Principal’s Message

It is lovely to be back ready for another exciting term at Barkers Vale PS. Our calendar is filling up fast. Please ensure you check the calendar regularly as there are occasional changes.

We have many activities planned, not only to engage and enrich the students’ learning experiences and opportunities, but also to build the capacity of the school as a whole.

PBL (Positive Behaviour For Learning)

PBL Meeting 4.30pm Monday 19th October

We have booked Lyn Parker to talk to us about PBL (Positive Behaviour For Learning) at Barkers Vale PS on Monday 19th October. Through PBL we will be able to work together to develop an agreed set of values and develop strategies to become a more cohesive school community—students, staff and community. It was disappointing that she had to postpone from last term but we look forward to her visit this term. We invite all interested community and staff to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the amazing work they have done during my absence. I have heard wonderful reports about the Lake Ainsworth Camp, Tropical Fruit World Excursion and Book Week activities. Thank you especially for the additional work done by Julie, Trish, Ronnie and Neil in preparation for our WHS audit this Thursday. A big thank you to Julie for the manner in which she managed the Relieving Principal’s role.

A huge thank you to our wonderful students for your outstanding behaviour and enthusiasm during the last few weeks of term.

It has been a rollercoaster past few weeks for myself and my family. Following the death of my father in law (just prior to going on leave) I was able to share some very special experiences with my daughter, which was wonderful. These lovely times were replaced with sadness when my father passed away (following a long illness). It’s been an interesting and emotional time which I am sure many of you can sadly relate to.

Regards
Kath Johnston
Recycling Term 4

Our Term 3 recycling programme has run very smoothly and a big thank you goes to all the people who helped out. This includes parents, school staff and the fabulous recycling team at school. We need to create a new roster for Term 4 and so we are again looking for volunteers. Just a reminder of what is involved:

- The bags need to be collected from the veranda near the library. (It’s usually not too much...)
- The team collects the recycling on Thursday morning and places it on the bench on the veranda.
- The recycling can be collected from Thursday afternoon on, but the sacks need to be back by the following Thursday morning.
- We need volunteers to do just one week in the term, at this stage.

If you can help, please fill in the form below and return it to school ASAP. I will collect the responses and print the weeks allocated in the next newsletter. **Please remember, you can volunteer again if you have already done recycling and new volunteers are most welcome.**

Regards, Julie Mac and the SRC.

YES! I would like to volunteer to collect the BVPS recycling in Term 4.

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Contact details: _______________________________________________________

Any requests / unavailable dates? _________________________________________
Cricket Skills Programme Term 4

On **Monday the 12, 19th 26th of October and Monday the 2nd of November** Barkers Vale School has been fortunate enough to be able to book in the *Milo in2Cricket Skills Program*. This is a programme that supports motor skills development, cricket skills and maximum participation in games. The children learn how to bowl, trap, hit and throw balls and develop their teamwork skills. We have had the instructors at the school in previous years and they provide hands-on, fast, fun and very well constructed activities, aligned to the NSW Physical Education Curriculum.

The children will be involved in one session on each Monday varying from one to one and a half hours, depending on age. This will only run for the four weeks. We would encourage all children to participate in these activities as it is a really great chance to improve skills while being coached by an individual actually skilled in the game.

The sessions cost $3 for each one, so the total for all four sessions will be $12. Please fill out the permission slip below and return it to the school by the end of Week One, Term 4 (October 9). If you have any questions or problems, please don’t hesitate to call us at school.

Regards, Julie McT

I give permission for my son / daughter ____________________ to participate in the *Milo in2Cricket Skills Program* being held at Barkers Vale Public School on Monday the **12, 19th 26th of October and Monday the 2nd of November**. I have enclosed $12 to cover costs.

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ___________
The Book Character Parade at the end of Term 3 was a great success with everything from Milly, Molly, Mandy to Ninja Turtles to Pocahontas to Pippi Longstockings (yes, plural!!) The children paraded, the Teachers looked better than normal and we also raised around $40 for the Library with the sale of old books!

Thanks to Mrs Behrend for co-ordinating the event and thanks to all participants. We hope you like the photos!
We planted lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, rockmelon, spring onions and lots of herbs. Hopefully soon we will have some fresh vegetables to share with the canteen.