



Barwon Heads Primary School  
'It takes a village to raise a child'  
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**Barwon Heads Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Term Dates:**

Term 1: 30 January to 31 March  
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June  
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September  
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December (Friday)

**CBA School Banking:** Every Wednesday

**Calendar Dates:**

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April- Sheepwash Classic

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**Enrolments for 2017: 482**

**A Word from Our Principal**

It is with great excitement that we welcome our preps to their very first assembly tomorrow. I will be very sad to miss it, as I will be working with the department in Melbourne tomorrow. I know that our Buddy program is first class and our new BHPS Starfish additions are well supported by their grade 6 Buddies. I have personally witnessed the mutual endearment shared between grade 6 students and grade preps - as is the history at BHPS.

**Major Building Project**

I was recently contacted by the EPA and informed that a community member had contacted them to file a formal complaint against the school for allowing the dumping of building waste on our site.

A subsequent investigation then occurred and I met with the EPA on Wednesday. I was first interviewed by the EPA in which I informed them that the excavations from our new building site had been temporarily stored in the obsolete part of our grounds. I explained that this waste was only the excavations from that site and was made up of soil, asphalt from the former basketball court, concrete footings from the sandpit, and some vegetation that had to be removed.

A site investigation by the EPA concluded that this was accurate information and the school was cleared of any wrong doing. I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure our community that we would never allow external building waste or hazardous materials to be stored on our site. I understand that inaccurate and uninformed information can travel quickly in a community so it was important to report the full nature of the EPA investigation to our school community.

All excavations from our building project will eventually be removed from the site as we develop the rear of the property in the near future.

On a positive note, I invite all our school community to tour our new facility at the start or end of our school day. Our students are very fortunate to be the recipients of such amazing facilities. We are continuing to furnish the contemporarily designed area in a way that it can be used as an educationally collaborative space for our students.



The installation of two new basketball courts will occur shortly before progressing to the restructuring of the gallery and all landscaping requirements in and around these projects.

Mr Darren Roskosch  
Principal



**IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL**

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of *Open mindedness with a focus on Tolerance*. This means, thinking things through and being open to different people or ideas. Open mindedness and respect can be promoted by demonstrating empathy and compassion through your words and actions. People who are open-minded love others despite AND because of their differences.

### “CHARACTER STRENGTH AWARDS”

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| 00A |         |         |
| 00B |         |         |
| 00C |         |         |
| 1A  | Skyla   | Evie    |
| 1B  | Ellamay | Leilani |
| 1C  | Ehsan   | Fleur   |
| 2A  | Charlee | Angus   |
| 2B  | Riley   | Grace   |
| 2C  | Skye    | Noe     |
| 3A  | Bailey  | Milla   |
| 3B  | Stella  | Jules   |
| 34C | Zarah   | Lachy   |
| 4A  | Violet  | Elisse  |
| 4B  | Pippa   | Sunny   |
| 5A  | Gracie  | Taj     |
| 5B  | Monique | Shani   |
| 5C  | Archer  | Remy    |
| 6A  | Jade    | Joseph  |
| 6B  | Rachel  | Kody    |
| 6C  | Colby   | Logan   |