



Barwon Heads Primary School
'It takes a village to raise a child'
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**Barwon Heads
Primary School
Newsletter
25th August 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:

30/8/16: History Box Incursion

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

14/09/16: Drama Toolbox - Foundation Students

7/10/16: The Little Mermaid Incursion

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

02/02/2017: First day of school for students 2017

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Prep Enrolments for 2017: 63

A Word from Our Principal

There are many positive and wonderful things about our school and students, and enthusiastic participation is one of them. We have once again enjoyed a fantastic Book Week Parade today. I would like to say thank you so much to the many parents and Grandparents who attended and all the work that occurred behind the scenes with your child's costumes. Ms Browne's passion and love for all things literature really shines through at this time of the year.

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 **63** 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.

Positive Education

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of **ENTHUSIASM**. I know students have found ways in which to demonstrate their enthusiasm in their learning, and in our book parade this morning.

Next week's character strength focus will be **Self Control**.



Self-control, also known as self-regulation means being able to regulate what one feels and does. It involves being disciplined and controlling ones feelings or emotions even when it seems too hard.

“Self-control is the chief element in self-respect, and self-respect is the chief element in courage.”

— Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War

“The best fighter is never angry.”

— Lao Tzu

Maybe you can think of some real life situations where using self-control will make the situation better!

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Just a reminder that Martin Heppell from the Resilience Project will be coming to talk to all of our students about wellbeing next Friday 2nd September. The parent session will be held on the evening of the first day of school in Term 4.

National Landcare Awards

As winners of the Victorian Junior Landcare Award, BHPS is a finalist in the National Awards held in Melbourne on the first week of the holidays.

The school, in partnership with local groups, creates awareness of the impacts to the area’s mangroves, seagrass meadows, grassy woodlands, farmland and Coastal Moonah Woodlands. In 2012, students in grades 5 and 6 designed the branding for the Let Our Sea Be Plastic Bag Free project, which continues to grow today. Over 4000 reusable jute shopping bags, town signage, roadside drain stencilling, community screen printing, 300 postcards, 500 reusable fruit and vegetable bags, 3 giant marine puppets and ongoing media, support the cause.



Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal



IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

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.