Barwon Valley News
25th 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

STUDENT AND STAFF WELLBEING
As a result of some additional funding and the Department of Education’s focus on student and staff wellbeing, BVS has employed Tara Lynch, a qualified yoga and dance teacher, and Liz McGrath, a qualified art/community art teacher, to run sessions with all classes across the school.

These sessions are called Taster Sessions and are run with regular class staff in attendance. The sessions provide the students with the opportunity to explore different ways of calming themselves through art or yoga.

They also provide professional learning for teachers so that they can embed the new practices in their program. These sessions compliment other wellbeing programs that are currently being run across the school.

RUBBISH FREE FAMILY PICNIC SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
Don’t forget our ‘Rubbish Free’ Family Picnic to be held on Thursday 3rd March between 5.00 – 7.00pm.

All family members are invited to join in yoga/dance sessions with Tara Lynch and/or an art project (culminating in a WELCOME sign for our school) with Liz McGrath. So …

COME and JOIN IN the FUN!
IMMUNISATIONS
Just a reminder to parents/carers to return the Immunisation Request form as soon as possible if you wish your child to have their immunisations at school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council elections commenced last week. There are 6 parent vacancies and 2 staff vacancies.

All parents are strongly encouraged to consider nominating for School Council. Members of School Council play an integral role in providing important viewpoints, helping 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 next 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.

STUDENT FREE DAY - STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (SSG)
It was very uplifting yesterday to see the school abuzz with so many students, families and staff working together to plan the learning goals for the coming year.

Thank you to everyone for making it such a successful and productive day, and to the other students and families who have attended SSG meetings across the week.

Anne Hume
Principal
HOT CROSS BUNS—EASTER FRUNDRAISER

Enclosed with this newsletter are fundraiser order forms for delicious Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns.

All orders and payments must be returned to school by 17th March

Orders will be delivered to school for students to take home on 24th March

Thank you for your support.

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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A number of parents volunteered at BVS last year and we are now ready to have you return. SSG meetings are well under way, timetables are established and our needs for extra support have been identified. In particular we are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support Yoga, Whole School Assembly, Physical Education and Art. However we will also require significant support for our swimming program in term 2. You may also like to invite any friends or relatives who would be interested in helping at the school.

Our next volunteer information session will be held at the school at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 10th March. If you have any queries about volunteering please contact Bill Field. (field.william.j@edumail.vic.gov.au), or let Tara Neilson know if you can help with swimming.

Please note: All volunteers must hold a valid Working with Childrens check.

Bill Field
Volunteer Leader
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

One of the great things about being online is the ability to share videos and photos with your friends and seeing their response. We must remember that everything you put online makes your digital footprint. What you share with your friends may also be viewed by people you don’t know. And once it’s online, it could be there forever. So think before you post.

Tips to protect your digital footprint:

**Keeping your personal details private.** Use a nickname instead of your real name and always ask your parents before giving out your name, address or phone number online.

**Not sharing** your username or password with anyone.

**Thinking** before you post. Once posted, it can be difficult to remove.

**Not posting things that** you don’t want others to know about or that you wouldn’t say to their face.

**Being respectful** of other people’s content that you post or share. For example, a photo that your friend took is their property, not yours. You should post it online only if you have their consent.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On 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.
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
Stars of the Week

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

Brooklyn (JLC 1/4) - For a happy start to 2016.

Phillip (JLC 1/3) - For a great start to 2016.

Bella (J3) - For being a great role model for J03.

Maisie (S10) - For a great start in her new school BVS.

Alice (S01) - For settling in well to Oberon High School.

Louise (S08) - For a great start in moving to the
Senior Learning Community.

Jake (S07) - For following instructions and participating
in S07 activities.

Harry (S12) - For good listening and following instructions.