Barwon Valley News
16th June, 2016

Diary Dates 2016

Term Two 11th April - 24th June
Term Three 11th July - 16th September
Finance Committee Meeting 8th August
School Council Meeting 21st June
Last Day of Term Two 24th June - Students finish early
First Day of Term Three 11th July

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

PRINCIPAL OF SPECIALIST SCHOOLS (PASS) CONFERENCE
Chris, Julie and I attended a 2 day PASS conference in Melbourne last week, which was an excellent forum addressing latest research and current best practice in special education, with presentations delivered by practitioners from all over Australia.

One of the highlights for us was seeing a video welcome given by one of our senior students, Tyler, presenting one of the conference speakers. Great job Tyler, you made us very proud. We will show his introduction video at tomorrow’s Whole School Assembly.

TALENT QUEST
Congratulations to students who performed in the talent quest last Friday.

The audience enjoyed all of the performances.

Thank you to the staff for supporting the students with their acts.
**eSMART**
We have made our final submissions to gain eSmart Accreditation.

Students and staff have worked very hard to gain this accolade and I would particularly like to thank the eSmart Committee for all of their time and efforts during this process.

The concepts and knowledge involved are very relevant to all of us and will help to keep our students safe in this digital age.

**ACT UP FOR SUSTAINABILITY**
Yesterday students from S10 and S13 went to GPAC to present their slide show, movie, drumming and dance for “Act Up for Sustainability”.

The students are to be congratulated on their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to this project.

The feedback we have received has been very positive from all concerned, including the students themselves.

Thank you to all the families who supported the students on the day; it is most appreciated. Thank you to BVS staff, Hazel McGrath, Liz McGrath and Tara Lynch for initiating and driving the project and supporting the students through all stages of it.

The students will perform their presentation at Whole School Assembly this Friday. All welcome.

**DEB BALL**
Preparations for the 2016 Ball are well under way and our Debs are getting very excited as the date draws nearer.

This year the ball is being held at Capri Receptions on Friday August 5th. It is always a fantastic night for our students so get in early to book your tickets.

We are using an online ticket booking service this year which should be ready by next week. Information will be sent home soon.

*Please note that suit fittings for our male student participants will take place at school next Monday between 12 and 2pm.*

Anne Hume
Principal
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week Whole School Assembly is about "Act Up For Sustainability" talking about 'reduce', 'recycle' and 'reuse'.

We will be watching a small movie, slides and dance by students from our senior school.

PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA

Friday 17th June

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

Alex (JLC 1/1)  Grady (JLC 1/4)
Chloe (J7)       Harry (S12)
Ben (S11)        Ruby (S12)

Be Safe
Be a Learner
Be Responsible

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.
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.

DRAW CORD BAGS

BVS has navy blue draw cord bags for sale for $10 each.

The bags are cotton drill and fully washable. They are a practical and discreet way for plastic bags of soiled or wet items to be sent home.

If you would like to purchase one they are available from the office.
WELLBEING

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY (unless for medical reasons)

A reminder for our school community that regular attendance at school has many benefits for students. It helps them develop:

- social skills
- self-esteem
- communication skills
- friendship-building skills
- learning to work in a team
- building blocks for future learning and
- work-ready skills.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday before assembly.

If you cannot make this time, let the office know and they will organise a time when I am available.

We are in need of larger size uniforms. If you have any you’re not using could you please leave them at the office.

Sonya
Wellbeing Officer

CANTEEN

Just a reminder that there will be NO canteen next week as this is the last week of term.
S10 TAKE PART IN MANY FUN PROGRAMS AT BVS

YOGA

BIKE RIDING

GYM

SOCIAL SKILLS

COOKING

SHARING

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
The eSmart committee this week would like to provide you with apps that support learning in the curriculum area of Literacy “Speaking and Listening”. All these apps are free and can be downloaded from the app store. If you have any questions please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**Flashcards for kids – First Food Words**
This app has 8 different modes to keep the students engaged and to cater for individual differences. Modes include “image only, word only, word then flashcard, word then image.”

**ChoiceBoard – Creator**
This app is great for creating customised choice boards. It reinforces choice both visually and auditory by enlarging the selected image whilst playing a customised sound to reward the student for making a choice.

**Let’s Name Things Fun Deck**
This is a vocabulary app that has 52 picture cards plus audio for each card’s text. This app is great to support students with speaking and reading skills.
Stars of the Week

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

Phoenix (J4) - For great work in Literacy.

Lincoln G (J3) - For great speech and OT progress!

Nicholas (J6) - For following instructions.

Angela (S10) - For working hard to earn ‘Good Ones’.

Connor (S02) - For fabulous work on his maths goal.

Cherokee (S8) - For a positive attitude to her work at school.