Barwon Valley News
4th August, 2016

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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)

PRINCIPAL REPORT

DEB BALL
Good luck to all of our students who are making their deb at the ball tomorrow night. The whole school community hopes that you and your families have a fantastic night.

BUNNINGS BBQ
A huge thankyou to all of the hard working volunteers who assisted with the Bunnings BBQ last Sunday. It was a great effort and raised $1992.49 towards our fundraising for playground upgrades.

CANTEEN UPDATE
Our school canteen will reopen on August 11th, with a change of days, operating on Thursdays and Fridays. There will also be a change of menu.
More information, regarding food options and pricing will be sent home next week.

BUS INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS
As we continue to work with the Department of Education (DET) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) regarding Student Transport, we are using DET forms to collect information regarding incidents on the buses.
Parents may notice a change in format of notices coming home if there is an issue that we need to follow up.

Anne Hume
Principal
PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA

Friday 5th August

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

Malek (J02)  Cameron (J06)
Jack S (J07)  Jaylah (S10)
Corey (S17/18)  Alex (S7)

Be Safe
Be a Learner
Be Responsible

WELLBEING

PARENT WELLBEING SURVEY
Last chance to have your say in our Parent Support survey. The survey is attached to this newsletter. Please send back to school ASAP.

If you have already returned a Parent Survey could you please let the office staff know so we can put your name into the Movie ticket draw.

ACD CONNECT
ACD Connect is a free peer support network for families seeking to manage their own supports and make the most of the NDIS to go beyond traditional disability pathways.

Dates:  5th August, 9th September, 14th October and 11th November
Time:  10.00am - 11.30am
Venue:  Deakin Cats Community Centre, 370 Moorabool Street Geelong

MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The BVS Movers will be performing their "You are what you Eat!" routine. They have been practising for many weeks and will be performing this routine at Deakin Costa Hall on the 16th of August. Barwon Valley School will be the first audience to see their great efforts this Friday at Assembly.

As well as the BVS Movers, we have the very talented Bradley Swindells singing the very popular "Once I was 7 years Old."

A great Assembly to come and be entertained by wonderful talent throughout the school.

BARWON VALLEY MINI OLYMPICS

We are having a Mini Olympics day on Friday 26th August.

Please come dressed in House Colours or your favourite Olympian.

GOLF DAY

Just a reminder our Golf day is on 4th November 2016. There was a flyer attached to last weeks newsletter. Please feel free to pass on to anyone that maybe interested.
SO1 ENJOY COOKING AT
OBERON HIGH SCHOOL EVERY WEEK
TOUCAN APPEAL

There is a box at Admin for any donations for the Toucan Appeal.

You can donate cans, boxes, or packets.

Items that can be donated include:

Milo, Cereal, Spreads, Tea/Coffee, Toothbrushes, Shampoo/Conditioner
KIDS PLUS PRESENTS

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

With Doug Ilsey- School Sports Victoria
&
Tim Neild- Disability Sport and Recreation

This exciting event is open to families, teachers, therapists or anyone working with children with additional needs. Come and discover more about competing as a para-athlete at school sports competition. Explore sporting and recreation participation opportunities in Victoria.

THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2016
ST MARY'S TERRACE
192 MYERS STREET, GEELONG
6:00 PM

RSVP by Monday 22nd August to:
Louise: louise.daniels@kidsplus.org.au
or Julieann: julieann@kidsplus.org.au
**Parent survey data:**
Thank you to all the parents that completed the iPad survey, as this information will be used to support our iPad program across the school.

**Parent survey and bring iPads to school:**
The care and safety of the iPad is important as they are expensive and travelling to and from school it's important that they are kept safe. There will always be risks with anything but a sturdy case can reduce the chances of damage and offers some protection.

The following cases have been used across the school by a number of students:

- **The Griffin SURVIVOR case**
  This case is durable and provides protection from sand, dirt and a small amount of fluid. Unlike the "Fintie Standing" this case has an in-built screen protector.

- **Fintie Standing with Handle Cover case**
  This is a sturdy and durable cover that allows the iPad to be tethered to the bus seat during bus travel.

**Teacher survey: How iPads support student learning at BVS:**
Teachers across the school community are embedding iPads and technology into the classroom program which is having a positive impact on student learning. Teachers reported in the survey that iPads were ‘Engaging and Motivating’ for students and supported ‘individual learning goals (ILPs)’.

If you have any questions regarding the iPad program at Barwon Valley School please contact your child’s classroom teacher.
Stars of the Week

The following stars of the week will be given their award at whole School Assembly this Friday at 2:30pm.

Matthew (J5) - For amazing work on his PEC goal.

Cameron (J6) - For great helping and packing up.

Tyson (J4) - For great taking the roll to the office.

Dylan (S20) - For his responsible attitude to Work Experience.

Brock (S15) - For walking with the group at Barwon Valley Park.

Trent (S01) - For settling in well to S01.

Sophie P (S01) - For doing her job well of taking the roll to the office.

Daniel (S19) - For being an excellent helper and role model in J04.

Stef (S17) - For making a wonderful effort with her jobs around the school.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP SURVEY 2016

Dear Parents,  

We value our parents at Barwon Valley School and would like some input into how we can best support you.

You have a wealth of knowledge and expertise and I would like to provide a format for you to share with each other. This could be in a child friendly venue in your local area if there is enough interest.

Self-care is vitally important to sustain the brilliant caring you are doing for your children so I would like to promote this and also share the ways you manage your own lives.

Please return this short survey to the office.

Sonya

RETURNED SURVEYS WILL GO INTO A DRAW FOR 2 MOVIE TICKETS!!

*Please circle answers

I am able to attend Parent Support Groups  Y/N

I like informal support, eg. Meeting in a café and talking over coffee  Y/N

I would like to meet at:

Belmont  Corio Village  Newcomb  Geelong  Barwon Valley School

Other__________________________________________________________

I would like information sessions  Y/N

Topics I would like to know more about are:

NDIS   Legal Issues   Self Care   School and Beyond   Disability Support Groups   Respite   Other_____________________________________________________

I would like to share my Knowledge and strategies with others and learn about theirs  Y/N

I would prefer Parent Support Group offered:

Once a month  Once a term  Once a semester  Other____________________

The time that best suits me is:

Mornings  Afternoons  Nights

The day that best suits me is:

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

Reasons I am unable to attend Parent Support Group meetings are:

Too Busy  Too Tired  Working  Other _____________________________