Barwon Valley News
21st July, 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

BUNNINGS BBQ

Thank you to the families who have offered their help at our BBQ on Sunday 31st July.

This is a fundraising activity for the school with funds going towards the development of our playgrounds. We are still needing support from families to help us on this day.

Please put your name in the table next to the time/times you are available to help.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

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eSMART
As part of our ongoing work with Policies and Guidelines in eSmart, we have reviewed 2 of our practices –

MOBILE PHONES
Previously in our mobile phone policy all student phones were to be handed in to the office during the day.

However a change has been made allowing students to have access to their phone for structured learning times if required and requested by their teacher.

If your child brings their phone to school could you please discuss this change with them?

Please sign the attached updated form if this applies to your child.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)
Thank you to all parents/carers who responded to the survey last term regarding students bringing their own device to school.

There was some interesting feedback that we will share with the school community over this coming term as we look to improve our support for using iPads for individualised student learning.

The teachers were also surveyed about how the students in their class use iPads and we will also be sharing this data with you.

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**PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA**

**Friday 22nd July**

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

Timmy (J5)       Nicholas (J6)
Hattie (JLC 1/2)  Megan (S12)
Louise (S8)       Bryce (S17/18)

*Be Safe*  
*Be a Learner*  
*Be Responsible*
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week at Whole School Assembly the swimming teachers are handing out swimming certificates to all students involved in the swimming program last term.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Barwon Valley School is selling the 2016/2017 Entertainment Book as a fundraiser. The books are $60.00 and $12.00 of this goes directly to the school.

This year we are fundraising for our Playground Development program.

If you know of anyone who would like an Entertainment Book contact the office and we can send a book home with your child or you can collect it from Admin.

If you are wanting a Digital Membership visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au and follow the instructions.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR ABSTUDY

To get ABSTUDY, you must:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian descent.
- Identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
- Be accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived.
- Be an Australian citizen and normally live in Australia and
- Be covered under 1 of the 7 ABSTUDY Awards - ABSTUDY Awards describe eligibility for the different payments and allowances available under ABSTUDY.

For more information contact Centrelink
Barwon Valley School Deb Ball
Friday 5th August 2016
Capri Receptions.
6pm – 11pm

We invite the School Community to join us in celebrating this special event.
$70 ticket includes canapés, two course meal, tea coffee & soft drinks. Other drinks at bar prices.
Tickets are available online at: Trybooking.com until July 28th
Enter Barwon Valley School and follow the prompts.

WELLBEING

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder by Tony Attwood and Sue Larkey.

Content will include: Cognitive Abilities, Managing Challenging Behaviour, Managing Feelings, The Emotional Tool Box, Strategies to Improve Social Understanding and Friendships, Sensory Sensitivity and Girls with Asperger’s Syndrome

When: Friday 29th July
Where: The Sphinx Hotel, 2 Thompson Road North Geelong
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Cost: $185 Early Bird $205 Full fee

If you would like more information please contact the Admin office for a Registration form.
Stars of the Week

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

Sam (J5) - For great work on his colour goal.

Archer (J4) - For being a great buddy on Zoo Day.

Feana (J2) - For great independence in the classroom.

Noah (S7) - For a fantastic start to Term 3.

Dylan (S11) - For great improvement in his swimming lessons and kicking his legs.

Corey (S17/18) - For doing a great job of keeping his shoes on at school.

Bailey (S10) - For being a caring thoughtful classmate.

Austin (S21) - For trying new things at lunch. Austin played a great cricket game!
WELLBEING PARENT SUPPORT 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 ______________________________
Barwon Valley School Student Mobile Phone Agreement

I _________________________________________ (Parent / Carer) give permission for my child________________________________________________________ (Name) to bring a mobile phone to school.

My child and I understand that he/she must hand their mobile phone in at the beginning of the day and collect it at the end of the day, unless approved for use by the group teacher when required for structured learning sessions. The mobile phone must stay in my child’s school bag when travelling on the bus to and from school, and/or when my child is waiting in Admin before/after school.

My child and I have read the policy, and understand that Barwon Valley School will not take responsibility for loss or damage of any mobile phone that is not handed in.

Signed: ________________________________________ (Parent / Guardian)

Signed: ________________________________________ (Student)

Date: ________________________________________

It is expected that students will engage in smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies within structured classroom activities. This includes following all DET and school policies including the BVS eSmart Cyber-Safety Policy.