Barwon Valley School News
28th July, 2016

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

All schools have to meet legal requirements for the care, safety and welfare of students. From 1st August 2016, they also need to meet child safe standards to achieve a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse.

They are required to take action to manage and reduce the risk of child neglect and abuse. This includes adhering to a set of ‘Child Safe Standards’.

Our leadership team and staff have begun reviewing and updating all of our policies and practices to ensure that we meet the new standards.

It is very important that all parents/carers read the attached handout ‘Safety at your Child’s School’ which provides information about Victoria’s child safe standards and school requirements. We have also included our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

As part of our action plan, you will also see a statement on all official school correspondence outlining our commitment to child safety:

‘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)’

BVS VALUES: TEAMWORK   RESPECT   FUN   DIGNITY   SUPPORT
PARENT OPINION SURVEY
A random selection of parents will have received information regarding the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey.

This is an important way that we can gather input from you to contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

If you received this letter we would really appreciate your participation in the survey, which closes on Friday 29th July. Responses are completely confidential.

CANTEEN
Please note that our school canteen will not be running until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

ZOO EXCURSION
What a fantastic day the Junior Learning Community had when they visited Werribee Zoo recently.

A huge thankyou to all the staff, families and volunteers who helped make this such a memorable day for the students.
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.

GOLF DAY

We have a flyer attached to the newsletter with details regarding our Golf Day in November.

We are raising funds to upgrade our playground.

Please pass on to anyone that maybe interested.

Contact the office for more details.
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week for WSA is a Country and Western Theme.

So bring your boots and any cow boy hats and get ready for some boot scooting fun.

We also have a very exciting guest by the name of Cam Zula who will be showing us his special ability of cracking whips!

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
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:
An underlying response for a lot of parents/carers was that they hadn’t been asked to bring the iPad to school.
This is a good opportunity to ask your child’s teacher again if they require your child’s iPad as we are constantly reviewing our iPad program to provide an engaging and motivating learning environment for all our learners.

iPads brought in from home are a great way to share and celebrate learning, so please ask your child’s teacher if they want the iPad brought in to school.

Teacher survey: Celebrating learning

'iPad for work' and 'iPad for choice' is the common language that we use around the school to support student learning when the students are working with technology.

This has been successful and is reflected in the 'teacher iPad survey' with the following teacher comment:

“We are working on iPads for work first then iPads for choice.
This is working really well and students are practicing their maths goal on teacher directed apps, then they choose an app of choice for the last 5-10 minutes.
Students are now staying on apps that help them learn as they know they will get a choice later on.”
Stars of the Week

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

Blaze (J4) - For being an enthusiastic learner.

Carven (JLC1/1) - For great independence while eating.

Maddy (J2) - For positively participating in all classroom programs.

Nathan (S21) - For being a kind and supportive buddy mentor.

Christian (S21) - For making a great effort during Deb practice this week.

Gemma (S20) - For a great start to the new term.

Jaylah (S10) - For consistent goal achievements in head switching on her chair.

Cooper (S11) - For terrific work on his literacy goal. Well done Cooper.

Brooke (S02) - For her great attitude towards school and her friends.
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
Fundraising Golf Day
November 4th 2016

4 Person Ambrose - Shot Gun Start
$320 per team ( $80 per player)
(Limited cars available for hire on the day / $40 payable to pro shop on the day)
Includes 18 holes green fees + Gourmet BBQ Lunch
And great prizes!
Including
$10,000.00
Prize for the first HOLE IN ONE
Sponsored by
*Geelong Insurance Brokers*

Prizes
Overall Team Winners
Placegetters
Nearest to pins - Ladies/Mens
Longest Drives - Ladies/Men
Raffles and Silent Auctions
Novelty challenges throughout the day

Date: Friday 4th November 2016
Venue: Curlewis Golf Course
1345 Portarlington Rd, Curlewis VIC 3222, Australia
Dress: Casual Golf Attire/(collared shirts)
Barwon Valley School
Fund Raising Golf Day
4th November 2016
$320 per team or $80 per player

Team Name

Team Members
1. .................................................. .............
2. .................................................. .............
3. .................................................. .............
4. .................................................. .............

H/Cap

Team captain contact details:
Name ........................................................................
Best contact Phone No .............................................
Email ........................................................................

RSVP for entries - 21st October 2016

I/We wish to sponsor a hole $250

Company/Family Name /details...........................................

I/We wish to make a donation

Company/Family Name/details...........................................

Please contact us if you need donations to be picked up or any other information regarding making a donation or sponsorship.

Entries and enquires to Wendy Bell (wendyann60@bigpond.com) or Karen Gibson (barwon.valley.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Payment can be made at the Admin Office, cash, cheque or credit card or direct debit. Entry forms can be emailed, handed in at the office or posted.

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Belmont Vic 3216
Po Box 502 Belmont Vic 3216

Direct debit details
BSB 313 140
A/C No 12088845
Barwon Valley School Council
(Please reference your name or invoice no.)

Visa M/Card Name on Card .............................................
Card Number _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ Exp Date _ _ / _

CCV: _ _ _ Signature: ________________________________