum's 'Rise and Shine' project. It felt really good to be giving money to people who I know will use it to help the most needy.

Thanks for your support in buying the books and in your kind encouragement. The new book 'Home' and 'Mary Lou' are both in book shops and newsagents in Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove. Thanks again for your support.

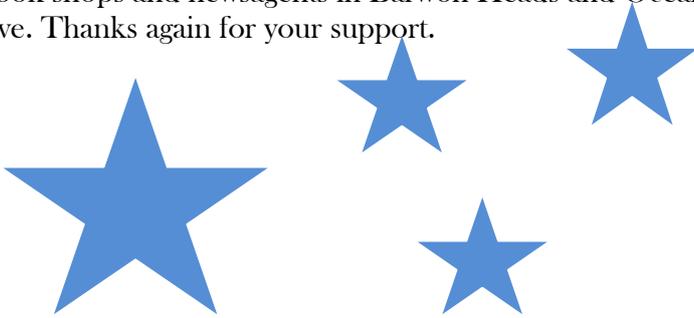


Photo by sandy Goddard

Superstars

So there was a few tired BHPS students on Monday morning after 2 days of surf lifesaving nipper carnivals at Ocean Grove competing for Ocean Grove SLSL.

On Saturday Murphy Moulton, Miller Moulton, Remy Roberts and Byron Foord competed in the statewide junior carnival in lots of events including wade race, aqua cam, wade relay, surf board race, surf teams, surf swim, beach relay and 500m run. All boys did very well including Remy 2 first places, 1 second place and 1 third place, Murphy 1 first place and 2 second, Byron 1 third place and Miller 3 first places and 1 third.

On Sunday all boys competed again in the regional selection trials for state champs. All boys had wins and places and qualified for stacks of events at the states. The boys are continuing to train hard ahead of the next statewide carnival in 2 weeks in Lorne.

