

Barwon Heads Primary School
'It takes a village to raise a child'
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**Barwon Heads
Primary School
Newsletter
18th 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:

19/8/16: 5/6 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

24/8/16: Connewarre District Athletics

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

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

Both our grade twos and our grade sixes participated in school camps last week. The feedback has typically been outstanding with teachers returning extremely complimentary of student participation and behaviour. We do have high behavioural standards and expectations at BHPS, which we remind our students often, and which they rarely fail to meet. Staff attending camps remarked that it was an absolute pleasure and privilege to spend time and space with our students. They were a credit to their families.

An enormous amount of preparation and organisation is required to ensure a successful school camp, with staff on call 24 hours a day for the duration of the camp. As you would appreciate, the staff's willingness to accept this enormous responsibility cannot be understated and is very much appreciated. We also have a number of 'volunteers' who have supported us in staffing for these camps and their contribution is invaluable.

Grade 6 attended the Melbourne Camp, and Grade 2 attended the Queenscliff 'Cottage by the Sea' camp.

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

'He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.' Mohammed Ali

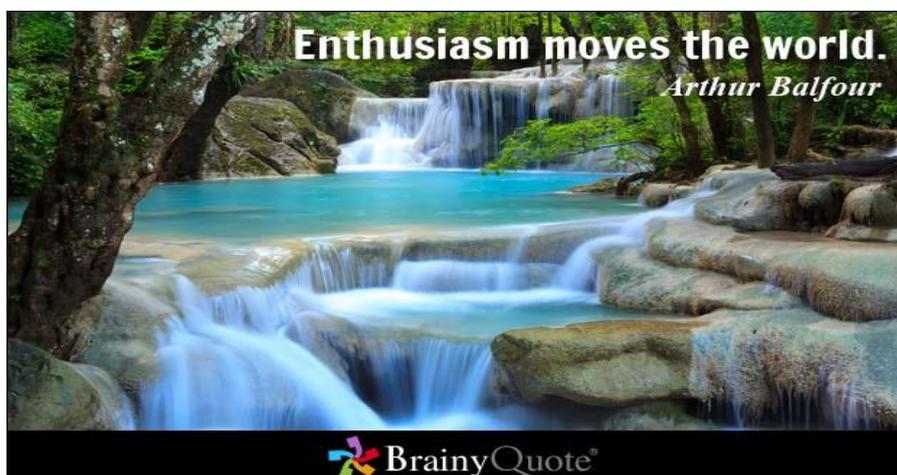
'Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.' T.S. Eliot

'Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.' Winston Churchill

'Either you decide to stay in the shallow end of the pool or you go out in the ocean.' Christopher Reeve (alias superman)

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of **courage**. I hope students have found ways in which to demonstrate their courage by taking risks with their learning and going as far as they possibly can. I know some classes have been doing some problem solving and taking some risks with estimating and solving mathematical problems with our numeracy coach, Andrea so well done to you all.

Next week's character strength focus will be *Enthusiasm*.



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.