Barwon Valley News
18th February 2016

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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

SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council elections commence today the 18th February 2016. There are 6 parent vacancies and 2 staff vacancies. Information regarding this process is included in this newsletter.

All parents are strongly encouraged to consider nominating for School Council. Members of School Council play an integral role in providing important viewpoints, helping to fundraise and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Barwon Valley School Council meets on Tuesday evenings at least 8 times per year with meetings beginning at 6.00 pm and usually concluding by 8.00 pm.

There are two ways of nominating for School Council – you can self-nominate or be nominated by another parent/staff member.

Nomination forms are available at the office from today.

Please contact me if you would like further information regarding school council or talk to one of our current School Council members about the rewards of taking on this important role.
‘RUBBISH FREE’ FAMILY PICNIC - COME AND JOIN US!
…communicate and interact positively with others…… (Vision)

Don’t forget our ‘Rubbish Free’ Family Picnic Tea at Barwon Valley School on Thursday 3rd March.
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES TO BE ADVISED
Please, put this date in your diary and come along for an enjoyable social gathering.
(The invitation regarding this event is included in this newsletter)

COSTAS VISIT
Last Friday we had a visit from Costa as part of the sustainable living festival. He explored the garden with the students, planted some seeds and seedlings and ate some of our freshly grown vegetables.
We had members of the community, families and representatives from the two neighbouring schools join us.
Costa was very impressed with our secret garden and gave a speech around healthy eating. Everyone who was there had a fantastic time.

Anne Hume
Principal

CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victoria Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a current concession card (which needs to be valid on 27th January 2016) or are a temporary Foster parent you maybe eligible for CSEF.

Closing date for applications is 29th February 2016.

If you are eligible for this new fund, could you please bring the completed application form to the Administration office with your current Health Care card for us to copy.
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week at Whole School Assembly students will be presented with their Bridge Awards badges.

Next Friday, 26th February our House Leaders will be presented with their badges. It would be great if all students could wear their house colours to support this celebration.

EMAILING NEWSLETTER

If you would like the Newsletter emailed to you please contact the Admin office or email the school at barwon.valley.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

HALL FOR HIRE

The school hall is available to hire before and after school. Our preference would be organisations who are wanting to use the hall on a regular basis.

If you are interested please contact Noeline in the Admin office on 5243 1813.

FAMILY PICNIC

All families are invited to come and join us at school for a rubbish free family picnic tea on Thursday 3rd March from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE ADVISED.

This night is a great opportunity to meet other families and staff. Please bring along your own picnic tea and a rug or chairs.

We are continuing to improve our waste management so we are asking families to reduce, reuse and remove your rubbish on this night.

Student Name: ___________________________  Group: ________

I will be coming to the family picnic.  YES/NO
Staying safe when using the internet and ICT equipment

The internet is a great learning and communication tool, but it is a PUBLIC place and therefore we encourage parents to actively supervise what their children are viewing, who they are talking to and material they are accessing online. This can be done discretely through children using the internet in common living spaces like the lounge room, kitchen or rumpus room and discouraged to use devices in their bedroom.

If you have any questions about this tip please contact your child/ren’s classroom teacher.

Please go to https://www.esafety.gov.au to find out more information

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WELLBEING

WORK EXPERIENCE
As part of the Work Experience program, a Second Hand Uniform Shop will be operating from the Wellbeing Office near the hall from 2.00pm to 2.30pm every Friday.

Gold Coin Donation for items.

If you have any unused uniforms at home could you please send them in to the school.

UNITING CARE NILS
NILS provides individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable loans of between $300 and $1200. There are no fees, no interest and no charges.

Each client has an affordable repayment plan designed around them, so repayments don’t put further pressure on family finances.

Families can learn more about NILS by visiting www.nils.com.au or by calling Uniting Care NILS on 4210 1108.
Stars of the Week

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

Annie (J6) - For a great start and for eating well.

Oliver (J7) - For engaging in his work in the classroom.

Jordan (J2) - For great interaction during music class.

Jasmine (S02) - For exceptional skills setting up and packing up chairs for Whole School Assembly.

Mariam (S19) - For being a responsible and safe student on the school bus.

Felicity (S14) - For being a responsible student and great helper in S14.

Baylie (S14) - For settling well into her new classroom routine and school.

Corey (S17) - For using his PECS folder so well when choosing equipment in the gym.