

Principal Report

BHPS – Our School

Once again, at the blink of an eye, another school has passed and we are left wondering where the time has gone. As we come to the end of 2016, it is timely to reflect back on the year and be thankful for all that we have achieved as a school community. As always, everything has been achieved through the combined efforts of many.

We, as a school, will continue to seek ways to improve our facilities and programs, and provide an environment that nurtures and supports student growth in all areas. Despite the major developments we have achieved in the past few years, there remains as always a lot to look forward to. We will be opening our new building at the start of 2017 and then will quickly move onto the next major project.

I remain thankful for the enormous privilege of undertaking the role as Principal of Barwon Heads Primary School. It has been an honour and privilege that I regard highly and have never take for granted.

What an amazingly talented and supportive school community we also have, providing our students with the most outstanding of opportunities and resources. I will forever feel extremely fortunate to have been a part of the BHPS community. On behalf of all staff I would like to thank you all for the environment you provide and for the gift of your beautiful children.

Grade 6 graduation

What a fantastic night and opportunity on Tuesday to formally acknowledge our grade 6 students and farewell them as they take their next educational step into secondary school. All that our students achieve is brought about through the crucial supportive partnership that exists between home and school. Our students are so capably supported by teachers and parents who care about their academic progress and their personal well-being. It is this partnership that produces not only outstanding BHPS students but also outstanding community members. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Jordan, Mr Steven, and Miss Holden and the staff of BHPS for their ongoing support of our departing students. I wish our graduating students the very best in their new secondary schools. I'm sure they will continue to thrive and make us proud.



School Council

School Council met for the final time last night. School Council meets each month and is the decision making body of the school in relation to school policy, grounds and facilities. I would once again like to thank School Council for their work this year under President Steve Copland's leadership. They selflessly work for the benefit of all students, not just their own, and are continually looking for ways to improve our school. I would particularly like to thank Steve for his ongoing support of the school, the students, the staff and myself, as the School Council President. He has been a tirelessly positive and a committed and significant contributor to overall school improvement. He is enormously supportive and understanding. These are just a few of his many admirable qualities. It is with sadness though that I inform the school community of Steve's departure from council at the end of this year. Steve and his family will be relocating, thus bringing an end to his connection to the school as a parent. I, as Principal would like to convey a huge debt of gratitude to Steve on behalf of the school community for his dedicated service.

Parent Helpers

We are just so fortunate in regards to the support and help we receive from a large number of parents. Whether it is a major project within our school grounds, with reading or by just making the numbers up for a local excursion – your expertise, creativity, time and presence is greatly appreciated. Our morning tea on Monday was just a small token of our immense appreciation, and an opportunity to formally acknowledge your contribution. We look forward to the ongoing support from parents in 2017.

I would also like to personally thank the many individuals who support our wider school community – outside of their own child's classroom.

Holidays

Please take the time to talk to your children about the dangers of strangers and traffic and anything else that may cause them harm. The Bellarine being such a popular holiday destination – brings about a high influx of visitors into our area. The entire staff wishes a safe and happy holiday period for all families and community members. Please may all our students and staff return in the New Year safe and revitalized. The safety of students and their families, and staff is always my highest priority and something I never take for granted.

BHPS School Captains 2016

I would like to congratulate and thank our 2016 school captains, Harry Roe, Chloe Dillon, Nelly Naulty and Jet Kneebone for their significant and outstanding contribution to our school this year. They have continually represented our school with pride and distinction and our entire community and their families should be proud of the manner in which they have conducted themselves -indicative of the wonderful children we have at BHPS. Behind the scenes there is an enormous amount of work that takes place as they prepare each week for the jobs their roles demand. They have willingly accepted this responsibility and no sacrifice has been too great. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside them this year. It is always the highlight of my week.

BHPS School Captains 2017

We have now completed our School Captain Process in order to determine our school captains for 2017. The candidates were notified of the outcome yesterday and a formal announcement will be made at our final assembly for the year. All candidates have typically performed exceptionally well making the final decision an extremely difficult one as usual. They should all be extremely proud of their achievements in which has proven to be once again a very close contest.

2017 Captains

Tara Shaw	Jema Hely	Murphy Moulton	Rocker Ramage
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House Captains/JSC

Neptune	Mercury	Jupiter	Saturn
Emma Borschmann	Summer Don	Emily Benson	Masooma Faqiri
Georgia Borschmann	Ariana Goddard	Amelie Parfitt	Charlotte Middleton

Harry Hutton	Fletcher Brown	Oscar Condon	Val Rodriguez
Oran Hewlett Griggs	Archie Tiernan	Alex Quirk	Charlie Cox

2017 Grade Teachers

Prep/Foundation	Ms Raelee Wilding
Prep/Foundation	Miss Lauren McManus
Prep/Foundation	Mrs Sharma Renfrey
Grade 1	Ms Kate Strong
Grade 1	Miss Ruby Campbell
Grade 1	Miss Teagan Wheeler/Mrs April Jackson
Grade 2	Mr Kelvin Harris
Grade 2	Miss Paige Mayo
Grade 2	Mrs Aimee Blake

Grade 3	Mr John Burdess
Grade 3	Mrs Lisa Kebbell
Grade 3/4	Miss Kelly Jordan
Grade 4	Miss Rachael Curtain
Grade 4	Mr Luke Wierzbowski
Grade 5	Mrs Linda Jordan
Grade 5	Mr George Sands
Grade 5	Miss Lee Holden
Grade 6	Mrs Janelle Dixon
Grade 6	Mr Drew Steven
Grade 6	Mrs Kate McIntyre

Important Times and Dates

Please note that our final assembly for the year on Friday will **commence at 2.45pm**. School will be as normal on Monday. **Student will be dismissed for the year at 1.30pm on Tuesday**. They will not require lunch on Tuesday.

School resumes for students on Thursday 2nd February, 2017 (excluding preps). Teachers will resume formally on 30th January in order to undertake 3 days of professional learning prior to the commencement of students. **Preps** will complete their testing (by appointment time) in the week commencing 2nd February and will formally start attending for their first day on **Thursday the 9th February**.



Perfect Attendance 2016

Children who have achieved perfect attendance for the school year receive a certificate as an acknowledgement for the fact that they have not missed a single school day for the year. Children who have only missed a single day are also acknowledged. It is understood that children do get ill and will need to miss school from time to time through no fault of their own. We expect that parents will make that decision as required. We are including in this newsletter the current list of perfect attendees for 2016, providing an opportunity for parents (and students) to ensure there have been no technical glitches in the compilation of this data.

StudentName	Home Group	Percentage
Jade Grigg	05A	100
Jasmin Mayor	01A	100
Murphy Moulton	56C	100
Paddy Moulton	00A	100
Oliver Stonehouse	00A	100
Joseph Cincotta	05B	99
Otis Cotter	05B	99
Johanna Dillon	04A	99
Mitchell Duncombe	34C	99
Ruby Lake	05A	99
Chelsea Lamb	00A	99
Joshua Mayor	34C	99
Polly Mitchell	02B	99
Miller Moulton	02B	99
Abby Omeara	00C	99
Georgie Price	01B	99
Ruby Tabone	00B	99

The BHPS Staff

Whilst members of our community regularly acknowledge the contribution of our wonderful staff, it is also with sincerest of gratitude that I would like to personally acknowledge their contribution. Often improvements to facilities are the easiest things to recognise but so much also occurs within the walls of our facilities. Staff continue to embrace change in the pursuit of excellence, with enthusiasm and a positive attitude as we continually strive to seek further improvement of what we do and how we do it. The demands placed on teachers are often diverse and complex as they are often required to perform a role that exceeds that of the normal expectations of a classroom teacher. Please know that above all our staff are greatly endeared to the children of BHPS and care for them on a level far greater than that of normal expectation. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and commitment to our children and school improvement. They are an amazing team of the most exceptional quality.

I would also like to personally acknowledge and thank the amazingly talented and hardworking office staff - Tracy and Tiara. The warm and supportive nature in which they greet and work with children, parents and visitors to our school truly epitomises the wonderfully positive and engaging people that they are. Their contribution to our school community is beyond words and expectation, as they perform their roles with the upmost of professionalism, sincerity and care.

We have also greatly benefitted from the contribution of Dave and Andrea, who have led our music program, Chris Browne our library assistant, Mr Haslam our grounds person/all-round multi talent, and Anna and Narelle our integration aide and general teacher/student support people.

Thank you to our retired teachers who donate their time, expertise, and experience for the benefit of our students - Mrs Melross and Mrs Everitt. Their contribution is highly valued.

Thank you to the staff, students, parents and all others within our school community who have helped to make it another wonderful year at Barwon Heads PS.

**Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal**

