Barwon Valley News
November 20, 2014

Diary Dates 2014

05 Dec—Opening of Aquatic Learning Centre
11 Dec—End of Year BBQ & Art Show
15 Dec—Graduation
19 Dec—Last Day of Term 4
28 & 29 Jan 2015—Pupil Free Days
30 Jan—First Day of School for Students

BVS VISION
Our students will graduate as happy, confident individuals who do their best to communicate and interact positively with others, be as independent as possible and make their own choices, be actively involved in and contribute to their community, continue to learn and experience success in their future pathways.

Principal’s Report

Transition Visits for new Students
It has been very exciting this week to have new students having transition visits to support their move to BVS in 2015. We welcome all of these students and their families, and look forward to having them as part of our school community next year.

Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) update
The following are some of the key initiatives that we have been working on as part of achieving our AIP targets:

AusVELS - Teachers have undertaken 3 targeted sessions on familiarising themselves with the AusVELs curriculum framework levels A to D. All students in 2015 will have a goal in ‘Speaking and Listening’ taken from the AusVELs curriculum. Also, Chris Benke our AP is on a committee who are developing goal banks statements in AusVELs English, Mathematics and Science, for use by all Special Schools across the State

eSmart – 6 modules – we have mainly completed planning stages and have nearly half way through implementation stage. The next piece of work to be completed is around developing common approaches and resources across the school to support our addressing bullying and cyber bullying
Uniforms for Sale

A parent has some second-hand (good condition) uniform for sale. Please contact Georgie (Wellbeing Support) if interested in either of the items below:

1 x size 12 Bomber Jacket - $20
1 x size 14 Bomber Jacket - $20

Safety Plans - New format for safety plans has been developed (these are being renamed to ‘Behaviour Support Plans’). Teachers are undertaking Professional Learning on how to develop these plans in the new format.

Whole School Positive Behaviour Support Rule Matrix is completed with explicit expectations in all areas identified across the school. Posters and teaching resources have been developed to support the teaching of these expectations.

Data on positive behaviours – data has been collected and reviewed for why students receive ‘Good Ones’, Star of the Week and an invitation to Principal’s Morning Tea. These will be recorded on students’ end of year reports.

SoSAFE! Professional Learning has been undertaken by all staff on 'So Safe' and it is now implemented across the whole school. Education Support staff are using the language when working with student’s to address their personal care needs and ‘prompt’ posters are displayed in all bathrooms.

Integrated Services Model – identified teachers are doing joint reporting with therapists under the Integrated Services Model.

Swimming in ALC - Two groups from the Junior Learning Community are participating in learn to swim classes in the Aquatic Learning Centre.

Careers Action Plans - These have been created for each student aged 15 years and over. Sections will be completed by staff at the end of this year and the rest through the Student Support Group meetings next year.

Anne Hume
Principal
Stars of the Week

The following stars of the week will be given their award at whole school assembly this Friday at 2:20pm.

Daniel (S19) - for great attendance at school. Keep it up!!

Adelyn (S10) - for her role as a student leader welcoming new families to BVS

Ruby (S12) - for great switching on her SBS

Htoo Saw (SG2) - for a fantastic attitude to everything

Chloe (SG2) - for excellent work on SPEC throughout the year

Joshua (JOS) - for joining in and having fun

Josh (J04) - for managing different daily routines

Riley (JP1) - for increased confidence in swimming

BVS VALUES: TEAMWORK  RESPECT  FUN  DIGNITY  SUPPORT
Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below information for 2015 School Charges. Barwon Valley School endeavours to keep costs for parents to a minimum.

School Charges for 2015 are:

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Students are charged for:
- **Health** - covering tissues, wash cloths, blueys, powder, insect repellent, sun screen, first aid supplies, cleaning and disinfecting of school based items.
- **Activities** - which could include cooking, community access excursion and any other activity as outlined by the class teacher.
- **Essential Educational Items** - each student will receive stationery such as: a folder, diary, pencils, scrap book, at the beginning of each year. This charge also includes cooking ingredients, paper, glue, paint, photocopying, laminating sheets and other construction materials used for classroom lessons and booklets.

  Barwon Valley School Fund (Endorsed Deductable Gift Recipient) – Maintenance of school buildings, grounds and special projects. **This is a voluntary contribution and is tax deductible for $2 or more.**

Other charges may apply during the year such as swimming, sailing, camps or special excursions. These activities are optional extras and parental consent will be obtained.
IMPORTANT PARENT PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR 2015

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE) CANCELLED

EMA has been cancelled for 2015. We advise parents previously eligible for this payment to be prepared financially for 2015. Commencing prepayments NOW will help at the start of the year and when excursions and camps are due.

We have set up Centrepay to assist families on a Health Care or Pension card.

WAYS TO PAY

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<td>BPay</td>
<td>Payment made directly to the school by using your Bpay Biller Code and Reference No. This can be done as a once off or regularly.</td>
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PREPAYMENTS

Making regular payments can greatly assist parents with payment costs during the year. It may be as little as $10 a week! Any spare money can be put on your account at any time. Your Centrelink Schoolkids Bonus can also be used as a prepayment as well to help. We can let you know approximately how much you need to pay regularly to cover your children’s yearly expenses.

Prepayments can be made by:
Setting up CentrePay

Placing cash or a cheque in an envelope and sending it to school with your child

Setting up regular Bpay payments

Any prepayments are receipted against your account and then allocated off fees as needed.

ASSISTANCE

If you would like a payment plan made, specifically suited to your family to cover costs for the year please contact the Principal or Business and Finance Leader.

Anne Hume
Principal
Payment Options: Cash / Cheque / Eftpos / BPay (see statement for details) (circle)

I will be paying $...................... for my child's .............................................
School Charges.

Signed: .....................................................  Date:  ......................................

I wish to pay the school charges using my Credit Card  YES / NO

Please Note: Credit Cards need to be presented in person to the office for processing of a Barwon Valley School envelope with credit card detail entry will be provided upon request.