Barwon Valley News
23rd March 2016

Diary Dates 2016

Term One: 27th January - 24th March
Finance Committee Meeting: 18th April
School Council Meeting: 26th April
Last day of Term One: 24th March 2.30pm Finish
First day of Term Two: 11th April

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

ANNUAL REPORT
On Tuesday night our Annual Report was presented to the school community at a Public Meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Admin Office and on our website (www.barwonss.vic.edu.au)

STUDENT BUS LEADERS
From next term we are going to have Student Bus Leaders for each of our student transport buses to and from school.

The role will be to assist with notices from the school to the bus staff, and to be a good role model when traveling on the bus, showing our school values and following school bus rules.

The student bus leaders will be announced at the first Friday Whole School Assembly where the new leaders will be presented with their badges.
EMERGENCY DRILLS
Over the last 2 weeks we have very successfully completed a ‘Lockdown’ drill and an ‘Evacuation’ drill.

We do this at the beginning of each term, changing the dynamics slightly each time. With new staff on-board it is vital we practice these procedures frequently and well, reflecting on how well we go each time and making changes as appropriate.

The recent hoax threats to schools has brought to the attention of the government the importance of notifying parents of emergency situations once the safety of all students and staff is in place and the financial costs of doing this for schools.

The government has recently decided that all schools will be given access to free SMS via the Government provided messaging service in emergency situations. This would allow us to inform parents to either stay away until further notice or come to collect their child when possible. So with availability of this new service, in any emergency situation, once we are sure everyone is safe, we will then contact parents to inform them of the situation and explain what to do.

All families need to be aware that we will contact one parent only which is the ‘Parent A’ on the enrolment form. This is a timely reminder that it is vital that all families make sure we always have an up to date mobile number for Parent A.

eSMART
Over the next term we will be reviewing our eSmart Policies. Information will be sent home in newsletters and all parents and care givers are asked to read them and give feedback on any changes they think could improve our eSmart practices.

Today’s newsletter has our eSmart Cyber Safety Policy.

Have a Safe and happy holiday.
Anne Hume
Principal

LEISURE NETWORK ALL ABILITIES NETBALL
Past and New players are welcome to register.

Females and males 14 years and over are invited to come join the AFL Barwon All Abilities Netball League for 2016.

Friday nights (Starts 8th April and finishes August.
Kardinia Park Netball Courts Geelong

Time 5.00pm—6.00pm

Contact Evan at Leisure Networks on 03 5224 9908 or email aaa@leisurenetworks.org
MURRAY TO MOYNE

The Barwon Valley School “Murray to Moyne” cycling team has been training for our big ride on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd April.

We have a dedicated team of riders and support crew who will be riding our bikes in a relay from Echuca to Port Fairy (530kms).

Our team this year is raising funds for Grounds Development for the school.

We have a Facebook page which has more information about us.

facebook.com/barwonvalleyschoolm2m

Feel free to share this page with your friends and family.

There is also a website where you and any friends or family can sponsor the team.


Choose Team 91. “Barwon Valley School”

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As we move towards the sustaining stage of our eSmart accreditation, we will be revising our eSmart policies.

As a result of this they will be coming home regularly in the newsletter over term 2 and if you have any feedback please contact Chris or Nadine.

This weeks policy is the ‘eSmart Cyber-Safety policy’ which is attached to this weeks newsletter.

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FOR SALE

Near new Body Cycles “the Edge” tricycle - size 16 inch
Brand new over $1,000 - selling $300

Contact Jodie on 0430562483