



See me at the Fair

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## Balnarring Primary School

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### Principal's and Assistant Principal's Report

Over the PA last Friday our School Captains congratulated everyone on a good start to term three. It has indeed been a lovely start!

By this time of the year all students, even those in Foundation, are well aware of the behaviours expected of them both in the classroom and playground. To focus on these expected behaviours children knowingly make a weekly promise to one another to be *caring*.

To be caring is to be kind, thoughtful, helpful, considerate and concerned - all of these traits support 'respectful relationships'. All staff, like parents and carers, continually encourage children to be respectful of others, respectful of all other students, our staff and visitors to our school.

Our 'We Care' hour is often based on the activities outlined in the Department of Education and Training's new "Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships" (4R's) program.

We began implementing this program in term 1, 2018. The topics covered to date are:

- Emotional Literacy
- Personal Strengths
- Positive Coping
- Problem Solving
- Stress Management
- Help seeking

This term we are implementing Unit 7 – *Gender and Identity*.

Activities will assist students:

- recognise personal qualities and achievements
- recognise that attempting new and challenging tasks are an important part of their development
- develop an appreciation of difference
- develop an awareness of positive and negative gender norms
- identify the restricting effects of negative gender norms
- develop an understanding of the influence of the media and literature in the construction of gender norms
- develop an awareness of the impact of gender norms on the attitudes and behaviours of those entering adolescence

Respectful Relationships is an initiative that supports schools to promote and model respect and gender equality – and teach students how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

We are very proud at Balnarring Primary School to have been asked to be a Lead School in our region to support the implementation of this most important

**Rhonda Stephens and Sandy O'Meara**

### Sustainability Fair Committee Update

Preparations are well underway for the 2019 Sustainability Fair and it's shaping up to be an amazing event.

For the first time our school will be hosting a Welcome to Country as well as a smoking ceremony by a representative from the Boon Wurrung Foundation. This addition to our program is an important one – it expresses our respect for the traditional custodians of this land and creates an opportunity for cultural learning.

Each year level is working on a sustainably focused project, which will be available to be purchased at the Fair. These items include creations of art, raised seedlings, seed pads and Christmas trees. Some of these activities are underway and some will be starting soon, so please be attentive to info on **Compass** about your child's year level project, because they may well need your help!

The Year 6's are looking forward to an incursion on Monday with indigenous artist, master weaver and educator Bronwyn Razem. Bronwyn is a Gunditjmara woman of the Kirrae Whurrong clan of Western Warrnambool. Bronwyn will be teaching the students how to make bush animals using traditional techniques with straw and wool (pictured above). These quirky bush animal sculptures will be for sale at the Fair.

A highlight of this year's Fair will be the Recycled Department Store. To make this work successfully we need to establish a small committee to coordinate clothing donations, sorting, pricing and displaying items. Families will be asked to donate a small number of high quality resalable items at the end of this term. The committee will meet in the first week of the school holidays to sort and price items and the day before the Fair the committee will help set up the store in the gym. If this role appeals to you, please contact Ali Ray 0418 322 685

Please also keep an eye on **Compass** to sign up to assist at the various school stalls. We will also be looking for volunteers for other related jobs such as car parking attendants, set-up and pack-up etc. **We'd love you to get involved!**

We are grateful for the wonderful support from local businesses Tall Trees, Balnarring Op Shop, Bittern Market, Blue Scope Steel, Westernport Vet Clinic, Heronswood, Torello Farm, Southern Buoy Studios & Balnarring Produce. We hope that more sponsors will come on board to support this wonderful community event.

**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 - 31st July, 14th August, 28th August, 11th September

**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
		31	1 August *Wetlands Reptile Night 6.30 pm start	2 *Sausage Sizzle for those who ordered *Bright Sparks Transition program Year 6 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 2B
5 *Year 6 Art Incursion *Tuning into Kids program 10.15 am to 12.15 pm *AWARE family night	6	7	8	9 *Bright Sparks Transition program Year 6
12 *Tuning into Kids program 10.15 am to 12.15 pm *Artist in Residence— Foundation students	13 *Artist in Residence— Foundation students *Yr 3 and 4 Maths Night	14	15 *Kinect 2 Dance *Lions quiz	16 *Bright Sparks Transition program Year 6 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 1B
19 *Book Week Parade 9.00 am *Tuning into Kids program 10.15 am to 12.15 pm	20	21 *Class Rep meeting *School Council meeting	22 *Kinect 2 Dance	23 *House Activities Yrs 1 to 6. All welcome to wear their house colours. *Year 6 Metro Incursion
26 *Tuning into Kids program 10.15 am to 12.15 pm *Artist in Residence— Foundation students	27 *Artist in Residence— Foundation students	28 *Sushi orders with payment due in	29 *District Athletics *Kinect 2 Dance *Kinect 2 Dance Disco	30 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation PE

**YEARS 3 AND 4 MATHS NIGHT**

Maths Games are such a great way to help your child with maths at home. Studies show that children who participate in Maths at home gain a significant advantage in the classroom.

Vicki from the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute will host a Maths games night for families in Years 3 and 4.

This will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5.00-6.30 pm in our Library.

Come along and join in the fun to learn new games that are perfect to play at home and will make practising number facts fun!!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Theresa, Ashleigh, Peta, Michaela and Fiona

**Student Council Fundraiser**

**Book Week Parade**

The Student Council has elected to celebrate "Book Week" with a dress up parade.

Come dressed as your favourite book character. Younger siblings welcome to attend too.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00 am.

Book Week theme this year is 'Reading is my Secret Power'.

Bring along a gold coin donation to buy new books for the Library.

**Terracycle**

As part of the Balnarring Way and Caring For Our Environment we collect for TerraCycle. <https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU>

TerraCycle offers a variety of programs through which you may recycle nearly every type of waste. Sadly we were collecting general Beauty Products but TerraCycle has stopped this line.

Our school is signed up for:

- \* Bread Bag closures (little plastic things people often use for guitar picks)
- \* Dish washer and Air Freshener products and packaging
- \* Contact Lenses and packaging
- \* Oral Care – toothbrushes and toothpaste etc

Please make sure everything has been cleaned and then drop off to Michelle Sensei in the Japanese Room.