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'It takes a village to raise a child'
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Newsletter

Thursday 2nd

March 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)

Calendar Dates

13/3/17: Labour Day public holiday

14/3/17: Grade 3 Science evening

15/3/17: Grade 2 Rockpool Ramble

15/3/17: District Swimming

23/3/17: Whole School Cross Country

30/3/17: Final Assembly for Term 1

30/3/17: Last day for students Term 1. 2.30pm dismissal

31/3/17: Curriculum Day

18/4/17: Grade 3 Camp

18/5/17: Grade 5/6 Lighting Premiership

30/5/17: Division Cross Country

02/6/17: Soccer Lighting Premiership

02/6/17 - 29/06/17: Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program

18/08/17: Basketball Lighting Premiership

22/8/17: District Athletics

CBA School Banking: Every Wednesday

Calendar Dates:

Sat 15th April- Sheepwash Classic

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Enrolments for 2017: 482

A Word from Our Principal

We are now urgently seeking volunteers to fill the **BHPS Sheepwash Classic** roster, and of course as many runners to participate as possible!

Below is the link to the roster.

Registrations can be located on the school website under 'Fundraising.' <http://bhps.vic.edu.au/>

We have a dedicated, but small, number of parents and staff who are working tirelessly to ensure a successful event. We are now calling on the support of our school community.

Roster:

[Sheepwash Classic Roster 2017.xlsx](#)

For further information, or help with any of the above, please contact the office

Staffing News

Mrs Brown (Jane), and her husband Marcus have welcomed their second beautiful baby girl to the world. Edith Poppy Brown is their newest gift and, no doubt, will enjoy the privileged, safe and caring hands of her parents. Congratulations!

We have recently welcomed 4 new staff members to our school who were the successful applicants of recently advertised positions.

Mrs Dillon (Kristen) has been appointed as Well Being Officer. Her role will be to support any child who is experiencing difficulty of any kind. This may include school refusal, anxiety, social difficulties, or anything that may be causing the student concern. Kristen will be here every morning and afternoon.

Mrs Hewitt (Lisa) has been appointed as a teacher aid. Lisa is a qualified teacher and former staff member who will be working to support students who may need extra academic assistance.

Alison Levvey has been appointed to Office Administration, Wednesday to Friday.

Ms Booth (Sammi) has been temporarily employed as an Integration aide and is supporting a grade 2 student.

End of Term 1

Please be reminded that the last day for students is Thursday 30th March. Assembly will be at 2 o'clock and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm

Mr Darren Roskosch
Principal



IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of **CURIOSITY**

“I want to explore and find out new things”

People who are curious are interested in learning more about anything and everything. They are always asking questions and find all subjects and topics fascinating. They like exploration and discovery.

School Banking - BENDIGO BANK

It is not too late to sign your child up to school banking with the Barwon Heads branch of the Bendigo Community Bank. Bendigo bank have staff at school outside the staffroom every Thursday before the morning bell to answer any questions you may have or to assist with account applications.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2017

The school cross country will be held on **Thursday 23rd March** from **9:15 -11:00 at Village Park**. All parents are most welcome to attend to watch this spectacular event. A coffee van will be in attendance for parent use only. The top 8 finishers in the 10, 11 and 12 year age groups will go on to represent our school in the District event on Thursday 27th April.

While the older children are running, the 5 to 9 year olds will participate in their events as listed below.

All age groups are taken as at 31 December 2017, that is, the age that the child turns during 2017. For example, a child turning 10 in 2017 competes in the 10 year age group all year.

THIS IS A HOUSE EVENT AND CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR HOUSE COLOURS ON THE DAY.

EVENT	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE
1	11 & 12 year BOYS	3 kilometres
2	11 & 12 year GIRLS	3 kilometres
3	7 years	1 laps of oval - 300m
4	8 years	2 laps of oval - 600m
5	10 years	2 kilometres
6	5 & 6 years	1/2 lap of oval
7	9 years	1 kilometre

The children have been training during PE classes and have been encouraged to enter the Sheepwash Classic, which will be held on Easter Saturday. As a guide, the track around Village Park is 2 km and a great place to do some practise.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - BHPS SUPERSTAR

Jema Hely from 6A is in the local production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang which starts at GPAC next week. Jema auditioned (along with over 200 other children) for a role in the performance and was accepted to be part of the children's ensemble. This was Jema's first theatre audition and will be her first time on stage. She has been working hard over the summer to learn songs and routines for the show. If you would like to go along and see the production, tickets are available through www.gpac.org.au. WELL Done Jema - a definite superstar talent in the making.

Ocean Grove Primary School Apple Fair

Ocean Grove Primary School's annual twilight Apple Fair is on Friday 10 March from 4pm. Plenty of food and fun for the whole family with live bands including SkaBang and The Apple Fairies, silent auction, carnival rides, delicious baked goods, lucky jars and much more.

Tin Shed Ladies Golf Day

The Tin Shed is holding their Annual Ladies Golf Day on Sunday 19th March 2017. For more details and to book your spot check out their Facebook page or call Chris Isbister on ph. 0499 006 956.

Seachange Quilters 2017 Show

The 2017 quilt show is on at the Barwon Heads Community hall on 17,18 & 19th of March. All welcome and entry is \$2 for Adults. Children are free.

Barwon Heads Uniting Church

The Uniting church is holding Easter celebrations for local children with games and activities at their hall in Hitchcock Ave. The celebrations will take place on Thursday 23rd and 30th March from 3.45pm til 5.00pm. For more information contact Marilyn on ph. 0438 398 506

Ducks for Sale!

If anyone is available to help sell Ducks for the Festival of the Sea before and after school please contact Bec Agg on ph. 0431 397 700.

Sheepwash Classic Fun Run roster:

Please click on the following link if you would like to volunteer your help in this year's Sheepwash Classic Fun Run.<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bS0ORPWTr1EzfNy33pw0xm3Ke7KFFFJDv0pVuetm7cs/edit?ts=58b2b170#gid=1132123430>

“CHARACTER STRENGTH AWARDS”

“OPENMINDEDNESS”

00A	Mya	Zan
00B	Anika	Mack
00C	Anna	Zaviah
1A	Luciana	Max
1B	Jemima	Tighe
1C	Paddy	Levi
2A	Sienna	Nick
2B	Claudi	Tom
2C	Cooper	Abby
3A	Ella	Taj
3B	Ethan	Mitch
34C	Will	Ashli
4A	Deakin	Bruno
4B	Max	Kayla
5A	Will	Jemima
5B	Bella	Liv
5C	Hazel	Zane
6A	Rex	Jade
6B	Charlotte	Amali
6C	Val	Maddie

School Council Elections

A Victorian government school council is comprised of parents, the principal, staff and sometimes community members. The school council assists in setting the educational policy of a school. BHPS Council currently has 13 members comprising of 8 parents, 4 staff members, and the Principal. To be a part of the council you don't need any particular qualifications or experience – schools look for enthusiastic parents who want to help improve the learning outcomes for all students. Each year the school is required to hold School Council elections. School Council provides an excellent opportunity for input into the decision making process of our school and in setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the school. School Council currently meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6.00pm and is generally an opportunity to swap ideas and provide updates into new plans and projects. I now invite parents to nominate for selection. **Please note you can self-nominate.** If you require any more information then please make contact with me at school or talk to any of our listed current school councillors. **Nomination forms and further information regarding school council can be collected from the office. We have 4 two year Parent Vacancies, and 1 one year vacancy.** Each position has a 2 year tenure. We do however have a one year vacancy as Steve Copland, after a one time on council has left the community and no longer has a child enrolled at BHPS.

The current school council members, whose term is ending, however are able to renominate, are as follows

Matt Walsh, Cathy Crane,
Georgie Imhoff, Severine Gearon

VACANCIES AVAILABLE:

Four X 2 year positions
One X 1 Year position

Nomination forms for council are available from the office

Election Timeline:

24/2/17 Notification of election. Call for Nominations:

3/3/17 4.00pm Nominations close

10/3/17 Ballot Announced and prepared (if required)

17/3/17 Council election ballot closes

Announcement of election result

Current School BHPS Councillors

President: Cathy Crane

Executive Officer: Darren

Roskosch (Principal)

Treasurer: Severine Gearon

Robyn Booth (staff)

Simon Quirk

Megan Allender

Warren Jackson

Georgie Imhoff

Matt Walsh

Linda Jordan (staff)

Lisa Kebbell (staff)

School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?

- All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

- For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
 - A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
 - A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
 - An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

- Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
- Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

- The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
- In view of this, you might seriously consider
 - standing for election as a member of the school council
 - encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

- No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

- The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.
- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
- DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.
- Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
- Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the BHPS school council.

Please select:

One Year Position Y / N

Two Year position Y / N

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: Date..... /..... /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries

about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal or the school office.

