



# Barwon Heads Primary School

# Family Newsletter

No  
Assembly  
Friday

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 3 2009

### AUGUST

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| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Grade 4 Camp – Maldon – 3 days                     |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | Science Works Excursion Grade1/2                   |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | School Support Officers Recognition Week           |
|   | Spellodrome online trial begins                    |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> | Science Week – Science Day activities              |
|   | Finance Sub-Committee 2.45pm                       |
|   | Curriculum Sub-Committee 3.45pm                    |
|   | Environment Sub Committee 3.45pm                   |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | School Council 7.30pm                              |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> | Book Week – Book fair                              |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> | Grade 3 Camp – Coastal Forest Lodge – 3 days       |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | Bairnsdale SC Concert band visit                   |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | District Athletics Grade 4-6 – Landy Field Reserve |

### SEPT

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| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> | Fathers Day Stall – 11.30pm                |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Grade 6 Camp – Melbourne – 3 days          |
| 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 18 <sup>th</sup> | Last day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal         |

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



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### Free Fruit Friday Helpers

Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August-  
**No** free fruit Friday – the  
Grade1/2's are off to  
Scienceworks

**NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY DUE TO GR. 1/2 EXCURSION**

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2010 NOW CLOSING!**

## **July School Council Report**

Our councillors braved the cold conditions to continue their work on behalf of our school community last Wednesday at their July meeting. Discussions centred on:-

- Further developing our maintenance program with the federal government grant. The admin roof is finished and the drought proofing of the courtyard is next.
- Distribution of the Drought Assistance Grant to benefit all families. Details are provided in the newsletter below.
- After School Care and the issues around payments and billing with the new provider. We are working with them to solve teething hassles.
- A proposal by the Grade 1/2 area to upgrade their computer access for 2010 with the installation of a mobile bank of notebooks for their area.
- Further discussions with the DEECD proposing a multi function centre for our school and community utilising federal government funds via the Economic Stimulus Package. Investigations and negotiations continue around our proposal.
- Agreement in principle to develop an area of vegetable and herb gardens around a central mosaic utilising a donation from the Opportunity shop. This will be adjacent to the courtyard.

School Council meets again in August.

## **Drought Assistance for Schools Program 2009**

Our school has received a grant from the federal government as part of the Drought Assistance for Schools Program to assist families to help meet educational expenses during the current drought. It is designed to help cover costs of educational programs and activities that directly support students at our school.

School council has moved to utilise the grant to subsidise the cost of buses for school activities.

As a consequence, every student Grade P-6 will have a credit (\$32) placed with them on our system that will be offset with any bus travel they incur until the credit runs out. This way every student will see the benefit of the subsidy equally. For activities already paid for, such as the Grade 4 Maldon Camp, the credit will be used for subsequent travel by that student.

Activities to benefit from the subsidy in the near future include the Grade 3 camp to Anglesea, whole school concert practice session, Grade P-2 Swimming program, Prep zoo excursion, etc... School excursions utilising the funds will include a notification informing parents of the use of the grant. Bus credit will continue with the student into 2010 if not fully expended this year.

We hope this is an equitable and meaningful use of the funds provided for all families of our school community.

We thank the federal government for its support of families during the extended drought. Any enquiries regarding the grant can be directed to the school admin office at anytime.

## **National Recognition Week - School Support Staff**

Next week is national recognition for school support staff. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff (ESOs) helping care for, educate and administrate our school's needs. The team includes:

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| Mrs Lesley Dyer  | Finance/Admin(currently on sick leave)    |
| Mrs Tracy Davey  | Finance/Admin – on loan from Bellarine SC |
| Ms Elise Ruggles | Admin trainee                             |
| Mrs Anna Shiels  | Integration aide                          |
| Ms Kate Bailey   | Integration aide                          |

Please join us in thanking them during this week.

## **August is Enrolment time – DO IT NOW!**

A reminder that we are keen to finalise our enrolments for next year as soon as possible. If you have children starting with us next year or know of any others, parents are asked to come up and complete the enrolment procedures. This will really help our planning for 2010. Currently we have 26 enrolments for Prep in 2010 – Don't miss out!!

**World Vision, Forty Hour Famine** The students will once again have the opportunity to participate in the eight hour version of the World Vision, Forty Hour Famine from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. The theme for this year's campaign is Children and the Global Food Crisis. If you would like your child to participate please send them along with a note giving your consent to Sue Herbison during the next week. Participating students will receive a receipt/record book in which to track their donations.

Please do not lose these books as I must account for all of them. If by some chance your child obtains a book but decides not to participate please return it to me as soon as possible. Mrs Herbison.

## **Grade 1/2 Building drop off/pickup – Safety First**

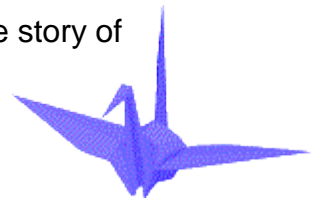
A reminder to parents of Grade 1/2 students, please remain outside of the building when saying goodbye in the morning and to wait outside the building when picking up in the afternoon. This is for the safety of all students. The corridor area is not large enough for parents as well. Thank you for your help.

## **Father's Day Stall**

On September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Father's Day Stall held. Thanks to Dee McKinnon for offering to organise this activity. More information will appear in future Newsletters.

## **Sadako & the Thousand Paper Cranes**

Last Friday students from grades 3 to 6 attended a live performance of the story of Sadako & the Thousand Paper Cranes at GPAC. Sadako was only 2 years old when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and nine years later she became ill from the radiation. According to tradition it was thought that if she folded 1000 paper cranes she could make a wish to be well again. Unfortunately she was too sick to finish all 1000 and she died at the age of 12. After her death her story became known throughout Japan and now people from all over the world send "senbazuru" (1000 paper cranes) to be displayed in Hiroshima's Peace Park. This Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and we will fold some paper cranes in our Japanese classes for peace.



## **Grade 1/2 Science Works Excursion – Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Just a reminder that the grade 1/2's are going on an excursion to Science Works this Friday. Payments are due before they go, otherwise they will not be able to attend. Thank you.

## **2009 Toucan Appeal**

Geelong Food Relief Inc. would like each family to donate two cans or non-perishable food items to participating schools. These cans of food will be used to help feed the needy in Geelong through the agencies of Geelong Food Relief Inc.

Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends can give the school students the two cans or take them direct to Geelong Food Relief Inc. at 8 Freedman Street, North Geelong. If you require further information please give us a call on 5278 6588.

If you would like to donate any cans to the school the carton is outside the Main office.

Thank You



## **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.

## **Barwon Heads Community Garden hosts Sustainability Discussion Group**

Open 10 til 9 seven days a week

Have an interest in building a community less dependent on coal power and resilient to the effects of global warming?

Join us to discuss how these issues can be tackled within Barwon Heads at,

The Barwon Heads Community Garden on,

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 3pm.

Children welcome

For more info Ph 0417518685.

## **Community News**

Throughout the month of August, Wave DVD Ocean Grove, in conjunction with Network Video, is participating in the Cans for Films Festival, where members can donate a can of (nutritious) food and receive a free weekly dvd, 2 cans for 3 dvds, or, donate 10 cans for a free new release dvd and go into prize draw.

We aim to help the homeless, hungry and needy people in our region with thanks to the Salvation Army, who will distribute the food donated.

Wave DVD  
Shop 20 – 2 Kingston Downs Drive  
OCEAN GROVE  
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