



Our School Captains and choir proudly represented our community at the ANZAC service.

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Principal's Report and Assistant Principal's Report

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Welcome Back everyone for the start of Term 2. I hope you all had a restful holiday and enjoyed the chance to catch up with family and friends. The children have quickly settled into their learning program and routines for what will be another busy term. This term we have some terrific events planned.

students conducted the first of these last Tuesday and feedback from prospective parents was very positive about the way our students led the tours.

Future school tours will be on Thursday May 10th, Monday 21st May and Friday 8th June. All tours begin at 9.30 am. Enrolment forms are due in at the end of July.

Science EXPO

One of the highlights of this term is the Science Expo that will showcase the projects many of our young scientists have been working on for the last few weeks. The Science Expo will be open from 7 pm to 8 pm on Thursday 3rd May and if its anything like the previous Expo, will be full of interesting ideas and provide lots of entertainment.

Absences

Parents please note, from the start of Term 2, the Education Department requires parents to contact the school on the day of any absence. It is preferred that parents contact us using FlexiBuzz otherwise the school will be required to call to verify the absence as soon as practicable on the day of the absence. We appreciate your understanding of these new Department guidelines and appreciate your support for this new process.

Class Representatives

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be a Class Rep. The first meeting of the class reps will be on Tuesday 15th May at 9am in the staff room. If you are unable to attend perhaps you can find someone else to represent your class at the meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to meet with Sandy and myself to discuss school issues. I hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Danielle and Chris Vitartas on the birth of Sophie Jane.

Rhonda Stephens

During the holidays the music room was repainted and it looks fantastic, so fresh and inviting. Thank you Tim Strahl for doing such a great painting job and Noel Wood for your supportive work.

ANZAC Service

Our local ANZAC service was very moving and a fitting tribute to the sacrifice of those who died in the Gallipoli campaign in 1915 and in wars and conflicts since. Many of our students attended the Service, the choir sang beautifully and the school captains laid a wreath on behalf of the Balnarring Primary School community.

Transition

Even though it is relatively early in the school year, Year 6 to Year 7 transition information has been distributed to parents. Decisions need to be made about secondary school for 2019. Application forms are due back on May 11th.

As part of our Transition program for our Grade 6s, we have had a number of local Secondary Schools visit us to let the children know more about Secondary School life and answer any questions they may have. The visiting school always includes former Balnarring Primary School students who reassure our current year 6s that they have successfully survived the transition to secondary school.

School tours have also commenced for families with children beginning Foundation (Prep) in 2019. Year 6

Assistant Principal's Report



Welcome to term 2.

I hope you were able to enjoy some of the amazing weather we had during the break.

Looking ahead it is going to be another busy term and hopefully a successful one for everybody. When presenting over the Public

Address system last Friday our School Captains encouraged all students to commit to doing their best EVERY SINGLE DAY to help bring about personal success.

Speaking with some of our tired runners after the Cross Country event, I was repeatedly told by these proud 'athletes' that they had *done their best!*

For some of our students this meant that they had actually completed the circuit for the very first time, for others they had improved in their ranking from last year, for still others they didn't feel as puffed as last year!

We all have different talents and abilities. There are very few of us who can excel in everything we do but we can all take pride and satisfaction in knowing that we have done our best.

Moving around the school this week I have witnessed children hard at work carefully creating enlarged ears on a

headband to take on a 'Wetlands listening walk', writing a narrative about their holidays and up-levelling their vocab, identifying phonemes on the THRASS chart, working out change from \$20 then \$50, 'rolling, smoothing and attaching' when working with clay and rehearsing for the ANZAC DAY service.

In all situations successful students were competently planning just what they needed to do, were organised with both their learning space and equipment, were listening attentively to instruction and additional comments made by peers and were resilient in their efforts to complete the set tasks.

Doing YOUR best, competing against YOURSELF is the message parents and teachers must give children as they work, to develop both their social and academic skills.

Students who arrive at school every day committed to doing this, participating in all school activities to the best of their ability, will head for home carrying that 'feel good' feeling that contributes to one's positive wellbeing.

Enjoy the next fortnight giving everything your best shot,

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 3
2nd, 16th, 30th May,
13th, 27th June

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
				27 APRIL *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 6A *Scholastic orders due
30 *District Cross Country Permission and Payment due *Mobile Dentist visiting this week	1 MAY *Wetlands Sausage Sizzle orders and payment due	2	3 *District Cross Country *Science Expo 7pm	4 *Whole School Working Bee 2.15 pm Parents most welcome
7	8	9	10 *Foundation Discovery Day permission and payment due	11 *CANTEEN CLOSED *Mothers' Day Stall *Wetlands Sausage Sizzle for those who ordered *Whole School Mothers' / Special Friend Day - 2.15 pm
14	15 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 *Class representatives meeting 9am *Foundation Discovery Day	16 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 *Wetlands Meeting *School Council Meeting	17 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	18 *Choir only - Choral Festival Workshop
21 *Education Week Special Event 2.15pm	22	23 *Whole School Photo Day	24	25 CURRICULUM DAY Student free day
28 *Book fair	29 *Book fair	30 *Book fair *Choir only - Choral Festival workshop performance	31 *Book fair	1 JUNE *Student Led Conferences 2.15 pm
4 *Whole School Working Bee 2.15 pm Parents most welcome	5	6 *Southern Division Cross Country	7	8 *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 3/4A & 1A

CURRENT NOTICES

- ◆ Foundation Discovery Day—Revised notice
- ◆ District Cross Country
- ◆ Wetlands Sausage Sizzle
- ◆ Science Fair Projects



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOL

Please return your vouchers to school by Thursday May 10th.

PINK SWANN BAG TAGS

If you missed placing an order with our recent fundraiser, you can still place an order online through their website www.pinkswann.com.au.

The school will receive 10% of all orders placed until 31st July.

The next few weeks in...

TERM 2

FOUNDATION	
Literacy	Introducing Chunky Monkey. Learning to write a recount.
Numeracy	Understanding the value of ten. Learning to count by tens.
Discovery Week	Indigenous unit
Events	Boon Wurrung day of learning at Balnarring Camp Grounds

GRADE 1/2	
Literacy	We are focussing on reading and writing expositions, texts that persuade.
Numeracy	The concepts of addition, time (Year 1—days of the week, o'clock and half past, Year 2—o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to) and 3D shape (Year 2) will become our next maths focus.
Discovery Week	This will happen in the second half of the term.
Events	Incursion—Return of the Bully, anti bullying message.

GRADE 3/4	
Literacy	Our focus is persuasive texts in both reading and writing. We are recognising points of view and their supportive arguments.
Numeracy	We will begin the term with addition of money and giving change. As well, we will be learning to tell the time.
Discovery Week	This will happen in the second half of the term
Events	Incursion—Return of the Bully, anti bullying message.

GRADE 5/6	
Literacy	Our focus is the structure, specific language and techniques to strengthen our persuasive arguments.
Numeracy	Learning to work with fractions and decimals along with shapes and transformations.
Discovery Week	This will happen in the second half of term.
Events	Incursion—Return of the Bully, anti bullying message.



CAR PARK RANT!! PLEASE!!

We have had a number of parents voicing their disappointment about the blatant disregard of car parking rules around our school.

- X No parking is allowed in the loop at the bottom of Civic Court!**
- X “Kiss and Go” means you do not get out of the car, but simply drop your children off and drive on!**
- X No U turns are allowed anywhere in Civic Court at any time!**

Please plan your morning knowing that Civic Court will more than likely be congested particularly as we are heading into Winter.

Please be courteous of all in our school community to keep our children safe!

Science and Technology Expo

Senior students would have brought their Science and Technology projects to their classrooms today. Years 1 to Year 4 students who have completed a project will take these to their classrooms on Tuesday 1st May. All students' projects will be on display at the Science and Technology Family Evening on Thursday 3rd May. The evening starts at 7pm in our school's gymnasium. All families are welcome to attend to view our students' projects. Looking forward to seeing you there.

David Keystone, Science Teacher



Balnarring Boomerang Bags (BBB)

Balnarring Boomerang Bags (BBB) is a small group of enthusiastic locals aiming to educate people about a sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

We meet at Balnarring Primary School Art Room on Mondays at 1:30 pm to collect supplies and create kits. Sewers and non sewers are needed.

Our fabric is sourced from St Marks Op Shop or donated by ex sewers, Hastings Upholstery and Warwick Fabrics. All this is saved from landfill. We have made more than 600 bags. We ask for a donation when purchasing a bag to help cover our costs of printing, servicing machines, purchasing labels, screen printing etc.

Balnarring Ritchie's manager Matt is committed to supporting this local initiative and we are the first Mornington Peninsula Boomerang Bags (MPBB) group to have a stand in a supermarket.

We have four aims:

- * Educate about plastic pollution
- * Reduce fabric to landfill
- * Eliminate the need for plastic bags
- * Create a community of like minded people who can make a difference