

# IBIS FLYER

## Balnarring Primary School

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Our Friendship Tree

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### Principal's Report



This week we welcomed the 59 preps and their families who will be joining the Balnarring School Community in 2018. The transition program aims to ensure a smooth and happy start to school life at Balnarring. Over four weeks the 2018 Preps become familiar with different areas of the school such as the library, the playground, gym, Japanese, science and music rooms. While the future preps engage in activities designed to make them comfortable with their new school, their parents get to know each other over a cuppa and also learn what they need to know to ensure a successful beginning for their child. We are off to a great start for 2018.

At the other end of the school, local secondary colleges are doing their bit to prepare our senior students for their transition to secondary school. On Monday all year 5 students were invited to spend the day at Western Port Secondary College. The focus for the Discovery Day was to give them some insight into secondary schools and the many programs on offer. The students mixed with many other local year 5 children while engaged in activities across many

### Assistant Principal's Report



The Balnarring Primary School Uniform policy requires all students to wear their school hat during terms 1 and 4.

Many children show us daily how they *care for themselves*; they carefully place their hat in their chair-bag or locker so as to be able to collect it easily whenever they move outdoors.

Some hats being worn outside however no longer meet the *Sun Smart* guidelines.

Hats with the centre panel ripped or cut out no longer provide adequate protection from the sun and show a total disrespect for our school uniform.

Our new hats proudly display our school's name and the draw string ensures that the hats stay on heads when children choose to play running games and other sporting activities.

The older style hat is no longer available and will be phased out.

As we know the children at Balnarring Primary School pledge every week to *care for themselves*. Wearing their hat is just one example of this; there are many

subject areas. Some highlights included making a roller coaster and discussing potential and kinetic energy in Science, baking jam drops in Home Economics, learning new games in P.E, designing book marks in the art room, carving key rings in wood work and discovering all areas of the campus during the Amazing Race. No matter what high school these students attend in 2019, they are now more aware of the exciting times that lie ahead.

Just a reminder that if you have a special request regarding class placement, this needs to be put in writing addressed to me by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

A musical performance is going to be held at The Red Hill Bakery Gallery in Balnarring on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Children are free, and adult tickets are \$10 each. This will include a coffee and mince tart! (*coffee choice of either Flat White or Long Black*). The performance will start at 4.30 pm and conclude at 5.30 pm. Pre-purchase your ticket at the school office by Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>!

Rhonda Stephens

other wonderful examples displayed in all classrooms every day however, I continue to be concerned about those children who, despite repeated requests, cross Frankston-Flinders Road from the skate-park.

**CHILDREN GOING TO THE BALNARRING VILLAGE SHOULD WALK ALONG THE RUNNERS' TRACK TO THE MANNED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.**

And whilst we are talking safety, please remind your children that the staff carpark is NOT an access point. Children enter and leave the school via gates 2 3 and 5 only.

Thank you for discussing the safest route to and from school with your children.

We are very pleased that the Education Department has approved for work to commence on the toilet block closest to the office. It may be a little inconvenient for the remainder of this year but will definitely be worth it in the long run! I thank you for your understanding.

Enjoy the next fortnight – *safely*,

Sandy O'Meara

# WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK FLEXIBUZZ (Tiqbiz) FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

## School banking—Every Tuesday

				17 <b>NOVEMBER</b> *Canteen open
20	21 *Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off - donations can be made at: <a href="http://www.jumprope.org.au">www.jumprope.org.au</a>	22 *Uniform Shop OPEN *Yr 5 2018 Jumper / Polo Order forms due *2018 Book Lists due *Student Information update forms due *School Council Meeting 7.00 pm	23 *Yrs 1 & 2 Camp payment due	24 *Wetlands Sausage Sizzle for those who ordered *Canteen CLOSED
27 *Triathlon permission forms and payment due	28 *Whole School Assembly Assembly presentation 3B	29 *Aladdin excursion *Yr 5 Camp payment Due *Uniform Shop closed	30 *Yr 1 Camp *Yr 2 Camp begins *District Triathlon *Musical Performance at The Red Hill Bakery	1 <b>DECEMBER</b> *Canteen open *Yr 2 Camp finishes
4	5	6 *Yr 5 Camp begins *Uniform Shop OPEN	7 *Yr 5 Camp	8 *Canteen open *Yr 5 Camp finish
11 *Yr 1 & 2 Water Safety *Yr 3 to 6 Swim Trials 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm - to help select students to participate in the 2018 Swim Carnival and Triathlon	12 *2018 Foundation Orientation Day *Whole School Assembly Assembly presentation Foundation students—PA & PB *Uniform shop—last day for year 9am to 10am	13 *Yr 3 & 4 Water Safety *Uniform Shop closed *2018 Yr 6 Jumper/Polo payment due *Year 6 Graduation payment due	14 *Whole School Sports Expo 9.30 am *Whole School Christmas Celebration Picnic 12.30 pm	15 *Canteen open *Foundation Beach Day *Christmas Carols 5.00 pm
18 *Whole School Final Assembly—2.15 pm	19	20 *Yr 6 Graduation *Uniform Shop closed	21 *Step Up Day *Reports sent home	22 Clean up day LAST DAY 1.15 PM FINISH

## CURRENT NOTICES

- ◆ Yr 1 Camp
- ◆ Yr 2 Camp
- ◆ Yr 5 Camp
- ◆ Yr 5 2018 Jumper/Polo
- ◆ Triathlon
- ◆ Yr 6 Graduation

## BALNARRING PRE SCHOOL

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

11am to 3pm

- \* BBQ and celebrations
- \* Rediscover your past with displays of the era
- \* Share your memories
- \* Face Painting
- \* Raffle
- \* A unique musical launch and entertainment
- \* 1:30 pm official presentations



Wow, our Friendship Tree looks fabulous! With paint generously donated by Bunnings (Hastings), the student councillors have been busy painting the seats in our Buddy Area. This is a place where you can go to 'find a friend', on days that you're feeling a little sad or lonely. Student Councillors will be there, ready to play a game with you and cheer you up. We're very proud of our Student Councillors for 'caring for others'.