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Principal and Assistant Principal's Report

There has been such a lovely feel around the school these past couple of weeks as staff, students, parents and friends have come together to celebrate the end of another successful year.

Why has 2018 been so successful?

- Strong student performances in literacy and numeracy
- Happy and resilient students, as measured by student surveys
- Five wonderful camps and the Prep Beach Day
- Extensive Lunchtime Clubs program
- And the Winner is – *The Wizard of Oz*
- The Student Council's very successful 'Fiver for a farmer', book character dress up day and lap-a-thon.
- The Junior school visit to Healesville
- Many opportunities for parents to be involved – information nights, welcome breakfast, student led conferences, interviews, Class Expos, class rep meetings, excursions, camps, parent helper programs, grandparents afternoon, sausage sizzles, Family Life, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stall and special afternoons, After school disco, 3/4 Poetry Recital, Science Expo and frog night, assemblies, working bees, Book Parade, Footy dress up Day, Wetlands Committee, and School Council
- Transition to Compass
- Student leader opportunities eg Ready Set Go Captains, Yard leaders
- Extra- curricular programs, including: PMP, Return of the Bully, Bully No More, Kinect to dance, Family life, Responsible Pet Ownership, First Aid, Frog Night, Art Camp,
- Science and Technology Expo, the Science Talent Search, Environment Week and Science Fair
- So many sporting competitions at both the Southern Peninsula and District Level as well as our local inter school sports competition, tennis coaching, school cross country, swimming and water safety programs
- Musical soirees, choral festival, and the instrumental music program
- Japanese speech competition and homestay program
- And the whole school transition program ensuring a positive start to the 2019 school year for our happy, resilient children.

Today all children met with their 2019 classroom teacher and classmates.

Foundation	Jill Olle, Hayley O'Sullivan, Belinda Landolfo.
Year 1	Andrew Gilmour, Hillary Findlay
Year 1/2	Krysha Renison
Year 2	Susan Horvath, Mel Brooks
Year 3	Peta Hall, Michaela Jeanes
Year 4	Theresa Banks, Ashleigh Dickinson
Year 5	Ben Cornall, Jana Hanafie
Year 6	Suzanne Litchfield, Mel Phillips

For those students feeling a little anxious this is the perfect time for you to encourage them to use their *confidence and resilience* skills. Teachers have spent many hours placing children in groups to optimise both their learning and social development. Please support the decisions that have been made and convey a positive attitude toward your child's new class.

Today your child has also brought home his/her semester 2 report.

All 2018 tasks have now been completed.

Friday (*tomorrow*) is a room organising and clean-up day. We finish at 1:15 pm so we understand if you would prefer to keep your children home with you. Please remember to enter it on COMPASS if your child is staying home.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the amazing staff, the impressive students and the supportive parents and carers that we have the privilege of working with each day.

We thank you all for *caring for Balnarring Primary School*.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe summer. We look forward to working with you and your children again in 2019.



Rhonda Stephens

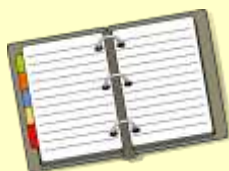


Sandy O'Meara

WHAT A YEAR!



Thank you for caring for others at Christmas time. Your gifts and foods have been delivered to the Westernport Community House.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

21st December - Clean up day
School finishes at 1.15pm finish

2019

25th January - Book Collection Day
 9.00 am to 12 noon
 Uniform Shop open
 10.00 am to 11.30 am

29th January - Staff return to school

30th January - Students in years 1 to 6 begin school today

31st January - Foundation students begin today (half groups for half a day)

1st February - Foundation students attend (half groups for half a day)

15th February - Welcome Breakfast

20th February - Meet class community

27th February - Curriculum Day (No students at school)

18th March - Curriculum Day (No students at school)



Balnarring Fire Brigade Christmas Eve Santa Street Visit Monday 24th December



5:30pm Corner Mt Barron St & Frankston Flinders Rd
 5:35pm Corner Station St & Halsey St
 5:40pm St Marks Church
 5:50pm Balnarring Village Shops
 6:00pm Drive through Village St
 6:05pm Drive through Brooksby Square
 6:10pm Drive through Hurley, Buckley & Johnson St's
 6:20pm Playground on Seascapes Ave
 6:30pm Drive through Bruce St
 6:50pm Balnarring Beach Shop
 7:00pm Drive through Bayview Rd
 7:20pm Merricks Beach Tennis Courts

Please note ALL times are approximates (Santa doesn't wear a watch)

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