



If your child is feeling unwell please do not send them to school. We have had two reported cases of the flu.

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Principal's Report and Assistant Principal's Report



Thank you for supporting our number games afternoon on Monday. It was a terrific turn up and I hope helped families with ideas of games to play at home that promote the learning of number facts. We also chose Monday to launch our Number Goals booklet, which contains a continuum of number facts that teachers know aid number fluency. All children will have their booklet with the number goal highlighted that they need to work on with you at home. We hope that you enjoy playing and learning together.

The School is slowly introducing COMPASS which is a web-based management system which we expect will streamline many of our processes and make communication between school and home more efficient. Our mid-year reports are being prepared on COMPASS and at the beginning of term 3, rolls will be marked and attendance monitored on the system. Eventually on line payments, permission notes and interviews will all be done using COMPASS. We believe there are many benefits to the switch to COMPASS.

There have been enquiries about the possibility of having a Before School Care program at the school which was discussed at School Council. While sympathetic to

working parents, the School Council found that it was not possible to run an OHSC program without a dedicated space fit for that purpose.

School Council explored the idea of such a program sharing classroom space, but concluded it wouldn't work. Before school, teachers need their rooms to work in and set up for the day ahead, they cannot prepare and do all they need to do while sharing their working space with children.

After School Care programs have a higher on average enrolment than Before Care programs. We currently average 8 – 10 children a week with the After School program which because of the low numbers has had to be subsidised by the school. For a Before School program to be financially viable Camp Australia requires an average of 20 children each morning and 65m2 meters of indoor space.

School Council also endorsed the 2017 Annual Report which is available on the school website.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the planned OHSC day for the curriculum day on Friday 25th because of the low number of children booked in.

Rhonda Stephens

Assistant Principal's Report



It is a delight to come to work daily to witness teachers and students working closely together to enhance all children's social and academic skills.

In such a positive environment it is still however important to have an agreed set of rules and consequences in order for the learning to occur without disruption.

Students who disregard the rules show a lack of respect for their classmates.

Students out of uniform show a lack of respect for our School Council's dress code. Parents please remind your son or daughter that school jumpers are worn to school and sports tops worn to sporting venues.

Drivers who disregard the road rules show a lack of respect for other road users.

Kidsafe Victoria lists five MUST DO points for drivers around schools:

- **Slow down!** Speed kills - even in car parks.
- **Watch out!** Children can move very quickly and your reaction time is unlikely to be fast enough.
- **Obey the signs!** Car park signs are there for a reason!
- **Set a good example!** Reinforce the school's safety messages.
- **Plan your time!** Leave home in plenty of time so you don't need to rush; time gives you flexibility to act properly.

If you notice drivers disregarding the road rules in Civic Court please report your concerns to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council on 1300 850 600.

During the coming winter months, Civic Court can become even more congested than usual. PLEASE consider using the carpark at the Balnarring Hall. It is a very short walk from that spacious carpark to the school. It is far simpler to park there and ensure your child has a raincoat in his/her bag than to crawl down Civic Court looking desperately for a legal parking spot.

Thank you to all those drivers who simply follow the rules!

After such a lovely, long summer and autumn we do (sadly) need to think about wet, cold conditions. As we approach winter it is a good idea to discuss with your child your family's **'wet weather arrangements'**.

If it is raining after school do they...

- wait outside their classroom for you?
- meet you at gate 2, gate 3 or gate 5? or
- walk (run) or ride home as they do every other day?

With a plan in place children are less likely to become anxious or confused if the weather suddenly changes at the end of their busy school day.

Please help your child to be confident in their decision making by discussing your **'winter plan'** now.

Enjoy the next busy fortnight,

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 2
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
				25 MAY CURRICULUM DAY Student free day
28 *Book fair 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm	29 *Book fair 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm	30 *Yr 1 & 2 Discovery Day permission and payment due *Book fair 2.45 pm to 3.20 pm	31 *Book Fair Parade 9.00 am—see Notice below ALL WELCOME *Book fair 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm	1 JUNE *Student Led Conferences 2.30 pm
4 *Whole School Working Bee 2.15 pm Parents most welcome	5	6 *Southern Division Cross Country *Yr 1 & 2 Discovery Day incursion	7 *Yr 3 & 4 Scientist for a day permission and payment due	8 *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 5B & 1A
11 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	12 *Scientist for a day excursion grades 3/4A and 3/4C	13 *Scientist for a day excursion grades 3/4B and 3/4D	14	15 *House Activities Wear your house Colours
18	19 *Instrumental students musical performance at Red Hill Bakery 5.00pm	20	21 *Student reports sent home	22 *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 3/4A & 2B
25	26	27 *Parent Teacher interviews (interviews will be held from 2.00pm to 6.30pm. School as usual	28	29 LAST DAY TERM 2 2.15 PM FINISH

CURRENT NOTICES

- ◆ Yr 1 & 2 Discovery Day
- ◆ Yr 3 & 4 Scientist for a day at Monash

BOOK FAIR PARADE STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

You are invited to join us at our Book Fair Parade.

Come dressed as your favourite book character and enjoy meeting others.

Gold coin donation

Money raised will go to DSAMP (Disabled Surfing Association Mornington Peninsula)

Date: 31st May 2018
Time: 9.00am
Location: School gym



Wetland Wonderings

Please keep your eye out for ongoing updates on our wonderful wetlands at Balnarring Primary School. This amazing environmental and educational resource is a unique learning experience for our students and the wider community.

A short history of Balnarring Wetlands:

Balbirooroo... (A Koori word, meaning Ibis, Tribal language unknown) had its' beginnings in 1993. A site adjacent to the school owned by the Department of Education, was made available for use by the school. The 12 hectare (29 acre) site was former grazing land with two small strands of swamp paperbark and reed beds. The area was a natural collection point for water draining from surrounding land and was ideally suited for the development of a freshwater wetland habitat with an associated woodland area.

Balbirooroo is the result of a wonderful partnership.

What to look out for in May and June within the wetlands:

- The last of the adult dragonflies before the colder months arrive.
- Hakea nodosa in flower with its strong scent
- Interesting looking fungi on the bases of shrubs and trees or on decaying stumps and logs

