Principal’s Message

I would like to personally thank our team of volunteers who worked in difficult conditions at the Masters Barbeque in Lismore yesterday. Thankyou to Vicki, James, Alison and especially Wren and Lisa who not only gave their time yesterday but put in many hours planning and preparing for the day. Thank you. It was lovely working with such a friendly, cohesive and dedicated team.

Last Tuesday our 2016 Kinder students attended their final Orientation day. We look forward to them commencing their Primary education at Barkers Vale PS. A special thank you to Julie and Therese for ensuring their smooth transition.

Last Wednesday Claragh and XXXX represented the COLOURSS schools at the Speaking Finals in Lismore at City Hall. I was so proud of them—it would have taken a lot of courage to speak in front of such a large audience in such a huge hall. Both delivered their speeches confidently and with great passion. There were many outstanding speakers. Congratulations to Claragh who was runner up in Stage 2, and Alako who won the Stage 3 section. As a result of their outstanding performances, we won the Rivers Champion School Award. Thank you to all our students who challenged themselves in this competition. I am sure the skills and confidence gained will serve them well in their future. Well done.

VALE—In Remembrance

On Thursday 22nd of October, Maia Ryall, a former pupil of Barkers Vale School passed away after a 4 year battle with cancer. She was 20 years old. We remember Maia fondly as a quiet, very determined high achiever who excelled at everything she put her mind to. Maia was an outstanding student and public speaker. She was the most exceptional fundraiser for charity that our school has ever seen. The solid friendships that she made at Barkers Vale lasted for the rest of her life. She will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts and condolences are with her mother Rebecca and her sisters Arky and Mallee.

R.I.P. Maia.
Dear Barkers Vale families,

Phew! Our Masters BBQ fundraiser was certainly not boring. The weather was far from ideal but it kept things interesting. Humungous THANK YOU to Wren, Graeme, Vicki, James, Kathy, Alison & Drew (Ms Ryan's stepdaughter). Also special mention to Edens parents for supporting the P&C by buying lots of sausages sandwiches! I certainly had a great day with you all & considering the weather we actually made a profit! Yay!

We can all look forward to the final weeks of term 4... Champion effort to all our recyclers! Anyone that can contribute to canteen with home cooking (sweet or savoury) or their time don't hesitate to contact me on 0414411435.

Take care folks, Lisa (P&C president)

(P&C president)
Attention Year 6 students BULLYING NO WAY

Kyogle High School is holding a 'Bullying No Way' day aimed at building resilience and acceptance of diversity. Great way to meet the class mates of 2016!

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 12th, 9:30am travel by bus or private transport

**WHERE:** Kyogle High School, Summerland Way Kyogle, NSW

MORE INFORMATION

The KHS Bully No Way Day aims to educate primary aged students about the causes, effects and management of bullying to facilitate a smooth transition into high school. The day will also focus on celebrating diversity to encourage students to be tolerant and accepting of others and their differences. Year 10 mentors will deliver and guide students through a range of anti-bullying activities whilst providing social and emotional assistance to create a safe and trusting environment.

**Agenda**

9.30am - students meet the Year 10 Mentors

Sign up for free

Connect with Gae Masters

11am - morning tea (canteen is available or bring your own food) 1pm – lunch

2.45pm - students collected or supervised for the bus
School Swimming Scheme

We will once again be taking the whole school to Kyogle Pool for swimming lessons, during week 8 of this term (the week beginning Monday, 23rd November). **There will be no teachers at school during swimming times.** Children from Years 2 to 6, who cannot swim 25m confidently, unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme run by instructors employed by the Department of Education. Children in Kindergarten, Year One and those older and more confident swimmers will be instructed by BVPS teachers and parents.

**Dates:** Monday, 23rd November to Friday, 27th November, 2015.

**Times:**
- **Session One:** 10:25 to 11:10
- **Session Two:** 12:15 to 1:00

**Travel:** by BUS

**Cost:** Pool entry and instruction is FREE. Bus cost is $25 per child
And $45 in total for 2 or more children

Each day of swimming lessons your child will need to bring their swimmers, towel, recess and lunch with drinks, hat and sunscreen. **There will be NO canteen. It would be best if the children could come dressed and ready to swim, as we have an early start.**

**We need parent helpers to make the week run smoothly.** If you can help, please fill in the form below. It’s a fun, rewarding week and the children benefit from your support.

**Please return the consent form with the correct money by Thursday, 19th November, 2015.**

Regards, Julie McTaggart

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I hereby consent to the attendance of my son / daughter ___________________________ at the Barkers Vale Swimming school classes to be held at Kyogle Pool from Monday 23rd November to Friday, 27th November, 2015. Travel will be by bus. I have enclosed $__________ which is the total cost for the week.

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. Allergies, sensory impairment etc) are:

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I can help on (please circle): **NAME:** __________________________

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Signed: ______________________________________ Date: __________