



Barwon Valley News

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)

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Principal's Message

Welcome to our new BVS Newsletter format. I hope you enjoy the news included today!

An important upcoming event is our annual Welcome Picnic, where families are invited to come along to meet one another and staff.

This year we are excited to announce that there will be a Petting Zoo which was one of the family messages on our 10th Anniversary Dream Catchers last year!

Anne Hume,
Principal

Celebrating at BVS

Success with \$200,000 Grant

We were successful in receiving this grant through the Department of Education Inclusive School Fund.

This grant is going towards our continued playground development across the school.

Thanks to the staff for the hours of work putting this application together.

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Diary Dates

20th February	Finance Committee meeting
22nd February	Student Free day
28th February	School Council meeting
2nd March	Family picnic
6th March	School Photos
9th March	School Photo catch up day
13th March	Labour Day Holiday
31st March	Last day Term

Important Information

School Council

School Council elections will be on soon — we welcome any parent who may be interested in joining to nominate. More information coming.

Accident Insurance

Information regarding insurance is included in this newsletter for parents and carers

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

A reminder that Barwon Valley School does not have a whole-of-school student accident insurance/ambulance cover.

Parents who do not hold accident insurance for their child/ren are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Also the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

A reminder that we have the facility to support students' access to their own devices with JB HiFi.

If parents would like more information regarding this please contact Chris Benke.

We encourage students to have their own device as this supports individualised learning and a stronger connection between home and school.

Student Transport

The start of the year can take a bit of time for our bus runs to settle into their new routes.

Thanks for everyone's support with being on time in the mornings, having students ready, as some of our runs are quite long and drivers need to keep to their schedules.

Updat-ed School App

A reminder that the school has implemented a phone app called Updat-ed that makes connecting with you so much more convenient.

We will be able to keep you up to date regarding information such as late buses, excursions.

Refer to the school website for details on how to activate the app.

A Great Start to School

Welcome to our new Preps

We are so pleased to see the way our new preps have started their school journey.

There have been lots of happy faces arriving each day, and big smiles when the students greet their parents at pick up time.



Teachers Learning Together

This year our teachers have a new way of working together, in Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

Small groups will be meeting regularly to share their knowledge of their students and support each other.



Stars of the Week

The following students will be given their Award at Whole School Assembly this Friday at 2:30pm.

- ★
- ★ Breanna (J6) - For good listening and following the school rules. ★
- ★ Ciarah (J11) - For having a great start at Barwon Valley School. ★
- ★ Aliviah (JOS) - For great playing with her new friends at Oberon South. ★
- ★ Brooke (SO2) - For a fantastic start to 2017. ★
- ★ Keegan (SO2) - For a fabulous transition into SO2. ★
- ★ Olivia (S19) - For being very responsible in the class and being independent. ★
- ★ Christian (S22) - For a great start to 2017 and settling into S22. ★
- ★ Angela (S15) - For independently going to and from the bus and office at the ★
★ beginning and end of the day. ★
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