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What a fantastic turn
out at our Meet The
Community night.



Principal's Report

February 28th, 2019



Last Wednesday's Meet the Class Community was a big success going by the feedback we have received from parents, children and School Council. It was lovely to see children introducing parents to teachers and proudly showing off their classroom while explaining routines and expectations. The barbecue was a popular gathering place with many lingering on to chat long after the evening was officially over.

Thank you for supporting this community event, which began with an idea put forward by parents. Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for the last week of this term. If you have any feedback you would like to offer, please complete the feedback form below the calendar of this newsletter and return it to the office or your child's teacher.

One of the items discussed at the last School Council meeting was the school uniform and hats. The approved school uniform hat is the bucket hat with the Balnarring school logo on the front which replaced the old Trigger hat 5 years ago. School Council decided that the Trigger hats will not be considered school uniform from the end of February 2019.

Another initiative staff have undertaken this year is to set up a display of student work from each class in the corridor outside the office. Every grade has a picture frame which shows an example of a student's work. The work chosen to be framed represents a student's good work effort. These work samples will be changed weekly.

Rhonda Stephens

Assistant Principal's Report



Here we are half way through term one already.

What a terrific start we have had!

Children who have settled well into their new classes are using their *getting along, confidence, persistence, organisational and resilience* 'life skills'. As parents and teachers we should be very proud of their efforts.

As we all know however, some days are more challenging than others – *for all of us!* To support students struggling at times with any of those important 'life skills' we have created a 'Green Room'.

Children at Balnarring Primary School know that the 'green zone' is where we need to be for optimum learning and happy play to occur.

Sometimes we are in the 'yellow zone', here we feel frustrated, nervous, confused, silly, over-excited or upset, however given the opportunity to use a few 'tools' such as taking a break, using fidget toys, drinking water, drawing, taking deep breaths, stretching....we can get ourselves back into the 'green zone'. The Green Room has had a few 'visitors' to date and is already proving beneficial.

To further support *student wellbeing* this year we have introduced an 'active break' into our daily timetable. Active break occurs between 12:10 and 12:20 each day. Children are encouraged to quickly put on their shoes and hats and be active in the playground.

Research tells us that there's a positive link between children being active and their ability to get better outcomes at school. Researchers believe that with

children, increased participation in physical activity enhances cognitive functioning (information processing), memory, concentration, behaviour and academic achievement.

"The benefits of greater physical activity participation include assisting with maximising children's learning, as well as improving their physical, social and mental health – benefits that are likely to extend into adolescence and adult life."

The 'Active Break' is being very well received by both students and staff.

When reviewing both the Classroom and Playground Student Agreements at the beginning of the school year with their class, teachers stressed the importance of speaking to an adult AT SCHOOL if they were not feeling happy or not feeling safe. Some senior students find this difficult to do and so to support them we have placed a confidential "*Is there something going on that you would like us to know about?*" report slip in each of the bathrooms in Kirinari.

Although we encourage all children to use their confidence skills and speak up against '*mean on purpose*' behaviour, providing this report slip will ensure that teachers are informed, that an investigation will occur and consequences, if appropriate, will be employed.

At Balnarring Primary School all staff are committed to implementing activities that promote healthy, happy and resilient students.

It is going to be a great year!

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 TUESDAYS or if new to banking, you can enroll at the Balnarring Branch

Uniform Shop dates-Term 1
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)
March 6th and 20th—Cash only
April 3rd—Cash only

WALKING BUS

The walking bus departs from the Skate Park at 8.30 am every morning and departs school for the return trip at 3.20 pm. Please be at the meeting point on time to meet your children.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



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

MONDAY	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 March *Sausage Sizzle lunch for those who ordered
4 *Nominations close for School Council	5 *Parent Induction session 3 pm in the library.	6	7	8
11 LABOUR DAY	12	13	14	15 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 5A & 4A
18 CURRICULUM DAY No students at school Professional Development on Maths teaching	19	20 *Wetlands Meeting 5pm *School Council Meeting 7p,m	21	22
25	26 *Yr 3 & 4 Briars Excursion	27 *Yr 5 & 6 FIPP Expo	28 *Yr 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership	29 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 1/2A

Pick 30: Will Hamill



Meet the Class Community feedback

Great news for our school recently with two of our past students being drafted into AFL and AFLW.

Will Hamill was drafted at pick 30 by the Adelaide Crows in last year's national draft.

Isabella Shannon was taken as a pre concession draft by St Kilda AFLW to join them in 2020.

Both also started their football at Balnarring Thunder and we wish them all the best with their football journeys.

The next few weeks in...

TERM 1

Japanese

Foundation	Children will meet with Michelle Sensei and learn some greetings in Japanese.
Years 1&2	Children will revise their numbers 1-10 and grade 2s will revise their hiragana letters and work together on "Breakout" challenges
Years 3&4	Children will revise their numbers 1-10 and try some larger numbers. They will practise their hiragana letters. They will work in teams playing "Breakout."
Years 5&6	Children will revise their numbers 1-100 and try some larger numbers. They will practise their hiragana letters. They will work in teams playing "Breakout."

Performing Arts

Foundation	Students will become familiar with the music room and begin exploring music through singing games, vocal exploration and instruments.
Years 1&2	Students will learn music through singing games, body percussion and through using percussion instruments.
Years 3&4	Year 3 students learn technique and songs with G, A and B on the recorder. Year 4 students learn C and F chords and songs on ukulele.
Years 5&6	Students are learning to play chords on keyboard, learning to play songs with the interactive Musical Futures approach.

Science

Foundation	Students will begin exploring our wetlands. They will use their senses to make observations of living things that they find there.
Years 1&2	Students will investigate the physical changes that occur in compost and identify the decomposers that assist with these changes .
Years 3&4	Students will study some plant species of Balbirooroo Wetland. They will observe, draw and write on their discoveries about some plant species in their Botany books.
Years 5&6	Students will conduct investigations that explore the properties of a range of solid, liquid and gaseous substances. They will record their ideas in their Science books.

PE and Health

Foundation	Students will learn about personal space that keeps them and others safe during PE sessions.
Years 1&2	Students will participate in activities that involve catching a bouncing ball as well as hitting a ball to a partner with a racquet.
Years 3&4	Students will have opportunities in hotshots tennis to develop their forehand and backhand which will allow them to hit the ball successfully over the net.
Years 5&6	Students will learn the scoring system of hotshots tennis as well as participating in round robin matches during PE sessions.



LISTEN TO A BOON WURRUNG ELDER with musical performance by Carissa

International Women's Day
Friday 8th March @ 7pm start
Balnarring Bowls and Social club
8 Bruce Street, Balnarring
Tickets: \$25 per head - supper included
Drinks can be purchased from the bar
Barefoot Bowling available beforehand for \$5 per head.

Celebrate International Women's Day with Boon Wurrung Elder N'Arweet Carolyn Briggs. This is an opportunity to learn about First Peoples Culture through stories and language.

Respected Boon Wurrung Elder N'Arweet Carolyn Briggs works passionately to recover and share cultural knowledge with present and future generations. Carolyn believes that an understanding of the enduring patterns of Aboriginal culture is essential for overcoming racism. She works to restore knowledge of family connections and obligations, language, song, stories and country to Aboriginal children and youth, and to share that knowledge to further the reconciliation process in Australia.

A descendant of the First People of Melbourne, the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boon Wurrung, Carolyn established the Boon Wurrung Foundation in 2005 and has conducted significant work in cultural research – including the restoration of the Boon Wurrung language and the promotion and maintenance of Boon Wurrung culture and heritage.

Carolyn's contributions have been recognised through receiving the honors:

RARE HARE
AT WILLOW CREEK VINEYARD M.P. - 3326
*Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2005
National Aboriginal Elder of the Year in 2011 by the National NAIDOC Committee
Inducted into Victorian Aboriginal Honor roll in 2017*



Tickets on sale through TRYBOOKING
<https://www.trybooking.com/BALFM>

Funds raised will go towards the costs of running the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee (festival)

Any questions contact womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com or

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Womin Djeka.



Balnarring Ngargee

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
FAMILY FRIENDLY • FREE ENTRY
SHOWCASING AND CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURES



ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS
CULTURAL WORKSHOPS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 10AM - 10PM
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8AM
BALNARRING BEACH, ROBERTSONS PARK AND CAMPING RESERVE



SO... ARE YOU COMING?