



# Barwon Valley News

Be the Best you can Be

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## Principal's Message

Next Friday (week 8) some of the students from the Junior Learning Community will be performing in a concert at Whole School Assembly.

The following Friday (week 9) some of the students from the Senior Learning Community will be performing their concert. Everyone is welcome to come along and see these students performing.

There will be no 'Be The Best You Can Be' awards presented on these 2 weeks.

Anne Hume  
Principal

## Be The Best You Can Be

Barwon Valley School is a partner school in the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) curriculum.

The curriculum is a whole school one with a focus on Social and Emotional Learning and Respectful Relationships.

Our lead school is Grovedale Secondary College. Over time, we will work with our cluster schools to deliver the curriculum across the whole school community.

The curriculum aligns well with wellbeing programs already being implemented at our school and also aligns with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Approach and the Victorian Curriculum.

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## Diary Dates

Friday 15th September  
Friday 22nd September  
Monday 16th October  
Tuesday 24th October  
Monday 9th October

BVAC Spring Market  
Last day of Term 3  
Finance Meeting  
School Council Meeting  
First day Term 4

**BVS VALUES: TEAMWORK RESPECT FUN DIGNITY SUPPORT**

Barwon Valley School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and has zero tolerance for child abuse. (Child Safe Standards)

The Department of Education and Training (DET) and Transport For Victoria (TFV) which includes Public Transport Victoria (PTV) are currently undertaking work looking at various aspects of school student transport arrangements in Victoria. For example:

OET and PTV are conducting an administrative pilot for the *School Bus Program* (SBP), which is designed to improve how families apply for, access and pay for SBP services through an online platform.

The pilot, which commenced in late 2015, is intended to reduce the administrative burden on schools, and ensure consistency in the application of SBP rules. An independent evaluation of the pilot is being undertaken, which may guide the development of future arrangements.

Preparations are being made for the transition of specialist school transport services from state and territory administered programs to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

As a result, the arrangements for Victoria's Student with Disabilities Transport Program may change in the future.

Transport For Victoria continues to implement recommendations arising from the 2016 review of ticketing compliance and enforcement, which highlighted issues related to student concession arrangements.

Meanwhile, options are being developed for the annual changes to public transport fares and ticketing arrangements that will take place in early 2018.

To inform this ongoing work and the further development of government assistance measures, DET and TFV are keen to discuss school student transport arrangements with users of transport programs and services, including schools, students and their families, and organisations representing young people and vulnerable groups.

The planned consultations are designed to uncover broad areas of concern: about the design and operation of current school student transport arrangements (including the SBP, the Conveyance Allowance Program, the SDTP, and concessionary arrangements and student travel passes on public transport).

In particular, feedback is being sought types of issues attached in this survey.

Please take the time to complete the survey and email this link to all your families for their input also.

Results will be collected 4:00pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YDV2FH>

## **Whole School Assembly**

This week in Whole School Assembly we have some boys from S13 individually performing songs and dances.

Good luck T Jay, Jamie and Bradley

## **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Woolworths Earn and Learn has started again this year and will run until 19th September.

We have a box at Highton Woolworths and Barrabool Hills Woolworths for you to pop your stickers into to support Barwon Valley School.

Stickers sheets are available from school or Woolworths supermarkets.

You can also hand your sheets into the office at school.

## **School Banking**

School banking has started now and will be every Tuesday. There is a display board in the foyer of the Dollarmite Saver rewards.

If you have any questions please contact Noeline for assistance.

## **Toucan Appeal**

The Toucan box is being collected on Monday 4th September so if you are wanting to donate please have your items in by Monday morning.

## **Working with Children Check**

Changes are being made to the Working with Children Act 2005 to clarify and simplify the requirements of holding a check and implement key recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The changes came into effect on 1 August 2017 and mean the Working with Children checks will be needed in some situations where they were not previously required.

People undertaking child related work whose contact with children is supervised by another person will now be required to hold a check.

## **Parent Opinion Survey 2017**

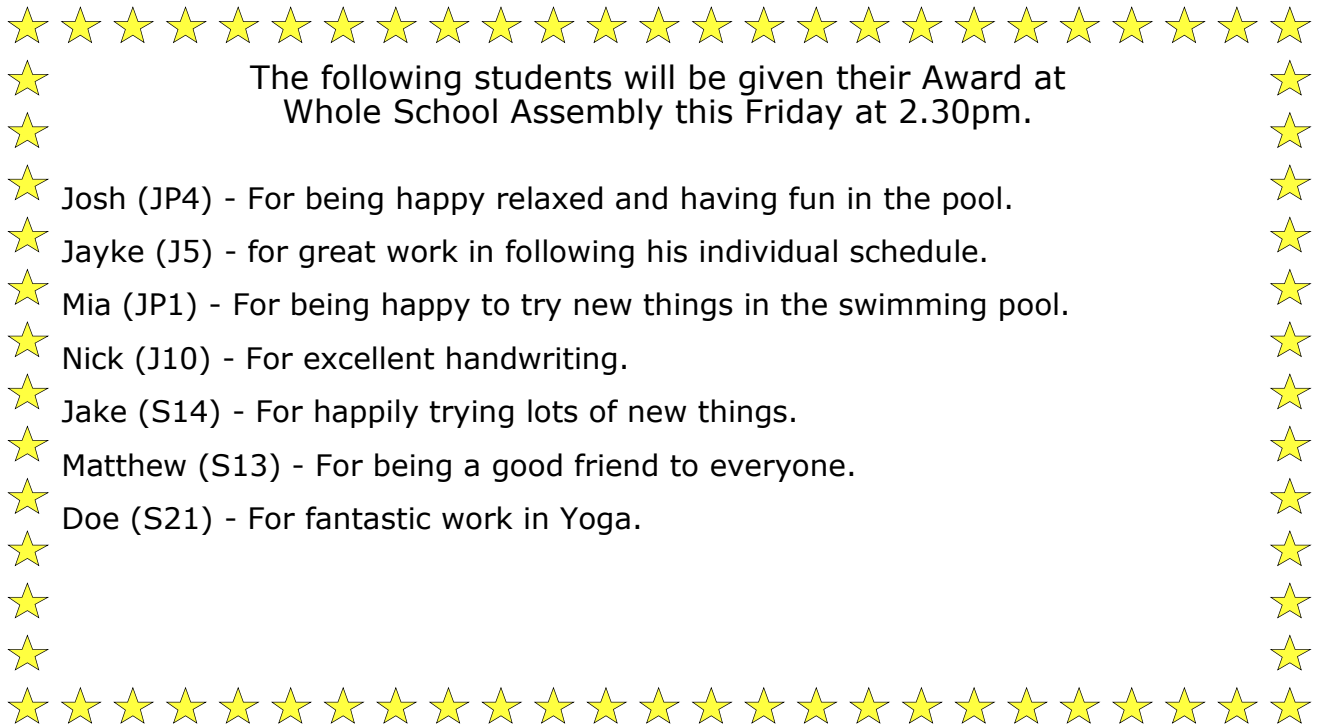
If you received information about the online parent survey, the closing date has been extended to 11.59pm Sunday 3rd September 2017.

## **Meningococcal Catch up**

If your student missed the meningococcal immunisation at school, Barwon Health Immunisations are having two catch up days on Thursday 28th September and Tuesday 3rd October.

For any enquiries please phone Barwon Immunisation on 4215 6963 to arrange an appointment.

## Be The Best You Can Be Awards



The following students will be given their Award at Whole School Assembly this Friday at 2.30pm.

- ★ Josh (JP4) - For being happy relaxed and having fun in the pool.
- ★ Jayke (J5) - for great work in following his individual schedule.
- ★ Mia (JP1) - For being happy to try new things in the swimming pool.
- ★ Nick (J10) - For excellent handwriting.
- ★ Jake (S14) - For happily trying lots of new things.
- ★ Matthew (S13) - For being a good friend to everyone.
- ★ Doe (S21) - For fantastic work in Yoga.

## Qkr! is here at Barwon Valley School

The new Qkr! app is here for families of students at Barwon Valley School to order and pay for canteen and payment of school fees.

Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

If you have any queries regarding Qkr, please don't hesitate to contact Noeline Burney, Business and Finance Leader on 5243 1813.

**Qkr!** | **masterpass** **TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Q. Can I add multiple payment cards?**

**A.** Qkr! will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your Qkr! account.

On checking out you can select from any of your registered cards.

Qkr! is provided by Mastercard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the Mastercard network.

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface with a 'Submit Payment' button at the bottom. The screen displays a 'My MasterCard' card with a green checkmark, a masked card number ending in 8456, and the name 'John Doe'. Below the card, it shows a 'Subtotal' and 'Total' of A\$16.00.

