



# Barwon Heads Primary School

## Family Newsletter

*'It takes a village to raise a child'*

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 3 2009

#### AUGUST

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Book Week – Book Fair  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Book Week Book Parade – a.m.  
Concert Practice #7  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> District Athletics Grade 4-6–Landy Field Reserve  
Parent Survey opens

#### SEPT

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Fathers Day Stall – 11.30am  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 6 Camp – Melbourne – 3 days  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Special Assembly 3.15pm  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Youth Choir visit – 9.30am  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> School Concert – GPAC – including practice  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Survey returns  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Bay FM broadcast live – 6.00-10.00am  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Last day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

School resumes Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October Term 4

#### INSIDE THIS WEEK

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#### Free Fruit Friday

Friday the 28th of August –  
Kate Middleton & Tracey  
Gallagher

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2010 NOW CLOSING

## Book Fair Now Open!

## **District Athletic Sports postponement**

Due to a government issued weather alert we have postponed the grade 4-6 athletics day planned for today. We will reschedule for next Mon 31<sup>st</sup> August. All notes and monies for this activity will still apply.

## **Book Week – Book Fair**

The book fair has started off really well. Students have got into the swing of things, lots of buying and donating. Thanks to all those who have donated books it is really appreciated. Hope you are all enjoying book week!

## **Concert Update**

Concert ticket sales have been hectic with families picking up tickets and securing good seats so that they can watch their childrens performances. Tickets will continue to be sold with families being allocated four seats until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, from this day on all remaining tickets will be offered up for sale to anyone who would like more. Rehearsals have been going very well and we are all in for a fantastic show.

## **Fathers' Day stall**

Items for the Fathers' Day stall have been purchased and will be available for students to purchase next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept at 11.30am. So don't forget to bring some money so you can get something for dad to make him feel special on the day. All gifts are \$2.

## **Grade 6 Camp – Melbourne**

Arrangements for our camp have been finalised. Activities and experiences will include visits to the Immigration Museum, the Shrine of Remembrance, the Botanical Gardens, the Vic Market, the Old Melbourne Gaol, MSAC, RMIT and the Racing Museum. We will also have a little time to explore the city. Whilst we will be doing a lot of walking most of our travel will be by train and tram.

Just a reminder that final payments for the camp are due by the end of this week.

A note with final details of meeting times etc. will go home with the students tonight.

The children have already received their requirements list. If this has not been passed on could you please let me know via your child and we will hand out a new one.

Sue Herbison and the 5/6 team.

## **Bairnsdale Secondary College Orchestra Performance**

Our thanks to the 50 students from Bairnsdale Secondary College who put on a terrific musical performance for our students yesterday morning. The opportunity to see an orchestra up close was a wonderful experience for our students.

## **Parent Survey 2009**

Next week you may receive a survey from school asking you to comment on different areas the school operates at. Can we ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school. One example of this has been the change in the way we report to you on your child's progress. This came about through results from our parent opinion survey.

It is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible, seal your completed survey in the envelope included and write your child's name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record the fact that you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened at school.

Thanks for your support with this. Parents with questions or queries are welcome to contact the school at any time.

## **MS READATHON**

A big thank you to the families and friends who have sponsored MS Readathon participants during the 30th year of the MS Readathon!

As students begin to close their books on this year's program it is now time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum or dad.

Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the State Office.

## **TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**

On Sunday the 23 of August, 13 excited kids hoped to compete and do well in the Tournament of the Minds competition! We had been training for about 6 weeks and we didn't want to mess it up. After registration, my group, the Tell us a story team, were taken up to a room and given our spontaneous question. The question was "Acronyms are everywhere." For example, A.N.Z.A.C. which stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. You are walking down the street and you find a pentagonal shaped business card with the acronym B.L.E.N.D written on it. What does blend stand for and what is the significance of the pentagon? We had four minutes to work it out and we had two minutes to present our answer it. After that we had our main performance. Everyone acted really well and everyone did a heap better than they performed in rehearsals. It was a fantastic experience and I would like to thank Nick Bazalicki, Hannah Collings-Hall, Patrick Hurley, Jordan Koster, Jenna Whitlock and Molly Short who all performed really well and I hope they loved it as much as I did.

By Thomas

Last Sunday the two Tournament of the Minds teams went to Deakin University to compete in this year's competition. I was in the Maths/Engineering Challenge called Get the Message. We had a spontaneous challenge first at 10:10 am which was quite a lot of fun. After that we watched our other team who was doing the literature challenge. They were really funny and I enjoyed their performance very much. At 10:40 am it was our turn. We finished everything on time but our model didn't work. We thrashed the competition and I can't wait to find out if we won. I congratulate Oscar Park, Angus Callahan, Aiden Cook, AJ Cross, Liam Carroll & Tom Dodsley. I also congratulate the whole other team for their performance. I had a great time and I hope everybody else did too.

By Mitchell



# Bellarine Parent to Parent Network

*A network for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder on the peninsula*

*An informal group to share resources, ideas, stories, have fun and meet others.*



**The last Wednesday of the month at 9.15**

**Clifton Springs Primary School, Jetty Road, Clifton Springs**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>:** Tracey Banks, Psychologist and Parent Educator, talking tips and tricks to handle THOSE times...the defiance, the unexpected and the unpredictable

**September:** No meeting school holidays

**October 28<sup>th</sup>.** Psychologist Meg Wardlaw, Adolescents, Puberty and Sexuality  
Morning tea provided

To help us cater please let us know you are coming two days beforehand

Dyanne Jackson 52487153 (leave message) or

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## Community News

### ATTENTION ALL CRICKETERS!!

Barwon Heads CC

Registration night

At the cricket club on

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

All age groups from Under 11 to Under 17.

### Do you have unwanted furniture?

If so, we need your generous help...

Encompass Home Start a recycled furniture centre which assists people who are disadvantaged in the Geelong community, is now open at the corner of Gheringhap & Corio Street, Geelong.

If you have beds (single, double and queen), chairs, tables, dining setting and dressing tables in good condition and you would like to donate we would love to hear from you.

Call us to arrange free pick up on 5221 0667

### Wanted

Girls Ski Gear Size 6 & 8

Jackets, Pants, gloves etc.

Please Call Tania 0414 857 081

### Barwon Heads Seagulls Basketball Club

New season starting next term, any boys or girls interested in playing, sign up NOW!

Registration forms are available from school office, please fill in & return by Friday so teams can be submitted.

Also our AGM is quickly approaching, for our fast growing club to continue we need interested parents to join our committee.

AGM will be held in October, meetings are held monthly.

Expressions of interest are also being sought for a men's Basketball team to play on Wed nights.

Enquiries to De McKinnon 52541019

### School Holiday Program

The Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre is running the School Holiday Program again from the 22<sup>nd</sup> September to the 26<sup>th</sup> September. Excursions, craft and games are all part of the fun.

For a program please ring 52554294 or pop in to 91 The Parade. All families welcome!

### Barwon Heads Kinder Fundraiser

The Barwon Heads Kinder is having a fundraising night this Saturday night 29th August at Hawthorn Suites (13th Beach) The Night will include:

Wine Tasting - Brown Brothers      Dancing

cocktails at only \$5 each      Karaoke machine

Raffles      Finger Food

\$15 entry which can be paid on the night or \$25 for a return bus trip picking up and returning from 2 point in Barwon Heads. come along for a fun filled evening and to help raise money for the Barwon Heads Kinder.

Further Details please contact Cheryl on 0411095262.