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Thank you to the Balnarring and District Community Bank for our fabulous new goal posts.



Our new concrete steps are awesome too.

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Acting Principal's Report



How quickly these fortnightly newsletters come around!

Congratulations to all staff, students and parents who caught the 'Walking Bus' on National Walk Safely to School day. What a lot of happy chatter! Catching the bus is a lovely way for children to begin their school day (*and it is far less stressful for drivers as there is ample parking up at the Balnarring Hall.*)

For those still using Civic Court, PLEASE be courteous U-TURNS ARE PROHIBITED. It is very frustrating for those who abide by the rules and drive to the end of Civic Court to find the carpark they have seen free a few seconds earlier taken by someone who has done an illegal U-TURN. Please, please, please follow the rules.

I hope all our mums and special friends were pleased with the gift they received on Mother's Day. Do know these gifts were VERY carefully chosen for you at the 'Mother's Day' stall. It is lovely to watch the children taking their time to select the 'just right' gift before handing over their money.

Thank you to the 'Boomerang Bags' sewing ladies who donated another batch of library bags to the school. Children without a bag to borrow their book of choice from the library shelves, are being issued with one of these bags. We thank the Boomerang Bag sewers for their generous donation.

Recently all Year 6 parents completed an Application for Year 7 Placement. Children are guaranteed a place at their local designated neighbourhood school, however, you can request enrolment at another school if you prefer. Designated neighbourhood schools can be identified online at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Monday afternoon's special whole school activity to celebrate the arrival of our new goal posts was lots of fun. Huge thanks to the Balnarring and District Community Bank, Branch of Bendigo Bank who provided us with a monetary grant to purchase these posts. There were lots of happy footballers on our oval!

Hopefully you are aware of the school's current focus on Number Goals. We acknowledge that this is Education Week however, we have planned to hold a special Number Goals event on the 13th August as our 'special family activity'. More information soon.

It is with great excitement that I can now announce that we WILL be hosting another Sustainability Fair at the start of term 4. Thank you to Sophie O'Neil and all the other mums who turned up to the expression of interest meeting. Going by the enormous energy in the room, it is going to be another very successful school event. If you too are interested in supporting this event please leave your name at the office.

At last Friday's assembly we introduced the fundraiser Number-A-Thon that we will run from 3rd to 21st June 2019. We are hoping for family support in raising funds to purchase maths games and materials for classrooms that support number fluency. All children will be assessed on their current number goal and then re-assessed at the end of the three week block. Anyone who improves on their result will go into the draw for a major prize. Once again we thank you for your support.

I'd like to congratulate all the Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN papers last week. We know that they all *did their best*. We are all well aware NAPLAN is just one of the many pieces that teachers refer to when determining individual progression points for the written reports. Semester 1 reports will go home during the last week of this term.

Parent – teacher interviews are not scheduled at this time as they were held at the end of term 1, however, Student Led Conferences ARE scheduled this term for Monday 27th May from 2:30 – 3pm. These conferences provide children with the opportunity to explain to their families their achievements to date and their current learning goals. We hope you can meet with your child next Monday afternoon.

Enjoy the next busy fortnight ahead,

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 2
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)
Cash only
June 5th and 19th

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
				24 May *Student Council fundraiser—Crazy Glasses day *Year 1 to 6 House Activities—(all students invited to wear house colours)
27 *Student Led Conferences *Book Fair *Body Education Parent information Session for Year 4, 5 and 6 families 6pm to 7pm	28 *Book Fair	29 *Whole School Photo Day *Book Fair	30 *Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sport *Book Fair	31 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 2A
3 *Yr 4, 5 & 6 Body Education program	4	5	6 *Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sport *Yr 4, 5 & 6 Body Education program	7 *Yr 3 & 4 Billy Carts incursion
10 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	11	12	13 *Yr 5 & 6 Winter Lightning Premiership *Yr 4, 5 & 6 Body Education program	14 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 1A
17 *Yr 4, 5 & 6 Body Education program	18	19 *Class Rep meeting 8.55am *Wetlands Committee Meeting 5pm to 6pm *School Council Meeting 7pm	20 *Yr 4, 5 & 6 Body Education program	21
24	25	26	27 *Reports go home	28 END OF TERM 2.15 PM FINISH

CAMPS and YEAR 6 GRADUATION DATES

Year 1 - 28th November

Year 2 - 28th and 29th November

Year 3 - 2nd to 4th December

Year 4 - 23rd to 25th October

Year 5 - 19th to 21st November

Year 6 - 9th to 12th September

Year 6 Graduation - 18th December