



Book Week Parade

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## Principal's Report



Thank you to Holly Hicks and her team of parent helpers who organised last Friday night's disco. It was wonderful to see how much fun the children had learning new dance steps from each other or practising what they had learnt from Bree over the previous weeks. A huge thank you also to the teachers who joined in the dancing much to the delight of our kids.

We are very fortunate to have staff who are fully supportive of all the extra activities that Balnarring offers from clubs to the Student Council dress up days. They are wonderful role models for our children demonstrating confidence and a willingness to have a go, behaviours we encourage constantly.

### Science Talent Search

Earlier this month seven of our students presented their science projects to teacher judges. Lachlan Ray, Hugo Brancatisano, Fletcher Poll, Monika Currenti, Lola Cullum, Indigo Daly and Jasmine Lazzar prepared their presentations and travelled to Melbourne with their parents. Participation in the Science Talent Search offers a unique opportunity for students and families to work together towards a goal. Projects require commitment, persistence and hard work. We look forward to the results of the judging in October.

### Working With Children Check

There have been changes made to the Working With Children Check Act (2005) that will affect the way adults (including parents) are able to volunteer and work in the school. The amendments made to the Act include a change that removes references to 'supervision'. This means that even if a person's contact with children, as part of their child-related work is supervised by another person, they will still need to apply for a Check.

On a day-to-day basis this means that all adults coming into school or attending excursions or sporting activities as parent helpers will now require a Working With Children Check (WWCC). WWCC checks are free to apply for and further information can be found at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/). Once you have passed your WWC check you will receive a card. Please ensure you present this to the school office. We will then take a copy and this will allow us to continue welcoming parents into our school, whilst fulfilling our legal obligations under the Act.

Rhonda Stephens

## Assistant Principal's Report



These cold, wet nights are ideal for sitting by the fire with a 'good book'.

It was evident at last week's fabulous book character parade that our students have enjoyed reading a number of wonderful books, of all different genres, both at home and at school. It is such a special gift that parents and teachers give to young people – a love of reading. A huge thank you to our parents and friends for attending the Book Week parade - and for your very creative support.

The ability to read with understanding underpins a child's success in all areas of their schooling, in all subject areas, yes even physical education. So although it may not seem like a big deal, the ten – twenty minutes children spend with an attentive adult every evening reading their 'take home books' makes a HUGE difference.

Home reading can take place in a variety of forms, depending on the age of the student, but in all circumstances it is most important that there is an encouraging adult involved.

Sitting together to laugh, cry or gasp as the story unfolds helps children to develop their comprehension skills. Simple questions such as - *Who is your favourite character?* through to the type of questions that involve deeper levels of thinking - *What do you think the author is trying to tell us here?* helps children to develop these essential skills. Comprehension is after all a prerequisite for both acquiring content knowledge and expressing ideas and opinions.

If a child is reluctant during these 'reading together' times perhaps you can share the activity. It might be helpful if you negotiate with your child that s/he reads one page (or one paragraph) and then the adult reads the next. Make the session enjoyable (for both of you) stop and chat about the story, guess (predict) what is going to happen next? *Maybe suggest a funny or impossible outcome!*



It is most important that these 'reading together' sessions are relaxed and positive and included in your nightly schedule.

The average student has now read for 130 nights. How many nights has your child read?

Again thank you to those mums who are supporting individual students via the 'Phonics for Reading' program. If anyone else would like to get involved with this program we would welcome you with open arms. We have a couple of students who would be VERY KEEN to meet you.

Tomorrow concludes the three week art project our junior school students have been involved with. Working with a local artist on the next stage of the Bundjil project they have helped to create Bundjil's wings. Thank you to the Balnarring Branch of the Bendigo Bank for sponsoring these sessions. We are all looking forward to seeing the sculpture 'unveiled' at the community event in October.

Despite the cold, enjoy the next fortnight.

Sandy O'Meara

# WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

## School banking—Every Tuesday

				25 AUGUST *Canteen Open *Artist in school F-2 *District Athletics permission and payment due
28 *Yr 6 Camp payment due	29	30 *Uniform Shop open *Aladdin payment due	31 *District Athletics *Gardening Club	1 SEPTEMBER *Fathers' Day Stall *Yr 5&6 Expo 9.00 am *Canteen Open *F to 4 Father's Day afternoon 2.20 pm
4	5 *Flinders Christian College Band Performance 2.30pm All welcome *No assembly this week	6 *Uniform Shop closed	7 *First Aid in Schools	8 *Canteen Open *Japanese Speech Contest 5.30 pm *House Activities - wear your house colours
11 *Grade 6 Camp begins	12 *Grade 6 Camp	13 *Uniform Shop open *Grade 6 Camp *Wetlands Working Bee	14 *Grade 6 Camp ends *State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal	15 *Canteen Open *State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal *Student Council—Free Dress Day—Gold Coin Donation *State School Spectacular Clothing payment due
18	19 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 Curriculum Presentation—Michelle De La Coeur and 1B	20 *Uniform Shop closed	21 *3/4 Poetry Afternoon 2.15pm	22 End of Term 3 2.15pm finish
9 OCTOBER Start of Term 4	10	11 *Uniform Shop open *2018 Foundation information night 5-6pm	12	13

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We are holding a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday the 17th of September at our local Hastings Bunnings Store. We would love as many parents and friends of BPS as we can get to help (over 15 years old).

If you can spare just an hour of your time on this day between 8am and 4pm please let the office know.



### CRAYONS

4B would like donations of unwanted crayons, Please leave them at the school office.



### AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP:

PLEASE DISCUSS A BACK UP PLAN BEFORE SCHOOL EACH DAY IN CASE YOU ARE A FEW MINUTES LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.  
THIS HELPS US IN THE OFFICE - THANK YOU!!!

A BIG thank you to Main Ridge Dairy for allowing us to look after 2 kids again this year.



Registration Day  
Balnarring Cricket Club, Balnarring Rd,  
Balnarring  
Friday 25th August, 2017  
4.30-7pm  
Milo -5-7 yrs  
Under 10,12,14,16 and girls 11-18yrs

### CURRENT NOTICES

- ◇ Chocolate Drive overdue
- ◇ Aladdin
- ◇ Yr 6 Camp
- ◇ School Spectacular—clothing order
- ◇ District Athletics
- ◇ Poetry—Yrs 3 and 4