



We enjoyed seeing all the characters at the parade.



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Principal's Report



What a stunning show the children put on at last Thursday's Book Character Parade. The atmosphere in the gym was akin to the excited anticipation you feel when you begin a new book. As characters stepped out from the pages of favourite books to join the parade they were greeted with loud applause. Everyone appreciated the efforts that children and staff had made to dress up. Thank you for your support of the Student Council fundraiser. The day raised \$380 for disabled surfers. *Some information for those who were at the Parade, Sam, our admissions officer, is only too happy to take bookings for any procedure needed, the medical team in the office will be sure to take good care of you, just ask Sandy or Jill.*

Last Friday's Student Led conferences provided students with the opportunity to talk about their learning and focus their thoughts on future goals. As such, it was a valuable prelude to the end of term written reports and parent teacher interviews. As always, if parents are unable to make the time set aside for student led conferences, an alternative time can be arranged with the teacher. Interview night is a good opportunity to have a conference with your child if you couldn't make last Friday.

Assistant Principal's Report



Each week the students and staff at our school make a solemn promise to one another to care for themselves, to care for others, to care for the environment and to always do their best. Sadly however a few children find it difficult at times to care for others, either verbally or physically.

When these unkind acts occur it is important that the 'victim' has a set of strategies to help him or her cope.

At Balnarring we ask all children to initially draw on their resilience skills...

1. Stand TALL, put your shoulders back and ignore it!
2. Don't react, just calmly say "Stop it. I don't like that."



If the inappropriate behaviour continues and the 'victim' is not feeling happy or safe it is most important that we support these children to confidently speak up.

Step three says.

3. Talk to an adult at school if it keeps happening.

Sometimes teachers receive a phone call or an interview request from a parent who is concerned about an incident that their child reported to them that occurred at school. On many occasions the teacher has no knowledge of the issue.

It is imperative for all concerned that teachers investigate these incidents on the day they occur, not the following day or the following week or a month later.

If your child comes home complaining about the talk or behaviour of another student your questions should be

On the last Curriculum Day teachers worked with Maths expert and consultant, George Booker, on evidence based best practice for teaching number. We looked at the common misconceptions children make in their thinking when working in maths. We hope that you are finding the Number Goals booklet a valuable resource to use at home.

The school now has a defibrillator which is located on the wall outside the gym. Other nearby defibrillators are located at the Bendigo Bank, the Balnarring Hall, the Bowls club, the Westernport Yacht Club and the Balnarring Recreation Reserve (Football Club rooms). Staff completed its required annual CPR training recently and know how to use a defibrillator.

Future staff professional development will include a review of our Child Safe Policy and the Mandatory Reporting Policies before these are taken to School Council. These policies can be found on the school's website.

Finally, the refurbishment of the toilets that face the gym is now complete and children will soon be able to use these. A huge thank you to Sandy for the dogged, persistence and sense of humour she showed while managing what became a very frustrating and time consuming project. Work will now begin to fix the plumbing in the boys' toilets at the end of the junior school building.

Rhonda Stephens

1. Did you try to ignore it?
2. Did you let s/he know you didn't like it?
3. Which teacher did you speak to?

When parents call the office to report an inappropriate behaviour but then request that we do not speak to the 'bully' for fear of retaliation what message are we giving?

We all have a right to feel safe all of the time - but along with that right comes a responsibility to speak up. What a wonderful message to give your children as they move into their teenage years.

A huge thank you to those mums who attended the 'Phonics for Reading' introduction session. Thanks to this small group we now have another 5 children who are very enthusiastically meeting with their 'reading adult' to work on their skills.

We do have a couple more students on our list who would benefit greatly from this program. If you (or a grandparent or family friend) have the time and interest, please come and have a chat at your earliest convenience. I would love to introduce you to one of our keen students.

Finally we have been most fortunate in sourcing a counsellor who will deliver the "Seasons for Growth" program at the school in term 4. This program aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children who are dealing with 'change'; change due to a death, separation, divorce or another significant loss.

If you would be interested in your child participating in this program please let me know ASAP.

Enjoy the next 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
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
				8 JUNE *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 5B & 1A
11 QUEEN'S 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 *Yr 6 Camp permission and medical forms due
18 *Yr 5 & 6 Winter Lightning Premiership permission and payment due *Parent Rep meeting 9.00 am	19 *Instrumental students musical performance at Red Hill Bakery 5.00pm *Momotaro permission and payment due	20 *School Council Meeting *Sexuality Education Program Parent Information evening 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	21 *Student reports sent home	22 *Momotaro Incursion 2.15 pm in the gym Parents welcome
25	26 *Yr 5 & 6 Digging up the Past and Building the Future Expo 9.00 am to 9.45 am	27 *Sexuality Education Program permission and payment due *Parent Teacher interviews (interviews will be held from 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm. School as usual	28	29 LAST DAY TERM 2 2.15 PM FINISH

2019 Enrolments due in at the end of July

16 JULY *Sexuality Education Program	17	18	19 *Sexuality Education Program	20 *Sexuality Education Program
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CURRENT NOTICES

- ◆ Yr 3 & 4 Scientist for a day at Monash
- ◆ Whole School Momotaro
- ◆ Yr 6 Camp Permission and Medical Forms
- ◆ Yr 5 & 6 Winter Lightning Premiership

The Wetlands Committee

The Wetlands Committee members meet twice a term. New members are always welcome!! If you would like to be a part of this fantastic community experience please join the team:

Next Meeting Tuesday August 15th at 5:00 pm or speak to David Keystone for more information.

**“Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes time.
Vision with action can change the world”**



iPads for the Foundation Classes

Voluntary Financial Contributions:

Without a doubt, our school relies heavily on locally raised funds to supplement our Annual Budget. Each year the school invites families to pay voluntary financial contributions and without these additional sources of income, the school would not have the extra classroom resources and outdoor facilities that it has. Last year voluntary contributions paid for the leasing of computers and iPads and improvements to the outdoor play areas, including the provision of picnic tables and the establishment of a boat play area and Buddy meeting place. These improvements to the learning and play environments would not have been possible without parent contributions.

A number of families indicated on their 2018 Booklists that they would like to pay some of the voluntary contributions. i.e: Levies \$100 (per student), Grounds Maintenance \$33 (per family) and Wetlands \$22 (per family). If you would still like to contribute, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience. Again, your continued support is very much appreciated.