

# Curriculum (Student Free) Days

Thursday 8th March 2018 (next week)

Friday 9th March 2018 (next week)

Monday 16th April 2018 (first day of term 2)

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### Principal's Report



It was fabulous to see the turn up for last week's information nights. The feedback was overwhelmingly very positive. A couple of questions arose during the information sessions which may be of interest to all parents. One of the questions related to the message we are giving to children to hurry to class when they hear the music. We have observed that children who arrive before the music and have had time to play with friends start the day with a more positive mindset, than those who arrive right on the bell. Occasionally we have children dropped off late and who come to the office often quite anxious because they can't find their class. When children are accompanied by a parent to the office to sign them in they begin their day in a much more positive state of mind than those children who are unaccompanied.

Another question related to clubs. Clubs start next week. The clubs and the days these are on are displayed on the window outside the library. We also speak to these at assembly and put reminders at lunchtime over the public address system.

*Thank you to our wonderful teachers who give up their lunchtime to run a club.*

Parents also asked about the toilets. I can assure you we are doing everything to hasten the work on the toilets.

### Assistant Principal's Report



During the past fortnight all classes have discussed and formulated their Classroom Agreements. These Agreements are based on the school's core values. At Balnarring Primary we value *caring for self, others and the environment* and we value *doing our best*.

The discussions in each room asked children how they would know they were successful when caring for themselves, others, the environment and doing their best.

Students from Foundation to Year 6 came up with their own excellent criteria. Amongst the many statements listed, students in Foundation know they are successful in caring for themselves when they *'drink water and eat healthy fruit.'*

The Year 1/2 students know they are successful when they remember to *'wear their hats when the UV is over 3.'*

In Year 3/4 students know they are successful in caring for themselves when they *'pay attention to the teacher and their work.'*

In 5/6 they know they are successful when they are *'being positive and have a growth mindset.'*

As parents and teachers we can be proud of our children's commitment to becoming caring, respectful and resilient young people.

The wheels in the Department are often very slow to turn around. We share your frustration.

Last week School Council approved a proposal from Nicole Spore to run a school canteen. The canteen will begin on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> and run each Monday and Friday when there are no sausage sizzles during the week. To minimise packaging, lunch orders should be placed in your child's lunch box. The lunch box needs to be clean and large enough to hold the food ordered. Further details will be sent home next Thursday.

During next week's pupil free days, teachers will be trained in THRASS which is an acronym for teaching handwriting reading and spelling skills. This training benefits all our students.

Rhonda Stephens

Days	Clubs
Monday	Runners, Lego
Tuesday	Japanese, Drawing, Chess, Balnarring Environment Action Team (BEAT)
Wednesday	Choir, Lego, Runners
Thursday	Cubby
Friday	Just Dance Club, Runners

With both the 2018 Classroom and Playground Agreements in place children know which behaviours are expected of them (*and the consequences for inappropriate behaviours.*)

Parents model 'appropriate behaviours and personal skills' daily as they help children manage their schooling.....

*Getting to school on time* models sound time management skills, as does *returning all notices by the due date.*

*Packing wrapper free lunch boxes* models genuine support for sustainability.

*Reading nightly* and supporting homework models a respect for educational tasks.

*Using phones and other technological devices appropriately* shows a disdain for cyberbullying.

Using the parking zones correctly models courteous and respectful behaviour that contributes to community safety.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for reading, discussing and signing the Home-School Agreement. When the home and school work in partnership we provide children with the best chance of reaching their full potential.

Enjoy the next busy fortnight, *modelling all those excellent behaviours and skills.*

Sandy O'Meara

**ATTENDANCE:**

Please remember to call the office or send a Flexibuzz absence notice before 9:30 am on any morning your child will not be at school. Thank you.

**School banking:**

The day to bring in your bank books is: **TUESDAY**

**Uniform Shop dates:**

Term 1/2  
14/3/2018, 28/3/2018  
18/4/2018, 2/5/2018

**WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP**



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK FLEXIBUZZ (Tiqbiz) FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				2 MARCH *Sausage Sizzle Day for those who ordered *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 2A
5 *School Council Nominations Close	6 *Parent Helpers Induction Program 8.45 am	7 *Foundation students do not attend	8 CURRICULUM DAY Pupil free day	9 CURRICULUM DAY Pupil free day
12 LABOUR DAY	13 *Foundation students begin attending full time	14 *Southern Peninsula Swim Carnival	15	16 *Yr 3 & 4 Briars Excursion permission and payment due *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 3/4A
19	20 *Yr 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership permission and payment due	21 *School Council Meeting *Wetlands Meeting 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	22 *Summer Lightning Premiership Yrs 5 & 6 *Yr 3 & 4 Briars Excursion	23
26 *Working Bee 2.15 pm	27	28	29 END OF TERM 1 2.15 PM FINISH	30 GOOD FRIDAY

**We hope you have a wonderful break**

16 APRIL CURRICULUM DAY Pupil free day	17	18 *District Tennis	19	20 *Whole School Cross Country event—2.15 pm to 3.15 pm Parents welcome
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Please note: Dogs are NOT allowed in our grounds at any time.

Thank you



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY,  
WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT,  
YR 6 GRADUATION AND CAMP DATES:

- \* Photo Day - 23rd May
- \* Whole School Concert - 6th September
- \* Yr 6 Graduation - 19th December
- \* Yr 1 Camp - 29th November
- \* Yr 2 Camp - 29th to 30th November
- \* Yr 3 - 17th to 19th October
- \* Yr 4 - 24th to 26th October
- \* Yr 6 - 10th to 13th September

**“We care for the environment”**

Working bees

TERM 1:	MONDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2.15 pm
TERM 2:	FRIDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2.15 pm
	MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2.15 pm

**CURRENT NOTICES**

- ◆ Yrs 3 & 4 Enviroweek/Briars
- ◆ Hot Cross Bun fundraiser
- ◆ Yrs 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership