

Easter Bonnet Parade

Last day of term 1

Thursday 29th March

*Easter Bonnet Parade 8.45 am

*School finishes 2.15 pm

All welcome



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Principal's Report



Staff spent two very productive curriculum days learning more about the skills and strategies a learner needs to correctly spell a word. Skills and strategies for learning 'how to spell' are a very important part of the spelling process. Even if a learner is able to 'spell a word', if they do not understand the process they cannot use

this knowledge to spell unfamiliar words. Knowing the 44 sounds of English and the various spelling choices that represent these sounds enables the learner to make a sound choice. For example, in English the letter 'c' does not always represent the sound (c) as heard at the beginning of words like cat; it can represent the sound (s) as in words city, cent etc.

Our school is committed to explicit, hands on phonics teaching. We look at phonics patterns within a whole word approach. Teachers also focus on word meaning, links to other words with a similar structure and the grammatical use of the word - its plural and tenses. Research has shown that students with a more comprehensive vocabulary and a greater understanding of the meanings of words, will more successfully apply words to memory for spelling and are more competent in comprehension and writing. Staff continually update their knowledge and skills which benefits all our students.

School Council

Thank you to Georgia Murphy and Millie McCutcheon for their contribution to Balnarring Primary School through their work on School Council. We have received nominations for the vacant positions on School Council and it was pleasing

Assistant Principal's Report



With Information Nights and 'Getting to Know You' interviews behind us a look at our Reporting Schedule indicates that the next item is the 'Snapshot'. The Snapshot give a quick overview of your child's social and learning efforts during first term.

Teachers simply indicate on this report whether a child's effort has been satisfactory or if it needs improvement.

One of the items listed on the Snapshot concerns punctuality – *the student is at school by 8:45 am for 'Ready, Set Go'*.

We all know how annoying it is to be in a theatre or settled into your seat at the MCG when someone arrives late (*usually just as the action is about to appear on the screen or as the ball is bounced!!!*)

Everyone is affected; those that have to stand to let the late-comers squeeze past them to their seats lose track of what is going on in front of them - as do those behind whose views are blocked by those forced to stand.

to see that some of those retiring were happy to nominate again. The 2018 school councillors are: Bill Mitchell, Courtney Vincent, Sophie O'Neil, Ben Vasiliou, Markham Lewis, Bradley Phillips, Stewart MacGowan, Christine Gorman, Suzanne Litchfield, Ben Cornall and Sandy O'Meara. Everyone is welcome to attend School Council meetings. The dates of these are included in the calendar at the back of the newsletter.

Science & Technology Expo 2018

Students are excitedly discussing our Science and Technology Expo which was launched through science classes. Students are invited to prepare a science project – Working model or Invention, Experimental research, Game, Video, Photography, Poster or Picture story book.

David Keystone, our science teacher, distributed information to students this week. Please look out for your letter. David is available to speak with parents and students about the expo. You are able to catch up with him on Tuesdays 3.15 pm and Thursdays 3.15 pm in the Science room.

The projects are due on Thursday April 26 for Years 5 and 6 students and on Tuesday May 1 for Foundation to Year 4 students.

A display of all projects will be set up on Wednesday May 2nd in the school gymnasium. A Science and Technology Expo awards evening for our school community will take place on Thursday May 3rd. Projects will be returned to students on Friday May 4th.

Rhonda Stephens

Often this disruption is followed by annoying rustling as those choc-top ice-creams are unwrapped or the popcorn is passed around!

Arriving late the movie goer needs to spend time trying to catch up or work out what is going on in the film.

The same occurs at school when children arrive late. Our students often need to interrupt another class or approach another teacher to ask for directions as they do not know where their own grade is playing their 'Ready Set Go' game. The latecomer then needs to try to work out how the game is played as they have missed the initial explanation.

Starting their day in this way causes children unnecessary angst.

As parents and teachers, we must work together in 2018 to bring about a culture of punctuality. Our learning starts at 8:45 am.

Enjoy the next fortnight, *punctually*.

Sandy O'Meara

Curriculum Day planned for Monday April 16th, 2018 (first day of term 2) has been CANCELLED and will now be held on Friday May 25th, 2018.

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
				16 MARCH *Yr 3 & 4 Briars Excursion permission and payment due *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 3/4B
19	20 *Yr 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership permission and payment due *Hot Cross Bun orders and payment due *Bag Tag orders and payment due	21 *How to Make Friends and Keep Them" Anglicare Session 3.30pm *Wetlands Meeting 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm *School Council Meeting 7.00 pm	22 *Summer Lightning Premiership Yrs 5 & 6 *Yr 3 & 4 Briars Excursion	23
26 *Working Bee 2.15 pm WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!	27	28 *Hot Cross Bun orders delivered to classrooms	29 *Easter Bonnet Parade 8.45 am END OF TERM 1 2.15 PM FINISH	30 GOOD FRIDAY
16 APRIL First day of term 2	17	18 *District Tennis	19	20 *Whole School Cross Country event—2.15 pm to 3.15 pm Parents welcome
23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26 *Whole School incursion "Return of the Bully"	27 *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 6A
30	1 MAY	2	3 *District Cross Country *Science Expo 7pm	4 *Working Bee 2.15 pm

CURRENT NOTICES

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

"We care for the environment" Working bees

TERM 1:	MONDAY 26 th MARCH 2.15 pm
TERM 2:	FRIDAY 4 th MAY 2.15 pm
	MONDAY 4 th JUNE 2.15 pm

A Big Thank you to Fiona and team.

The Balbirooroo Wetlands Committee is most appreciative of the super efforts of Fiona Hemphill and her co-workers who organise fundraising barbecues each term for the wetlands.

The Committee (parents, teachers and community members) are responsible for the maintenance of our Wetlands. This means that in order to keep tracks clear and control the persistent and robust weeds that grow off the boardwalk and tracks, the Committee needs to engage the services of a professional contractor. This year the Committee members will also consider the purchase of a camera that can be used to monitor the wetland wildlife particularly at night. By supporting the barbecue, you are helping to keep our wetland in good shape.

Balbirooroo Wetlands Committee meets each term and you are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 21st, at 5 – 6pm in the school staffroom.

