

# IBIS FLYER

## Balnarring Primary School

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One of our Year 2 students having 'a red hot go'.

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### Assistant Principal's Report



Moving in and out of classrooms in recent weeks I have been most impressed with our student's positive approach to assessment tasks. Whether online, using 'pen 'n' paper' or needing to give a verbal response, our students have been prepared to give each activity a 'red hot go'.

For many of our students (*and their teachers*) this is probably not the most favoured time of the school year but it is rewarding to hear such positive self-talk....

- 'I can show my teacher what I've learnt.'
- 'I really like maths but spelling is hard for me, anyway I'll just try.'
- 'I'm going to do my best, because that is the Balnarring Way.'

Supporting our children to be resilient and to move on (*bounce back*) from events or issues that are difficult or concerning for them now, will help with social, study and career issues in their futures.

This past weekend I was privileged to read many comments written by staff highlighting an array of student success stories. These included

- confidently contributing to class discussions now,
- completing work on time,
- mastering number facts,
- adding detail to their personal writing,
- supporting their teachers and classmates,
- consistently approaching their learning with a positive attitude,
- making pleasing progress with his/her personal and social skills...

I am extremely proud of the efforts of our staff who work so hard to provide a safe, happy learning environment for all our students and equally proud of our students who take on board feedback from their teachers to enhance both their social and academic skills.

Reports will go home on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

Thank you to those who responded to our Walking Bus survey. We are delighted that some families are so supportive of this initiative.

The bus will commence operation on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER. It will leave from the skate park at 8:30 every morning and return to the skate park from the top basketball court at 3:20. We are looking forward to a happy, chatty bus ride.

With the new parking signs in place I would just like to remind everyone of the '**Kiss n' Go**' rules:

#### AT DROP OFF TIME...

Pull in, with your child in the rear passenger seat closest to the kerb, blow them a kiss goodbye (have your hugs at home) give them time to get out of the car before indicating and pulling away safely, freeing up the space for the next family.

Please don't have school bags in the boot. Place them on the floor at your child's feet for easy access.

YOU CAN STOP IN THIS ZONE BUT YOU CANNOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.

#### AT PICK UP TIME...

Pull in and wait in the car for your child/ren to walk across the school ground and out one of the gates (*we have added 2 extra 'gates' to help children get to their car quickly*) Children should get into your car with their school bag via the kerbside passenger door. Indicate before pulling out safely and clearing the zone for the next car.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is carefully monitoring the success – or otherwise - of our new parking signs. Please know fines will be issued to those using the areas inappropriately.

Thank you for working with us to support student safety.

The addition of the Compass app to report student absences has also helped to support student safety. We now know early every morning the whereabouts of our students. Thank you to our families for recording absences before 9:30 am each day.

Finally, thank you to those families who supported the Book Fair last week. We were able to purchase just over \$500 worth of new books for our library shelves. An awesome effort.

Enjoy the coming fortnight – *oh my goodness the next newsletter will have a December date!!*

Sandy O'Meara

**ATTENDANCE:** All attendance must be entered onto Compass. Please ensure that if your child is absent or going to be late that you record this on Compass prior to 8.30 am daily.

Bendigo Bank School banking:  
Bring your bank books on **TUESDAY**

Uniform Shop dates-Term 4  
Wednesday 5th December 3.00 pm  
Tuesday 11th December 10 am

## WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK COMPASS FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				23 <b>NOVEMBER</b> *Yr 2 Camp payment due *Whole School Assembly-Curriculum presentation 3/4D and Foundation B
26 *District Triathlon permission and payment due	27 *Instrumental Music Performance—Red Hill Bakery 5.00 pm	28 *Yr 5 Camp payment due	29 *Yr 1 Camp *Yr 2 Camp begins *District Triathlon	30 *Yr 2 Camp ends *Yr 6 Graduation payment due
3 <b>DECEMBER</b> *Student Council—Walk A Thon *Walking Bus begins	4 *Yr 5 Camp begins	5 *Yr 5 Camp *Yr 1 to 4 Beach Water Safety permission due	6 *Yr 5 Camp ends	7 *Whole School Assembly-Curriculum presentation Foundation A
10 *Responsible Pet Program Yrs F to 2 *Beach Water Safety Yr 3 & 4	11 *Orientation 2019 Foundation Students *Foundation Beach Day permission due	12 *Beach Water Safety Yrs 1 & 2	13	14 *Christmas Carols *Sports Expo
17 *Final Whole School assembly	18 *Prep Beach Day	19 *Yr 6 Graduation	20 *Step Up Day	21  End of Year 1.15 pm finish

### UNITING CARE CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

From Wednesday 5th December, outside the school office you will see our Christmas tree. This tree provides a place for our school community to donate gifts and items of food for families in the local community, who are struggling during this Christmas period. All we ask is that you choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift for that aged child and place it under the tree. Perhaps also whilst you are shopping in the next few weeks, you may like to pick up something to place in our food hamper too. Thank you once again for 'caring for others at Christmas time!'

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2018.**



## CURRENT NOTICES

- Yr 5 Camp forms and payment
- Yr 1 Camp forms and payment
- Yr 2 Camp forms and payment
- District Triathlon (select students)
- Yr 1 to 4 Beach Water Safety
- Foundation Beach Day

### School Captain's Report

It has been fun to see our Foundation 2019 students visit our school as part of their 'Step Into Foundation' program.

I would like to congratulate all the members of the BEAT Club for taking their parents on a wonderful, informative walk through our wetlands. Great job BEAT Club. Thanks for caring!

Lily Taylor