Barwon Valley News
27th October, 2016

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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)

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Bellarine Arts Trail
The Bellarine Arts Trail is on this weekend. Liz McGrath, the local Artist who has been working with our students for several years now is participating in this event.

If you’re down in Barwon Heads or Ocean Grove this weekend pop in and see her fabulous illustrations and drawings at the Hub, 91 The Parade Ocean Grove.

The Mall Christmas Tree
Barwon Valley are joining other local schools in decorating a tree for the Mall this year.

All students will be involved in this project at school over the coming weeks and the tree will be on display in the Mall from November 14th.
We had a wonderful time yesterday as we celebrated 10 years on our current site in Laura Avenue.

If you’ve been in this week you would have seen the dream catchers and birthday cakes made by students and their families decorating the school.

They look fabulous – thank you to everyone who participated. We will have them up on display for a while longer so please come in and have a look.

There were lots of hugs and smiles as students and staff, both present and past met up as they were given tours around the school by our student leaders, showing them things that have changed (or remained the same) since their time at Barwon Valley School.

Then it was off to the staff room to share an afternoon tea while they reminisced over old photos and the film made when we left the old school site on Balcombe Road.

Our current students had parties in their classrooms or special activities to share with our guests who were touring the school and were entertained by the Mik Maks in the hall at the end of the day.

This was a fantastic concert, with most of our students up singing and dancing along.

K-Rock also attended and some of our students were lucky enough to receive a helium balloon from them on their way home.

Past and present staff had the chance to catch up at the end of the day.

I’d like to say a big thank you to the staff who organised the celebrations and to the staff who provided the delicious afternoon tea.
EMAILING THE NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder to parents the newsletter will be emailed to parents each week.

Please ensure the office has your updated email address so you can receive our weekly newsletter.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We are having a representative from Bunnings presenting us with a special gift for our "10 year Birthday Celebrations"

We also have an African Drumming performance.

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER—8.30 FOR 9.30 START

Would you like to have a fun day and help raise money for the school playground?

We are looking for players to join teams on the day

No experience necessary!

$80 each includes:
18 holes of golf
Gourmet BBQ Lunch
Great Prizes

Enter individually and be placed in a team with others (positions available)
or make up a team of 4

If you are interested please contact the office on 5243 1813 ASAP.

Just a reminder to return all raffle tickets by Monday 31st October.
Raffle will be drawn on Thursday.
PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA

Friday 28th October

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

James (J4)  Cooper (JOS)  Lachlan (JLC 1/1)
Darcy (S7)    Zane (S13)     Maisie (S10)

Be Safe
Be a Learner
Be Responsible

STUDENT WELLBEING

STUDENTS TURNING 16
The ‘Transition Guide for Students with Special Needs’ is available for any students turning 16.

It provides information on Centrelink, obtaining a Tax File Number, Medicare card, myGov account, Mobility Allowance and much more.

If you require a copy, let the office know and one will be sent home with students.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP GET TOGETHER
Our first get together for this term will be on Tuesday Nov 1st at 10am in the Staff Centre.

We will be having an informal discussion on NDIS and how to get the best for your children.

Come along and enjoy a chat over tea and coffee.

Sonya
Wellbeing Officer
S20 have enjoyed Work Experience.
BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION AND KIDS PLUS PRESENT
A CHILDREN’S WEEK EVENT

OCT/SUN
30
FREE

‘Not your average family’
Dance

music by
THE BILLY TEA BUSH BAND

TOE TAPPING, FOOT STOMPING, HAND CLAPPING FUN
FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE
3.30-5PM | AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
VINES ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT WWW.NOTYOURAVGFAFAMLYDANCE.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

THIS CHILDREN’S WEEK EVENT IS PRESENTED BY BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION AND KIDS PLUS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Online games are popular with children of all ages whether on the iPad, Xbox or PlayStation. These online games can allow players to interact with other players online and can expose your child to inappropriate content. It is important to check the age guidelines and ratings to help guide your child’s online game usage. Some games encourage teamwork and interactions with other players which can include strangers of all ages. Popular games that promote this type of interaction include Clash of Clans and Minecraft to name a few.

If your child uses online games here are some handy hints that will help keep your child safe:

Your child should NEVER use their real name as their online gaming profile. Think of a nickname and use that instead

Your child should NEVER use a photo of themselves as their profile picture when playing online. A good suggestion might be to use a picture of a pet or favourite football player or team logo instead.

Your child should NEVER give out any personal information online, including age, address, phone number or where they go to school. At Barwon Valley School we have a rule to **keep personal information private**. Students are familiar with this language and we encourage you to use it at home.

Have rules about what your child should do if they feel scared or worried when playing online. At Barwon Valley School we have a rule to “**Stop, turn off the screen and go and tell someone**”

Keep all online devices in a common area such as the living room to limit private internet activity. This will also promote active supervision when children are playing online.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child’s classroom teacher.
Stars of the Week

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

Riley (J5) - For great work in achieving his break goal.

Riley (JOS) - For great working on his goals.

Tiana (J1) - For building her independence with bike riding at school and home.

Sam (S7) - For working hard and achieving his goals.

Claudia (S10) - For great participation in class activities.

Brandon (S17/S18) - For keen participation during our 10 year birthday celebrations.

Millie (S19/S02) - For a great start at Barwon Valley School.

Jeremy (S21) - For great work in achieving all his goals.