



**Barwon Heads  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
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**Prep Enrolments for 2017: 62**

**A Word from Our Principal**

In short - it's great to be back! And it was even better to be back Friday for our inaugural **Olympic Opening Ceremony**. Miss Curtain and Tracy from the office did an absolutely amazing job of coordinating this whole school event. They were typically supported by Ms Booth and the staff, and a large number of parents.

**What country did the parents represent in our opening ceremony?**

Despite the involvement of many - we were still able to keep a couple of inclusions secret as surprises. Thank you to all parents for supporting your child in donning the traditional colours of the country they represented for the event.

Parent, Kirsten Roberts, has put together a YouTube clip that does a fantastic job of capturing the key highlights of the morning. Please refer to the link below to view.

<https://youtu.be/MxHM66QZ0zE>

I have also included in this newsletter a recount of the ceremony from the eyes of a parent (Andi Robertson) as well as a number of letters of feedback we received from parents. We really appreciate parents taking the time to share this feedback with us.

**Positive Education**

This week's character strength focus has been **Persistence**. Students have been learning how effort and hard work can be very rewarding in many areas of life. When we are faced with hurdles which seem too hard to cross, we can make a choice; try harder and break through or sit back and never succeed. Persistence builds character and with this in mind, it

**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:**

11/8/16 - 12/8/16: Grade 2 Sleepover @ Cottage by the Sea

17/8/16: whole school performance Incursion: "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

22/08/16 - 24/08/16: Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships

25/08/16: Book Week Parade 9.10 am in the Gym

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

18/10/16 - 26/10/16: 5/6 Somers Camp (Selected Students)

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

can give us a sense of purpose and something to look forward to. So next time you feel like giving up – try and think of how persisting can help you achieve the pleasure of completing something that may have at first seemed impossible.

Next week's character strength focus will be **Courage**

### **Prep Enrolments for 2017 now confirmed**

Barwon Heads Primary School has been taking enrolments for 2017 during the course of term 2 and term 3. We are now able to confirm that we will have **62** prep students enrolled in 2017.

We are now planning for 3 grade prep grades in 2017 and will be allocating rooms and staff to fill this number. Late enrolments have a significant impact on these requirements resulting in possible staff shortages and crowded classrooms or the inability to fit children into grades.

### **BHPS/BHGC Golf Day**

Absolutely glorious conditions provided a backdrop for our annual Barwon Heads Golf Club/Primary School Golf Day. The BHGC once again generously donated their resources in order to support the school, by coordinating this Golf Day. 100% of all proceeds raised 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.



### **The Great Moscow Circus**

I have been given a number of children's tickets to the Great Moscow Circus which I am happy to donate to our BHPS families. The tickets are for shows from the 25<sup>th</sup> August to the 28<sup>th</sup> August. A child's ticket is valued at \$32 each. If you are interested in these tickets, find the **hidden question** in this newsletter and then send the school an email with the answer and the number of child's tickets you require for your family. Happy hunting.

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Mr Darren Roskosch  
Principal



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

## Opening Ceremony Account

What a morning of colour and celebration!

It was a perfect Barwon Heads blue sky that provided a backdrop, and combined with the colour of children's (and parents') clothing, , that produced a multi - coloured spectacle.

Each class marched proudly in representation of their respective countries, waving their flags as Mr Roskosch announced each country and their flag bearer to a background of each country's National Anthem.

Parents dressed in Switzerland's colours and joined in the festivities by marching their lap of honour!

Parents had been busy creating colourful Olympic Rings and banners. A large banner of the iconic statue from Rio de Janeiro was unfurled from the top of a cherry picker, as poppers blew colourful confetti into the air and bongo drums played in beat to the unfolding of individual unforgettable moments.

The growl of the raw power of a Harley Davidson in the distance grew louder, before appearing through the alleyway carrying Mrs Booth, who was proudly waving the Olympic torch to the cheering and amazement of all in attendance.

The torch was then sent on a relay as it passed from grade 6 to 5 to 4, and down to grade prep before ending with former Olympian, John Trevorrow. Dressed in the Green and Gold of his Olympic uniform, Johnny Gow's grandpa (an Olympian in 1972) took his little hand and together they walked proudly together ignite the cauldron with the Olympic torch.

The Barwon Heads Primary School 'Doves' were then released and took to the sky, as music played, many danced and cheered, and some cried!

Barwon Heads Primary school celebrated and declared "The 2016 Rio de Janeiro games open".

Andi Robertson

## Olympic opening feedback

Hi Darren

I just wanted to let you know that (*my daughter*) has been talking about the BHPS opening ceremony for about three hours. She loved it. We unfortunately couldn't be there, but through her child's eyes, a wonderful picture of a crazy and fun event has been described in hilarious detail, so we feel we can picture some of it.

Mark reminded me that it will be her only Olympics at primary school, so I am so glad that some time was put aside to celebrate this exciting event. There is that saying about how we don't remember days or weeks, we only remember moments. I'm sure (*my daughter*) and the rest of the kids will fondly remember those moments forever.

We were sorry to hear that you are injured and had to miss a very special trip. There may be some reason you weren't meant to go yet, that you will never discover. I hope you do get to go at another time soon. It was good to hear you were there today for this special day. I think the kids really liked that. Ms Booth on the motorbike sounded so fantastic.

(*My daughter*) was raving about it again to her grandparents today.

Very animated and hardly drawing breath.

Please pass on our thanks to all the staff.

Regards Leanne

Hi Darren,

I've been hearing a LOT about Friday... it sounds HUGE!!! I'm sorry I missed it all with Uni. :(

Well done to you and Rob and Tracy and everyone who pulled it off.

Regards form Pip.

Wow Wow Wow

What a morning - thanks so much to you all for your hard work and amazing attention to detail. That was the best school event ever! I even shed a little tear when the 'doves' were released.

I am on an absolute Olympics high now, and I'm sure the kids are too.

Cheers and thanks again, you guys are amazing.  
Sarah



Well done to you all for such a fun and positive morning hosting a BHPS opening ceremony! I loved it all, especially the 'doves' and the cauldron.

Thanks!

Madeleine

Dear Darren,

Congrats on the magical Olympic ceremony your wonderful staff & students put together on Friday. What a treat & what a way to get excited for the games to come!

Georgia (2C) & her mates thought it was so good that it should have been on the real Chanel 7 news ;) Your staff & kids are a credit to this school - we are very lucky we chose Barwon Heads to live.

Sam

Dear Rachel,

Sorry for my late email but I wanted to say what a brilliant display you organised for Fridays 'Olympic Opening Ceremony'!! It was absolutely wonderful!! A lovely surprise for all parents and children.

Every parent commented on how much they enjoyed it.

Thank you so much!!

Danni

Hi All.....I won't even say "just a few words" as I'm lost for words!!!! That Ceremony was so great and such a feel good atmosphere. Kids dancing, lovely weather, Olympic Cyclist present, torch baring, pigeons and just a massive celebration. Thank you so much for organizing and I'm so glad I attended. My kids were smiling and having fun and I loved seeing that. Blue ribbon event was Ms Booth on the bike and being torch barer and loving it. She looked like an expert on the back.

Tracey looked the part as well and did a great job opening the ceremony!!!

Thanks again Belinda



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