



Our Year 3 and 4 students had a fantastic time building billy carts.

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Principal's and Assistant Principal's Report

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As our days are now colder and darkness comes in earlier, there is less time available for children to be active outdoors after school. During these times many more children turn to their digital devices. Digital technology can offer our children countless, amazing ways to connect and collaborate, to create, to learn and to share but as adults we are aware of the dangers related to the *connected world*.

According to Martine Oglethorpe, counsellor and educator with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner our role as teachers and parents is...

"not to shut down internet accounts and take away screens but rather to ensure we are giving children the skills, the support, the understanding and the critical thinking skills needed to make the very best decisions EVERY TIME they go online".

If a child has access to an internet-enabled device they also have access to an extensive amount of content across the web.

According to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner there are many ways parents can help their children to explore safely.

- Put in place online safeguards and parental controls - settings, filters and products that help block certain content so that you are better able to protect what your children see online.
- Encourage and model good behaviours around their use of connected devices, for example not bringing devices to the dinner table or restaurant
- Set healthy limits about how much time is spent online each day and for what purpose.
- Implement boundaries such as only using devices in a 'safe space', like the living room, or having an open door policy when children use devices or computers in the bedroom.
- Learn to understand the devices your children use and talk to them about the importance of staying safe online and being aware of the behaviour of themselves, their friends and others.

A number of discussions we have now had at the office with upset or angry students stem from (*or are fuelled by*) a comment that was posted online before or after school hours.

So do you know what your child is doing online tonight?

Aiming to help guide our students toward safe, enjoyable, experiences online we are thrilled to advise you that we have secured Susan Mc Clean from Cybersafety Solutions who will run an information session for parents on the 18th February in 2020 which we hope all parents will attend.

Tuning into kids

To further support our families we are pleased to be offering the **'Tuning into Kids'** program for parents and carers next term. The flyer went home last Thursday. When parents focus on helping their child learn about emotions, their child is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

If you would like to participate in this course, please call the office BEFORE THE END OF TERM to book your place.

Phonics for Reading

Thank you to those mums who attended the 'Phonics for Reading' training session. We value the support they will offer individual students next term. If anyone else is interested in joining this team but was unable to attend the meeting last Wednesday, please let us know at the office. You will be warmly welcomed.

Enrolments

Our student leaders have been conducting school tours for prospective Foundation parents this term. These tours have been very popular, going by the very positive feedback we have received from those who have attended and enrolments for 2020 are rolling in. The final two tours are planned for Tuesday 25th June at 2.30 pm and Friday 19th July at 10 am. If you already have a child attending Balnarring Primary school and have a child who will be commencing Prep next year, please pick up an enrolment form from the office. These forms are due in by the end of July. We will begin our planning for 2020 early next term, so it is important that we have accurate Foundation numbers early on so we can keep our preps as small as possible.

Reports

Semester One Student Reports will go home on Thursday 27th June. In these mid - year reports teachers acknowledge student achievement and learning progress as measured against the Victorian Curriculum standards. The reports for students in Years 1 – 6 show the learning growth made in the past six months or since their last report.

We are very proud of the learning progress and achievements of students this semester and look forward to seeing them return after the school holidays refreshed and ready for Term 3.



Rhonda Stephens



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
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)
Cash only
Term 3—17th July, 31st July

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
				21 June

Blue - Warrawee
Gold - Coolart
Green - Hurley
Red - Larnoo

During Term 2, we have had a competition between Houses to see which House receives the most We Care Awards in the term. You can imagine the level of excitement at assembly when the children who receive a We Care Award announce the House they belong to and the running totals are displayed on screen. On Friday, the winning House for the term will be announced and as a reward for all their caring, children in the winning House can wear free dress and something in their House colour every day next week (week commencing 24th June.)

24	25	26	27 *Reports go home (on Compass and hardcopy)	28 END OF TERM 2.15 PM FINISH
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ENJOY YOUR TERM BREAK

15 July	16	17	18 *Kinect 2 Dance	19 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 5B
22 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	23	24	25 *Kinect 2 Dance	26 *House Activities Yrs 1 to 6. All welcome to wear their house colours.
29 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	30	31 *Parent Rep meeting *School Council meeting	1 August *Wetlands Reptile Night	2 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 2B
5 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	6	7	8	9
12 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	13 *Yr 3 and 4 Maths Night	14	15 *Kinect 2 Dance	16 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 1B
19 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	20	21	22 *Kinect 2 Dance	23 *House Activities Yrs F to 6. All welcome to wear their house colours.
26 *Tuning into Kids program 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	27	28	29 *District Athletics *Kinect 2 Dance *Kinect 2 Dance Disco	30 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation PE

2019 SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

The following students have registered for the Science Talent Search 2019. We wish them all the best with their projects.

Name	Class	Title	Category
Oliver & Rupert	5A/5B	Fungi on the Mornington Peninsula	Photography
Sibella	3B	Organic Farming	Photography
Maya	2A	Seashore Discovery	Photography
Liam & Sebastien	5A	How might a tsunami be held back?	Experimental Research
Megan	3B	Investigating heart rates of humans	Experimental Research
Patrick	FB	Will plants grow on the moon?	Experimental Research
Tara	2B	To the Moon and back	Game
Sampson	2B	Planet Chaser	Game
Hannah	4B	Destination Moon	Picture Story Book
Tallulah	FA	Destination Moon	Picture Story Book
Sophie	3A	I am a lunar astronaut	Picture Story Book
Lexie	1B	Walking on the Moon	Picture Story Book
Lachlan	6A	Lunar Claw	Working Model
Zander & Monte	4B	How to build a lunar home	Poster

Some of the exciting events that occurred in Term 1 and 2



Art Class – After School

My name is Kate Butler and pending interest from parents, I will be running an after school art class for students at Balnarring Primary School.

The class will be held in the Art Room starting straight after school at 3:15 pm and finishing up at 4:30 pm. The class will run on a weekly basis, for the length of the school term.

The after school art class is for children with an interest in art and offers a creative outlet for self-expression. The art class provides an opportunity for children to explore various art mediums and techniques while developing their artistic style and skills.

The cost is \$20 per lesson and runs once a week, for the full length of the term. I am looking to run the class on one of the following days: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

If you think your child would be interested and would like to register for term 3, please contact me on either my mobile or email below.

Thank you.

Kate Butler

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Parents and Friends Committee

We are excited to announce that Balnarring Primary School are starting up a Parents and Friends Committee!

The role of the Parents and Friends Committee is primarily to further the interests of the school. It is a great way to foster links between parents, teachers and the principal; facilitate parental participation in their child's school; and work together with school staff and the school council to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for the benefit of all students.

The Parent and Friends Committee not only benefits students, but can also enrich and contribute to the wellbeing of the whole school community through their positive interactions and support. Parents participating in club activities can gain a greater understanding of the general operations of the school, can use and build on, existing skills and expertise, develop friendships and work collaboratively with other parents interested in supporting the school.

The Parents and Friends Committee is open to anyone who would like to offer their time, has a particular skill or fundraising and social event idea, or those who would simply just like to be involved. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to be a part of the PFC, please send your name and contact details to balnarring.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

We would love for you to join us!

The first meeting will be held in the Library on the second week of term 3

Monday the 22nd July at 8:55 - 9:50 am

Look forward to seeing you there!

Parents and Friends Committee