



Barwon Heads Primary School
 'It takes a village to raise a child'
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**Barwon Heads
 Primary School
 Newsletter**

15th September 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:

14/9/16: Grade 3 Sand Dune Revegetation

13/9/16: Bellarine Division Athletics

14/09/16: Drama Toolbox – Foundation Students

6/10/16: Grade 6 girls Volleyball final

7/10/16: The Little Mermaid IncurSION

12/10/16: Grade 3 Scienceworks Excursion

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

11/11/16: Prep Melbourne Zoo excursion

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 Day₃

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

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

Please be reminded that tomorrow

(Last day of Term 3)

there will be an early lunch at be at 1.00 pm

early Assembly at 2.00 pm

and an early dismissal

At 2.30 pm.

**Tomorrow is "Everything Football and Netball".
 Students are encouraged to dress in their favourite
 team colours and bring a gold coin donation.**

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Prep Enrolments for 2017: 69

A Word from Our Principal

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria's roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

The safety and wellbeing of both yourself and your children are vitally important to us at BHPS and the local community, so I thought it important to share the following advice from emergency services:

- You should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.
- Drive to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.
- Roads in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor VicTraffic for road condition updates and any road closures, see: [Vic Traffic](#)
- Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.

- If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.
- Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation. For more information, see: [Vic Emergency](#)

Many thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

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 69 prep students enrolled in 2017. Confirmation letters will be mailed to all families in the holidays with information about transition days and everything else you need to know.

Positive Education

I cannot recommend and encourage parents enough to attend the FREE Resilience Project seminar hosted by the school on Monday evening, first day of term 4.

The information session will be held on Monday the 3rd of October at 7.30 pm in the Multifunction Centre.

24 VIA Character Strengths

This term we will continue to explore the 24 VIA Character Strengths. Each week a new strength will be introduced and the whole school will continue its consistent approach to embedding the language and understanding of Character Strengths into our culture. Research has shown that developing an understanding of Character Strengths can have a significant, positive impact on people's lives. Using Character Strengths can help to improve relationships, resilience and wellbeing.

National Landcare Awards - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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. Both Mr Harris and I will be attending.

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.

<http://nationallandcareconference.org.au/project/barwon-heads-primary-school-vic/>



Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal



IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

Billy's Bill - (As per presentation at Fridays Assembly)

<http://www.theempowermovementaustralia.com/billysbill>

