



**We wish you a safe
and happy holidays**

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Principal and Assistant Principal's Report

There was a buzz of excitement and lots of enthusiastic chatter in the year six rooms yesterday after the children shared their experiences of Orientation Day spent at the various secondary schools they will be going to next year. We can share their excitement knowing that they are well and truly prepared for the next stage of their schooling.

Armed as they are with the 'Balnarring Way' we're confident that we will continue to hear positive reports back from our local secondary schools about Balnarring students and their achievements in a variety of endeavours. We would like to wish them all the very best for 2018 and beyond.

Next Wednesday's Graduation will undoubtedly be a wonderful celebration for our Year 6 students.

Thank you to those who found the time to encourage the children at the Swim Trials held at Crib Point pool on Monday night and today's Sports Expo activities and Christmas picnic. They were lovely end of year activities for the children.

Next Monday afternoon is the final assembly for the year and as always we would love to see you there. After the assembly we invite all our parent helpers to a "helpers afternoon tea" in the library. To those of you who are unable to attend, may we extend a sincere thank you for your role in supporting our students throughout 2017 to be happy, safe and "doing their best"

Next Thursday the children will meet with their 2018 classroom teacher and classmates. For those students feeling a little anxious this is the perfect time for you to encourage them to use the YOU CAN DO IT keys of *confidence* and *resilience*. Teachers have spent many hours placing children in groups to optimise both their learning and social development. Please support the decisions that have been made and convey a positive **attitude toward your child's new class**. Also on Thursday your children will bring home their semester 2 reports, so all 2017 tasks will be completed. Friday is for room organising and a clean up day. We finish at 1.15 pm on Friday so we understand if you would prefer to keep your children at home with you.

Diabetes Victoria will be using the school oval for a week long camp beginning the 13th January.

Staffing news

After 39 years in the Department and 20 of these at Balnarring Primary School Kim Morris retires at the end of this year. Kim began teaching in 1978 at Tootgarook



Primary school moving on to ...Crib Point, Hastings and finally Balnarring. Kim has taught all grade levels and according to my estimates would have taught over 1000 children - how lucky were they? Kim has been an outstanding teacher during her teaching career.

However, her contribution went far beyond the classroom walls and the students she taught. Kim was always looking for better ways of doing things often tracking down experts in the field to bring best practice into Balnarring classrooms. Kim has been influential in shaping the culture of our school. Her legacy will live on at Balnarring Primary School and for this we will always be grateful. Thank you Kim for everything.

Two other teachers will be leaving Balnarring they are Kelsey Patterson who will be teaching at Pakenham Hills Primary School and Steve Watling who will be returning to Carrum Primary School. Thank you for all you have given to Balnarring Primary school. We wish you all the very best for 2018.

Another change next year will be for Fiona Forrest who will work outside the classroom on curriculum implementation.

We also congratulate Danielle Vitartis who has so loved teaching the littlies this year that she and Chris have decided to have one of their own. She is expecting her first baby next May.

Sandy O'Meara will take the final week of the school year on leave to fly with husband David to North America to spend Christmas and the New Year with their son Jakob. There were tears of joy in the staff room when we heard that Jakob had made it into the All American College Soccer Team. What a wonderful example Jak is to us all of how persistence and hard work will eventually pay off. Jak is finally going to live his childhood dream.

We are very proud of our students and would like to thank them for their efforts this year; they continually impress us by demonstrating that they do care for themselves, others and the environment and strive always to do their best.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff we have the privilege of working with each day; the classroom and specialist teachers who work hard to provide the students with excellent teaching and learning programs; the Education Support Staff who tirelessly (and always with a smile) work with those in need of additional support and the dedicated, diligent office staff for their flexible, *I can do it* attitude.

To all those families leaving the school at the end of this year, can we hope you look back on your time at Balnarring with many fond memories and we wish you all the very best in the future.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe summer. We look forward to working with you and your children again in 2018.



Rhonda Stephens



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

				15 DECEMBER *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 1.15 PM FINISH

Please keep the AMENDED 'Dates to Remember! 2017/2018' sheet on your noticeboard.
Curriculum day planned for 30th January has been cancelled. New curriculum dates—8th & 9th March

			25 JANUARY BOOK COLLECTION DAY 9AM TO 12NOON	26
29 *Staff return to school	30 *Students in Yr 1 to 6 begin	31	1 FEBRUARY *Foundation students begin (special timetable)	

CURRENT NOTICES

◆ Yr 6 Graduation



Balnarring Fire Brigade
Christmas Eve
Santa Street Visit
Sunday 24th December



- 5:30pm Corner Mt Barron St & Frankston Flinders Rd
- 5:35pm Corner Station St & Halsey St
- 5:40pm St Marks Church
- 5:50pm Balnarring Village Shops
- 6:00pm Drive through Village St
- 6:05pm Drive through Brooksby Square
- 6:10pm Drive through Hurley, Buckley & Johnson St's
- 6:20pm Playground on Seascape Ave
- 6:30pm Drive through Bruce St
- 6:50pm Balnarring Beach Shop
- 7:00pm Drive through Bayview Rd
- 7:20pm Merricks Beach Tennis Courts

Please note ALL times are approximates (Santa doesn't wear a watch)

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UNITING CARE CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Outside the school office you will see our Christmas tree. This tree provides a place for our school community to donate gifts and items of food for families in the local community, who are struggling during this Christmas period. All we ask is that you choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift for that aged child and place it under the tree. Perhaps also whilst you are shopping in the next week, you may like to pick up something to place in our food hamper too. Thank you once again for 'caring for others at Christmas time!'

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2017.



Mornington Peninsula Triathlon Club (MPTC) are encouraging all kids to get active this summer and give swim, bike and run a go through their next Weet-Bix TRystars program. Weet-Bix TRystars, aimed at 7-12 year olds, is a national junior participation program that focuses on developing fundamental movement skills through activities centred around swim, bike and run. The Mornington Peninsula Triathlon Club Weet-Bix TRystars program runs on Saturdays at 1:30pm at the Frankston Yacht Club, beginning Saturday 3rd Feb and runs through until Saturday 10th March. The 90-minute program costs \$125 per participant. For more information, head to <http://www.mptc.com.au/training/trystars/> or contact Kirrily Guinan on president@mptc.com.au