



Barwon Heads Primary School

Family Newsletter

'It takes a village to raise a child'

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 4 2009

NOVEMBER

Thurs 5 th	Prep Zoo Excursion
Fri 6 th	Grade 5 and Kinder students Picnic at school 11.45am
Wed 11 th	Remembrance Day Service – School/House Captains
Wed 11 th -13 th	Grade 5 Camp – Cave Hill Creek
Thurs 12 th	Grade 2 Sleepover - Queenscliff
Tue 17 th -26 th	Kinder transition visits
Tue 17 th	Easter Fair Committee Meeting – 7.30pm
Fri 20 th	Tag Rugby Grade 5/6
Mon 23 rd	Finance Committee/Curriculum Committee meetings
Wed 25 th	School Council
Thurs 26 th	School House Sports – Village Park 9.45am
Mon 30 th	Tim McCallum visit Gr 3-6 11.30am

DECEMBER

Wed 2 nd	Xmas Church Service 9.30-11.30am
Thur 3 rd	Prep Tea – 3.30-6.00pm
Tues 8 th	Prep 2010/Grade 6-Yr 7 Orientation Day
Thur 10 th	Helpers Afternoon Tea 3.00pm
Fri 11 th	Grade 6 Bike Day
	2010 Book Sales begin
Mon 14 th	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 16 th	Student reports/Assessment Portfolios home
Fri 18 th	Last Day Term 4 - 2.30 dismissal

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Free Fruit Friday

Friday the 6th of November:
Leanne Irving & Kate Middleton



Our newsletter is also available on our school website at
www.bhps.vic.edu.au

Want your newsletter emailed?

Contact the school barwon.heads.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and request your copy.

Remembrance Day - Wed 11th Nov

Next Wednesday is the 11th day of the 11th month and as such – “Remembrance Day”, when we remember those Australians who fought and died in conflict. Our school leadership team of School Captains and House captains will represent us at the local service at the Barwon Heads RSL just prior to 11.00am

The rest of the school will observe a moments silence at 11.00am – ‘Lest We Forget’ Poppies are available for sale this week in the lead up to Remembrance Day with money going to support families of those who have died. Poppies are 40 cents each.

Easter Fair 2010

Each year our Easter Fair, incorporating the Sheepwash Classic Fun Run and Art Show raises essential funds for our school that go towards projects directly benefiting students. It is time to begin our 2010 campaign.

CAN YOU HELP?

NO experience necessary

The Easter Fair Committee is looking for helpers to be involved

The first meeting of interested parents is scheduled for:

Tuesday 17th November @ 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.

Being involved is a great way of meeting and getting to know others in the school community. The level of involvement is negotiable, but we do need help with stalls, gathering sponsors, Fun Run, Art Show setting up and pulling down.

Easter Fair date for 2010 is Saturday, April 3rd, the middle weekend of the term break.

For more information about Easter Fair contact Maureen Cross 5254 2324 or Bev Park 5254 2507.

School House Sports – the big day explained

Our annual School House Sports are scheduled for Thursday 26th November. To the uninitiated here is a brief outline of how the day works.

- The students come to school in their house colours – clothes, ribbons, sprayed hair, etc., and after rolls are marked in their classrooms they go to their House meetings to practice their chants and barracking.
- At about 9.15am they walk down to the village park in their houses arriving ready to go for a start at approx 9.45am.
- The students rotate through different athletic and fun activities including sprints, long jump, high jump, shotput, and target throw, etc., Students receive points for their efforts and these points go to their house total. Parents are welcome to come along and watch and even act as helpers for groups and events on the day.
- The coffee van will be in attendance from 10.00am.
- Families can share a picnic lunch together around midday when we finish the rotations after which we have our distance runs and relays. The parent relay has become a real favourite so start stretching those calf muscles.
- Presentations are made to the winning house then students are free to go home with parents or are supervised back at school until 3.30pm

All in all it's a great fun day of participation

We hope you can share what is a great family fun day for our school on Thursday 26th November.

Term dates 2010

Term 1	Jan 27 th – Mar 26 th	Students return Mon 1 st Feb Easter April 4 (in the middle)	8 weeks
Term 2	Apr 12 th – June 25 th		11 weeks
Term 3	Jul 12 th – Sep 17 th		10 weeks
Term 4	Oct 4 th – Dec 17 th		11 weeks

Mosaic Garden

You may have noticed a bit of work going on outside Mr Burdess and Mrs Kebbell's rooms. This area is being developed into an art and garden space full of mosaics, totems, plants and other little surprises. Plans and concept drawings will be displayed in the foyer soon and for those inspirational parents out there who would like to get involved please leave your contact details on the clipboard at the office. Also a huge thank you to Sharni's parents Andy and Nancy for their excavator and expertise.

EMA 2010

Applications for 2010 Educational maintenance and allowance are available now from the school office.

School Start Bonus

Vouchers for 2010 new prep enrolments have now all been posted home.

Head Lice

Some isolated cases of head lice have been reported to our school, so now is a good time to check your child's head for any sign of them.

What to look for:-

The eggs appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

They are best removed by scraping the individual hair between fingernails or using a fine toothed comb. (Any eggs should be placed in hot water to make sure they are destroyed). Using conditioner on hair will help to stun live lice and help remove eggs as well.

If you do find lice or eggs please endeavour to complete treatment before returning to school. (Treatments are available at supermarkets and chemists). Part of our school policy and health regulations is that eggs be removed before readmittance to class after treatment. We understand that this is a laborious task but if we attend to it now, an outbreak may be averted.

Once again, thank you for your help and cooperation with this task.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Students Attending Geelong College Next Year

To assist parents of new students commencing at The Geelong College next year with organising their school uniform, the Uniform Shop is offering extended trading until 7pm on Monday 16 November and Tuesday 24 November. The Uniform Shop will also open after Orientation morning on Friday 27 November from 11am to 5pm.

Located on the Senior School campus, next door to Davey House at 150 Noble Street, Newtown, The Geelong College Uniform Shop is the ONLY AUTHORISED supplier of quality Geelong College uniform.

uniformshop@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au

Kids TRYathlon

Are you keen to inspire your children to lead an active and healthy lifestyle?

Are you passionate about counteracting the growing incidence of childhood obesity?

Would your children like to be inspired by Australian sporting heroes?

Kids TRYathlon challenges students from 7 to 15 years old to swim, ride and run through variable distances set according to age. No matter what their skill level, shape or size, every child is rewarded equally for their efforts and they beam with pride as they collect their medallion presented by Australian sporting heroes.

Flyers available at school office with further information on how to register.

EMA - Newsletter Information 2010 / English



Education Maintenance Allowance information for the school newsletter

Information for 2010

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**27 January 2010** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**12 July 2010**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment and **6 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$225** for primary students and **\$450** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 78.75	\$ 157.50
	School	\$ 78.75	\$ 157.50
Two	Parent	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50
	School	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50
	Total	\$ 225	\$ 450

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2010** through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **26 February 2010** and prior to or on **6 August 2010**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

Community News

TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER

WHERE: Barwon heads Primary School

WHEN: Wednesday the 18th of November 3pm to 4pm

All Proceeds go to the school including the host gifts.
So come and see all the new and exciting pieces of Tupperware including lots of specials and never before seen Tupperware.

Surfing for girls

Play it safe by the water surfing for girls is a program aimed at the female surfer who has passed through the "learn to surf" stage and who has their own equipment, i.e. surfboard and wetsuit.

All Participants are expected to be able to swim 200 meters and it is recommended that participants have the basic surfing skills of being able to catch and ride an unbroken wave; however beginners are catered for.

If you are interested in participating please see Mrs sing.

Location and dates are:

Torquay Dec. 12th and Ocean Grove Dec. 13th

DPI Queenscliff Centre Open Day

Bellarine Highway Queenscliff Sunday 8th of November 2009 – 11am to 3pm

A great day of free fun for the whole family!

- the latest DPI research and programs on display
 - laboratory demonstrations
 - Marine Discovery Centre activities
 - Building tours
 - Boat and equipment displays
 - Sausage sizzle

Barwon Heads Soccer Club Annual General Meeting

ABN. 28262779800 INC. A0050848J

Tuesday 10 November 6.30pm

at Barwon Grove Golf Club (Tin Shed)

for further details please contact Marlene 0409703331

Royal Geelong Yacht Club

Unleash your inner Buccaneer!

Ahoy there, scallywags! Come and enjoy a day of family fun, laughter and swashbuckling at the Royal Geelong Yacht club's Annual Open Day.

8th of November - 10am to 2pm

- Best dressed Pirate Parade -1pm
 - Treasure Hunt – 1.30pm
 - Boat Display
 - Try Sailing
 - Sign up for a learn to Sail class
 - Face painting
- Plus Much More!



FOR SALE

7 ft G Board \$200

If interested call Linda: 0414 859 440