Barwon Valley News
22nd October 2015

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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 REPORT

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENT
…community of learners……….(BVS Mission)
As we are heading towards the end of the year, teachers and therapists are beginning to assess students on their progress towards achieving their Individual Education Goals.

At the initial Student Support Group (SSG) meeting in Term 1, teachers and therapists discussed with families what they can do to support their child’s learning at home (Homework).

We really appreciate the support parents have provided at home: such collaboration ensures that the students’ learning is generalised into a range of environments.

GROUPINGS 2016
We are currently finalising our student groupings for next year. If anyone has anything they would like to discuss in relation to student placement for 2016 please do not hesitate to contact me.
GMHBA VISITORS
...interact positively with others…….(BVS Vision)
Last Friday we had 12 staff from GMHBA volunteer at the school. This was organised through the Karingal Baclinks program.

The volunteers worked tirelessly for most of the day spreading mulch and planting.

I would like to thank them for their work; the grounds are looking more ready for the summer heat!

eSMART
Last Thursday we had Greg Gebhert, from the Australian Government Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner Outreach Program, present sessions to some of our students, staff and parents.

These sessions were very informative and we all learnt how to be safer on the internet and when using apps. Nadine Sager, who is leading work in this area under our eSmart initiative, has written a handout on some of the key points covered by Greg and this is included with this week’s newsletter.

Anne Hume
Principal

PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA
Friday 23rd October

The Students who will be joining Anne, Chris or Julie for morning tea for following the school rules will be:

Samed (JOS)       Harry (J02)
Jimmy (J03)       Bailey (S22)
Teo (S08)         Nathanael (S09)

Be Safe
Be a Learner
Be Responsible
WELLBEING

The Parent group meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 28th October from 9.30am to 10.30am.

Cam Libbis from Leisure Networks is coming to talk about Disability Support Service and programs offered by the organisation.

Looking forward to meeting everyone.

Sonya Gregorio
Wellbeing Support Officer

KARINGAL BACLINKS

invites you to join us for an afternoon of indulgence and relaxation.

As a small way of acknowledging carers, we’d like you and a friend to join us for an afternoon tea provided by Seasons by Karingal and some pampering provided by The Centre of Excellence

Friday 30 October
12.15 for a 12.30 start - 2.30pm
Deakin Cats Community Centre

RSVP with any dietary requirements Tel: 5222 7445 by Wednesday 14 October

- As this is a free event places are limited—
  Enter through the Doug Wade Stadium Gate

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AGB Training are offering Certificate III and IV in Education Support. Enrol by 30th November and receive a discount. Contact AGB Training 1300 123 242 if interested.

Weekend Respite Warriors
Ages: 6 years to 14 years of age
Times: Saturdays and Sundays 8.00am to 2.00pm.
Cost: No activity costs to participants & their families.
To express your interest in our Weekend Warriors Program contact us on:
Phone: 9090 7205 or Email: info@lifewithoutlimits.net.au
Stars of the Week

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

Feana (J06) - For a great start at Barwon Valley School.

William (J02) - For working independently on his goal tasks.

Harley (J01) - For transitioning well on the school bus.

Christian (S21) - For a great attitude during team activities.

Caitlyn (S10) - For working hard on all her Learning Goals.

Mia (S07) - For being with friends in the classroom.

Macie (S14) - For making great progress on her exercise goal.
eSmart news – CyberSafety sessions

Student information session on eSafety
On Thursday 15th of October, Greg Gebhart from the ‘Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner’s Cybersmart Outreach Program’ visited our school and provided information to class groups on how to stay safe on the internet and when using ICT equipment. The classes involved were S10, S11, S19, S20, S21, S22 and both Oberon High School groups. Our students where enthusiastic and demonstrated their eSafety knowledge especially around the areas of “not sharing passwords, not giving out your address and when you are worried who you can ask for help.” The aim for the students moving forward is for them to mentor other students and be role models within our school by promoting how to stay safe and how to reduce risk when using the internet and ICT equipment.

Staff and parents information session on eSafety
All staff at Barwon Valley school participated in the eSafety information session as we work towards becoming an eSmart accredited school. Our staff are educated in the threats and dangers that the internet poses to our students and the eSmart committee is currently developing an eSafety curriculum that will be piloted in selected classrooms early next year.

We encourage all families to talk about eSafety with their children and to explore the eSafety website where you can access useful and helpful information and resources. As a community we are looking forward to working in partnership with you to keep your child safe when using the internet and ICT equipment.

WEBSITE: https://www.esafety.gov.au

eSafety tips for the week:
Kik app: This is not a safe app for anyone to be using. There are no security settings and statistics indicate that within a 4 week period a child would have been contacted by at least one unknown adult. If your child has this app please speak with your child’s classroom teacher for more information.

Facebook: A child must be 13 years of age before they can create a Facebook account, this includes parents creating an account for them. If a child under the age of 13 holds an account this is deemed a violation of the terms of Facebook and the account will be terminated.

Check your privacy settings: Take the time to check your privacy settings and make sure you have everything set to private. If you don’t your photos are viewed as public and can be used by advertising companies without your knowledge. Protect yourself and your family and make sure everything is set to private.
BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION PRESENTS
A CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENT

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FREE

'Not your average family'
Dance

music by
THE BILLY BUSH BAND

TOE TAPPING, FOOT STOMPING, HAND CLAPPING FUN
FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE
3.30-5PM | AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
VINES ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT WWW.FAMILYDANCE.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

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