



Looking forward to Summer!

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## Balnarring Primary School

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

Welcome to Summer!

It was lovely to see so many students participating in Tuesday's free dress day to welcome summer - we are sure it is coming soon!!!???

It is amazing (and perhaps pleasing to most) that we are now in the last month of 2020!

Our past fortnight has been very busy - and very exciting!

It was wonderful to learn that the Principal Selection panel had made a decision this time and Nicky Walker will be joining us as the new Principal at Balnarring Primary School.

We are all looking forward to meeting her; hopefully there will be time for a visit before the school year ends.

During this past fortnight we also employed two new staff members one to replace Hillary Findlay and the other to replace Hayley who will not be with us long next year before leaving to have her baby too.

We excitedly welcome back Airlie Birch who left in 2014 to have her baby daughter. Both Airlie and Audrey are looking forward to joining us in 2021.

Prue Fawke has accepted the other position. Prue is currently working at Mt Eliza Primary and is looking forward to becoming a member of the Balnarring Primary school staff. We are looking forward to that too.

Pea Saunders has announced her retirement from teaching and so will not be returning to Balnarring Primary School. Pea will continue her work with Wallaroo, a leading support service for adults with different abilities. We are pleased that Pea is loving what she is doing and we sincerely thank her for her commitment and wonderful contribution to BPS, particularly in relation to our sustainability program.

The next fortnight looks like being equally busy and equally exciting.

Orientation Day is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Despite its very different look all pre-schoolers will have the opportunity to meet with their Foundation teachers and tour their classroom from 4pm that day. Our year 6 students have participated in Zoom sessions with their secondary school teachers and some have toured these campuses in small groups.

During the last week of term all classes will celebrate the end of year and Christmas with a picnic in the school grounds (hopefully!). Although we cannot share food we will make this a special event. Children will be invited to wear Christmas clothes/colours on the day of their picnic celebration.

### The day of your child's picnic is...

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation B and 4A
	1B and 6A
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2A and 5B
	2B and 5A
	Foundation A and 4B
	1A and 3B
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2/3A and 6B
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation 1/A and 3A

The Year 6 graduation will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Although the event will look a little different to previous years due to Covid restrictions, much work has been done to ensure that it will still be a very special night for our exiting senior students and their families.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December the children will meet with their 2021 classroom teacher during the morning 'step up' session. As classes have now been reset this will also be an opportunity for students to see which friends will be in their new class with them.

Semester 2 reports will also go home that day.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day of term. This is a clean-up day only and school finishes at 1:15pm. We do understand if you would prefer to keep your children home on this shortened day, but ask that you please make a note on Compass if that is your decision.

One more newsletter to go!

Sandy and Fi.



Sandy



Fiona

**SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS:**

Supervision before school commences at 8.30 am and after school until 3.30 pm.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)-Cash only

Until further notice, all uniform orders are to be collected from Peninsula Uniforms, Carrum Downs

**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
				4 December
7	8	9	10 *Yr 5 Wellbeing Day	11
14 *Final assembly for staff and students only	15 *2021 Foundation visit from 4pm	16 * Yr 6 Graduation 5.00 pm	17 * Step Up Day * Reports on Compass	18 <b>END OF YEAR 1.15 pm FINISH</b>

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2021**



**January**

Wednesday 27th  
Thursday 28th

Staff return to school  
Students in Year 1 to Year 6 begin school today.  
Foundation students also begin today. Refer to your scheduled times.

**February**

Friday 5th  
Wednesday 10th

Welcome to our school Community Breakfast 8.45 am  
Meet the Class Community 5.00 pm

**April**

Thursday 1st

Last day of term 1 — 2.15 pm finish



CHOCOLATE—YUMMY!!!  
Can't wait for Christmas