



Barwon Heads Primary School
 'It takes a village to raise a child'
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**Barwon Heads
 Primary School
 Newsletter
 26th May 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:

10/6/16: New prep information session 10.00 am

1/6/16: Bellarine Soccer

13/6/16: Queens Birthday Public Holiday

16/6/16: Division Soccer

17/6/15: Grade 4 First Australians Incursion

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

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

19/07/16: 3-4 Hooptime Basketball

26/07/16: Grade 3 - 6 Athletics Day

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

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

1/08/16: Back up day for Grade 3 - 6 Athletics

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 26th
 August.)

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

12/10/16: Grade 6 Photos

02/10/16 - 2/11/16: Grade 4 Camp

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

29/11/16 - 8/12/16 : Prep - 2 Swimming program

8/12/16: Grade 1 Dinner

15/12/16: Grade 6 Graduation evening

16/12/16: Whole School Sports Day

19/12/16: Grade 6 Celebration day @ Adventure Park

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A Word from Our Principal

BHPS has recently been notified by the Department of Education and Training that it has been identified as high performing in

- Build practice excellence
- Build leadership teams
- Empower students & build school pride

As a result we have been requested to participate in a Case Study to illustrate the processes and procedures have taken place in terms of our School Improvement agenda to achieve the results that have verified the above. This case study will be used to support other schools in their school improvement. Our staff are directly responsible for this accolade due to their substantial work over the past 3 years in establishing and working in Professional Learning Communities. In PLCs they work collaboratively together to identify what makes the biggest difference in improving student outcomes, This enables them to target the specific learning needs of our students and to reflect regularly on teacher practice in the pursuit of school improvement excellence. And we of course have the most amazing students to work with in this process!

Our implemented School Improvement Model has also recently been made a State School Priority for all schools in Victoria. We feel very advantaged to already be 3 years into this journey which has placed us in a position to share our knowledge with others.

Education Week

It was fantastic to see so many parents able and willing to attend our education week activities last week. Our Estimation Exhibition was a resounding success with hundreds of entries being submitted.

Miss Curtain and 4A deserve full credit for coordinating such an engaging activity, which in turn was well supported by staff, students, and parents/grandparents We have 4 categories for prizes and a \$25 Rebel voucher on offer for each. The categories are F - 2, 3- 6, and parents and grandparents. Winners will be announced at this week's assembly

Positive Education

This term professional learning for our staff has centred around Positive Education. Positive Education is a strengths building approach which focusses on positive aspects of a person and how they can thrive. Staff and some students have identified their signature character strengths. Research has shown that when people use their character strengths, happiness is significantly increased. Learning about character strengths and recognising strengths in others is just one of the elements of our Positive Education focus. It is a really exciting initiative, and dare I say - a Positive one as well. More information to come!

Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL



“YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS”

00A	Chelsea	Zac
00B	Sam	Lotte
00C	Abbey	Nikita
1A	Abby	Nick
1B	Taj	Kirra
1C	Eddie	Harvey
2A	Will	Jemima
2B	Hannah	Edie
2C	Sadie	Matilda
3A	Poppy	Eliza
3B	Hayden	Chelsea
34C	Zara	Molly
4A	Zane	May
4B	Ginger	Gabe
5A	Gus	Lily
5B	Oscar	Kirra
56C	Charlotte	Arianna
6A	Archie	Jasmine
6B	Charlie	Summer

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.

