



Barwon Heads Primary School
 'It takes a village to raise a child'
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**Barwon Heads
 Primary School
 Newsletter
 1st 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:

5/9/16 - 7/9/16 - Grade 3 Coastal Forest Lodge Camp
 7/9/16: Debating team @ Ocean Grove Primary
 7/9/16: Smart Banking Incursion - Grade 5 - 6
 9/9/16: Drama Toolbox Incursion
 14/9/16: Grade 3 Sand Dune Revegetation
 13/9/16: Bellarine Division Athletics
 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
 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 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: 68

A Word from Our Principal

We are really excited about welcoming Martin Heppell from the Resilience Project back this Friday to work with our students.

Staff have already had a session with Martin, with another one to come.

There is also a parent session on the evening of the first day of term 4.

Staffing News

Miss Micallef's (Sheridan) last day in grade prep will be this Friday (September 2nd).

At this point in time Mrs Blake (Aimee) is not able to return but we are hopeful this will be sometime in term 4.

Mrs Renfrey (Sharna) will be taking over from Sheridan in the interim, and has already spent significant time in the prep area familiarising herself with the students. Mrs Renfrey will be returning from family leave and is very much looking forward to being back at BHPS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheridan for all her work and care of our students during what has been a difficult time emotionally for our school.

In order to maintain continuity Mr Wierzbowski (Luke) will remain in grade 5B until the end of 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 68 prep students enrolled in 2017. (This has changed in the last week)



It has recently come to our attention that we still have siblings who are not enrolled. We have almost finalised staffing and grade development for 2017. Any late enrolments have a major impact on these plans.

Positive Education

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of **SELF CONTROL**. As the term (and year) approaches an end there are coincidentally many opportunities for our students to practice and display self-control.

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

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 this 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.

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



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 dojos 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.

Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal



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Barwon Heads Primary School promotes integrity, life-long learning and the attainment of excellence.

