



Barwon Heads Primary School  
 'It takes a village to raise a child'  
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**Barwon Heads  
 Primary School  
 Newsletter  
 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Term Dates:**

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

**Calendar Dates:**

5/5/16: Parent Helper's Workshop Session One

6/5/16: Grade 2 Scienceworks Excursion

10/5/16 - 12/5/16: NAPLAN Testing grades 3 & 5

11/5/16: Parent Helper Workshop Session two

13/5/16: Lighting Premiership - Grade 5 - 6

16/5/16: Grade 3 Lobster Pot Excursion

16/5/16: Education Week

19/5/16: Grade 1 Science Excursion

24/5/16: Division Cross Country @ Eastern Gardens

13/6/16: Queens Birthday Public Holiday

16/6/16: Division Soccer

21/6/16 - 22/6/16: Student parent teacher conferences

22/6/16 - PUPIL FREE DAY (Reporting)

19/07/16: 3-4 Hooptime Basketball

4/8/16: Grade 5/6 Hooptime Basketball

17/8/16: whole school performance: "Australian Folklore"

10/8/16: Whole School Athletics Day (Back up day 12<sup>th</sup> August)

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

19/8/16: District Basketball @ Bellarine Secondary

22/8/16 - 26/8/16: Children's Book Week Theme: Australian Story Country

24/8/16: District Athletics @ Landy Field (Back up day 26<sup>th</sup> August.)

5/9/16 - 7/9/16 - Grade 3 Coastal Forrest Lodge Camp

2/11/16 - 4/11/16: Grade 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp

8/12/16: Grade 1 Dinner

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**A Word from Our Principal**

ANZAC day is a very special day on the Australian calendar and an opportunity to reflect upon and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for others. As a school we have been involved in a number of commemorative services, and have been represented by a number of our Student Leaders. I could not have been more proud of how our students have represented our school and I have truly enjoyed sharing time and space with them at these times. Our School Captains were absolutely outstanding in the way that they conducted themselves, and presented at the Barwon Heads ANZAC Day ceremony.

Our students don't only represent our school, but they represent their families, our staff and our community. And we all should, and can, take some pride from their performances and conduct. But by far the proudest and most touching ceremony I attended was our very own, the BHPS ANZAC Day ceremony held at the school last Friday. The way all of our students, young and old, embraced the occasion, was outstanding. Grade 5 students, very well supported by their teachers, did a marvellous job in beginning the ceremony. Vietnam Vet Bob Thompson delivered a stirring speech that had a really positive and enlightening message for all students.

We, as a school, have also really appreciated the positive feedback provided by parents who were able to attend. They too expressed pride in the respectful and reverential behaviour of our students, and appreciation in the school for coordinating the ceremony.

BHPS were also trail blazers in regards to our use of the video clip - 'Spirit of the ANZAC' which was then subsequently used by the AFL prior to the game on Monday.

### **PREP Enrolments 2017**

We are now taking enrolments for 2017. If you have a child who you wish to attend BHPS for 2017, please collect and return the necessary enrolment forms. These are available at the school office. If you know of any other community member who may wish to enrol their child please feel free to inform them also. We have already had many enquiries from the nearby areas and are very conscious of the fact that our room availability and staffing will be significantly impacted by late enrolments.

### **Building Works**

After an enormous amount of necessary behind the scenes work, our appointed builders for our major building project commenced work onsite on Wednesday. They will be a regular fixture on our school environment until the end of the year. The anticipated completion date of our 5 new classrooms and external associated works will be January 2017. Despite the obvious and necessary inconveniences that will occur during the building phase, the final outcome will make this period extremely worthwhile. It is yet another exciting time for BHPS and we look forward to the official commencement of the building phase.

The first notable inconvenience has been the reduction in the capacity of our office area car park. There are plans for the major project on the window of my office for those who are interested.

**Mr Darren Roskosch**  
Principal



**IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL**

### **Language Awards**

Well done to the following students for their outstanding work in Indonesian.  
Tex Lawrence 3A, Zali Smith 3A, Harriet Casbault 2B, Riley Dalley 1B

### **School Communication Update**

In the weeks to come you will notice a change in the way you receive your information that is usually contained in our school newsletter. Since the introduction of Compass the way in which we communicate with our school community has changed significantly. This was a direct response to our parent opinion survey. Classes have their own newsletters, blogs and class dojo's has led to a reduction in the amount of information that needs to appear in our newsletter. Over the next few months we will continue to provide both the old type of newsletter and also transfer our favourite items like BHPS Superstars to our Compass program.

### **Parent Helper's Program**

The Classroom Helpers Program will run for 2 days and begins on Thursday the 5th of May 9:05 - 10:30am. The second session will be on Wednesday 11th May at the same time. It is recommended that you attend both sessions as each session will cover different topics such as, the way children learn to read, writing development, the importance of speaking and listening and hints on how to help children in a classroom situation. The program will also outline the roles and expectations for Classroom Helpers as well as the importance of confidentiality following a visit to the classroom. Unfortunately we are not able to offer childcare for toddlers and expect that you are able to make some arrangements with friends or family. Please provide the office with your Name, Child's name and your Child's year level if you wish to participate in the Classroom Helpers Program. Phone: (03) 5254 2324 Email: [barwon.heads.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:barwon.heads.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

