

Barwon Heads Primary School  
'It takes a village to raise a child'  
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**Barwon Heads  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
14<sup>th</sup> July 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:**

19/07/16: 3-4 Hooptime Basketball  
22/7/16: Grade 6 Girls Football  
26/07/16: Grade 3 - 6 Athletics Day  
26/07/16: Fundraising and events committee meeting  
7.30 pm in Staffroom  
3/8/16: Girls Regional Soccer  
4/8/16: Grade 5/6 Hooptime Basketball  
**7/8/16: BHPS/BHGC Golf day (SAVE THE DATE)**  
11/8/16 - 12/8/16: Grade 2 Sleepover @  
17/8/16: whole school performance: "Australian  
Folklore"  
1/08/16: Back up day for Grade 3 - 6 Athletics  
5/08/16 Olympic Whole School event  
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:  
Australia Story Country  
25/08/16: Book Week Parade 9.10 am Gym  
5/9/16 - 7/9/16 - Grade 3 Coastal Forrest Lodge Camp  
20/10/16: Grade 6 Photos  
31/10/16 - 2/11/16: Grade 4 Camp Wilkin  
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  
01/02/2017: First day of school for students 2017

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**Current Prep Enrolments for 2017: 38**

**A Word from Our Principal**

I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. It is pleasing to announce that all students and staff have returned safely from the break. The weather reminds us regularly which season we are currently in so our children need to rug up and stay warm. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and made the most of the opportunity to sleep in a little longer to avoid the cold and reduction of natural light.

**Staffing News**

I would like to inform our school community that Mrs Blake (Aimee) will be on leave indefinitely after going into very early labour and delivering a beautiful, but extremely fragile, daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Blake on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This is quite a critical time for Aimee, husband Mark and Sophie due to the earliness of the arrival, 16 weeks ahead of schedule. Both Aimee and Sophie were admitted to the NICU at the Royal Women's hospital in Melbourne, with Aimee being recently discharged. Aimee is well and Sophie is impressing everyone with her strength and courage. She is proving to be a real inspiration to all.

We have been extremely fortunate in obtaining Miss Sherridan Micallef as a replacement for the time being. Miss Micallef has already spent significant time in our school previously and is being well supported in her transition into the grade by Lauren McManus and other staff.

I can now formally announce that after a merit based process, Paige Mayo has been appointed as classroom



teacher of 2A until the end of 2016. Paige fits into the uniquely wonderful, positive and supportive culture we have established at BHPS; a culture we collectively remain extremely protective and proud of.

Mrs Kate McIntyre is replacing Mr Burdess in grade 3 for the next 3 weeks whilst he is on Long Service Leave. (Bali)

Miss Emma Collishaw is replacing Miss Petzierides in grade 2 for the next 4 weeks whilst she is on Long Service Leave.

And Ms Booth has slotted seamlessly into the recently vacated Assitant Principal position.

### **Positive Education**

This term there will be a more visible presence of Positive Education in BHPS. Staff, student, and parent information sessions have been booked around the Resilience Project, one of our Positive Education elements. At this week's assembly we will be introducing our new student acknowledgment awards that relate to 'Character Strengths'. There are 24 character strengths and we will be introducing one each week. At the conclusion of each week both peers and teachers will vote on a worthy recipient, maintaining our current practise of giving out 2 awards per week for each class.

Our focus on character strengths is about supporting children in acknowledging and celebrating the fact that they all have individual character strengths to either celebrate or build on.

### **Prep Enrolments**

Barwon Heads Primary School has been taking enrolments for 2017 during the course of term 2. Currently we have 38 prep students enrolled for 2017.

We have now commenced the determination of room availability and staffing, to cater for all students, based on this enrolment number. Late enrolments have a significant impact on these requirements resulting in possible staff shortages and crowded classrooms. More information can be obtained from the BHPS office or by email request [barwon.heads.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:barwon.heads.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

If you have a child who you wish to attend BHPS in 2017, please collect and return the necessary enrolment forms to the school **ASAP**. These are available at the school office. If you know of any other community members who may wish to enrol their child please feel free to inform them also.

### **BHPS/BHGC Golf Day - SAVE THE DATE!!**

The Barwon Heads Golf Club is once again generously donating their resources in order to support the school, by coordinating a Golf Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. 100% of all proceeds received are generously donated to the school. Our school greatly benefits from having such a supportive neighbour in a number of ways. The BHGC also maintain our school oval free of charge.

**Golf may be booked via the pro shop (opposite the clubhouse) either in person or by phone on 5255 6275.**



Mr Darren Roskosch  
Principal



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

## “YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS”



00A	Ella	Ted
00B	Remy	Henry
00C	Arabella	Hamish
1A	Steele	Molly
1B	Scarlett	Riley
1C	Caludi	Charlee
2A	Jordan	Tommy
2B	Minnie	Tully
2C	Ella	Xavier
3A	Mikka	Joshua
3B	Jahli	Faizi
34C	Will	Chloe
4A	Marley	Monique
4B	Billy	Tess
5A	Ebony	Kody
5B	Otis	Ella
56C	Billy	Elliot
6A	Maeve	Jet
6B	Max	Emily

### 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 and eventually we will phase out the traditional newsletter.

