Principal’s Message

This week is going to be busy and fun. We have two performances to see this week, one at school and one where we will be travelling to Lismore.

Tomorrow we have a performance in the hall at 2pm. “To Be Or What To Be” takes the audience on a journey of choices and responsibilities while tackling the age old question of what to be when you grow up. We have also invited the COLOURSS schools to this event and most will be arriving early to have lunch and a play in the playground with us.

On Thursday, we will be travelling in to Lismore to watch the “Byron Bay Film Festival” at the Star Court Theatre and then having lunch and a play at Wade Park. We must be at the theatre and seated by 10am, so as stated in the permission note, your child will NOT be able to travel to school by bus on Thursday. Going home by bus in the afternoon will be fine, as we will be back before 3pm.

Please make sure, if you haven’t already done so, that the permission notes are back tomorrow.

Last Friday in assembly we talked about fairness. This is the value we are working on this week and we will be talking about being fair in class and in the playground.

Thanks
Alison Ryan,
Choir Call Out- Lismore Performing Arts Festival 2015

This year BVPS are going to participate in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. We will be working on a school item and Year 5/6 students also have the opportunity to be involved in the Small Schools Choir.

It is a commitment for both children and parents, but from what I have heard from teachers of participating schools students have an amazing time being involved in the choir.

Here are some details about the choir:

The Small Schools’ Choir is an integral part of the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. There is no audition process. We are targeting children who would love the opportunity to sing in a large choral group.

The SS Choir will perform at the Matinee Concert and two Evening Concerts during the Festival to be held at the Lismore Worker’s Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 24th till 27th.

Songs will be introduced at Cluster Rehearsals on Monday March 23 Blakebrook PS 1pm.

There will also be a rehearsal at Lismore Workers Club in Festival Week on Monday August 24th at 12pm for the entire Small Schools Choir.

If your Year 5/6 child would like to participate in the Small Schools Choir, please contact me at school by this Friday, as I have to forward on exact numbers by Friday.

Thanks

Alison Ryan

ABSENCE NOTES
Just a quick reminder about absence notes. If your child is away from school for any reason please let the school know as soon as possible. This can be done by writing a note explaining the absence, by phone or in person at school. Thanks for your cooperation.

DRAMA CLASSES WITH MARLEY ARE NOT ON THIS THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

CANTEEN NEWS
Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you SO much to Jodie, Vicki & Martin for helping to clean our canteen & bring it (beautifully) up to scratch. The health/food inspector gave us 2 thumbs up & expressed her joy at seeing such a tidy & orderly kitchen space. Yay!

It has been decided to reopen the canteen at the start of term 2. This gives us time to restock the kitchen & build up the volunteer roster. There will a cooking/baking bee in the coming weeks & help is always appreciated. Times will go in the newsletter.

Feel free to contact Lisa (lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com) if you can contribute or have any questions.
Harmony Day
Wednesday, 1st April at BVPS

The continuing message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone belongs’.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

At Barkers Vale PS we will celebrate Harmony Day on 1st April (the 21st March is the listed day, but it can be held any day!) We would like to invite parents, carers and friends to come along and run an activity – anything safe and enjoyable you would like to share with the children! This can be making something, sport, cooking, dancing, storytelling, singing... anything you feel would be worth sharing with the children of our school.

On the day each adult will run their activity with small groups of children (around 12 or maybe less) three or four times – depending on the number of activities there are. It will probably start around 11.30 – again, this depends on the number of activities we have to offer. The sessions will last about 30 to 40 minutes each. If you can’t run a group perhaps you could come and join in or help out. (The colour for Harmony Day is orange so if you and/or your children can dress in orange, that would be great.)

Please fill out the slip below if you would like to help and I will contact you before the day to let you know how the day will operate. We will provide any materials we can, but we also do have a small budget for any goods you may need to purchase – please keep receipts.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Julie McTaggart

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YES, I CAN HELP! The activity I will run is __________________________________________. The equipment and type of area I will need will be __________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________.________________

This activity would suit: (circle one) any age / younger children (K – 3) / older children (4 – 6)

My name is ______________________________________________________________________________

My best contact number is _____________________________________ Date: _________________________
SRC Market Afternoon

On Wednesday, 25\textsuperscript{th} March at 1.35 (after lunch), the Student Representative Council are holding a Market Afternoon. This means that for $3 (children) and $5 (adults) can set up a stall to sell things to other children / adults at the school. These can be old toys, books, games etc. (Maximum charge set by the SRC is $10).

You do not have to have a stall (we need customers too!) but if you have goods to sell that other children might like to buy, please help your child to collect, price and bring them to school on the day. Most goods would ideally be under $5 (e.g. $1, $2, 50 cents, 20 cents). \textbf{After paying the SRC, all profits are kept by the stallholder.} Children obviously need to check with parents that they can sell goods. All unsold goods MUST go back home. There will be NO refunds or returns.

The SRC will be holding a food and drink stall and we would LOVE donations of food on the day. (Please!)

Keep checking the newsletter for details. Children will be able to contact SRC members to buy a stall towards the end of next week.

Regards,
Julie McT and the SRC (Annalise, Maddie, Declan, Oscar R., Mia, Gwyn, Anna, Oscar M., Mallee and Fergus., Emogen, Cooper,

My First Year Supplement

Each year \textit{the Northern Star} publishes a \textit{My First Year} supplement. This is a collection of photos of all the Kindergarten children starting school in 2015. We have submitted a photo of our Kindergarten children (some were absent) to the paper, as we do each year. (We have not submitted names of the children, just a photo.) If you would like to collect this supplement, it will be published on Wednesday, March 25.

Regards, Julie McT