Principal’s Message

It is lovely to be back at Barkers Vale Public School this week. I would like to thank Nikki for her wonderful work with the years 5&6 and Alison for relieving me as Principal so professionally during my absence. Thank you all for your support and understanding during my absence.

I believe that our students had a wonderful week last week with the “To Be Or What To Be” performance in the hall.

Students and staff also travelled to Lismore to watch the “Byron Bay Film Festival” at the Star Court Theatre on Thursday, and enjoyed some fun times at Wade Park. What a terrific week of new experiences.

We look forward to more exciting experiences before the term finishes. I am looking forward to my first Harmony Day at Barkers Vale. It promises to be a very special day.

Thank you to Mrs Mac and the SRC for organising a Market Day. What a wonderful idea. I trust you will be able to support both of these events.

Regards
Kath Johnston
Principal

Thought for the week….

Before you speak, let your words go through 3 gates.
At the first gate, ask: “Is it true?”
At the second gate, ask: “Is it necessary?”
At the third gate, ask: “Is it kind?”

Congratulations to The Pitts who have been featured in local media during the past week as they support community events in Lismore!
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

SCHOOL BAND PRACTICE WITH JAMIE IS NOT ON THIS MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Kyogle Soccer Season 2015

Junior Training commences on Thursday the 19th March
Mini Roos (ages from 4 – 11) are at 4pm at Don Gulley Oval
Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website
Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264968

In real life, successful learning isn't about remembering the right words for a test. It's about demonstrating that one knows how to apply knowledge, skillfully.
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. \textbf{(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
Expressions of Interest for Lake Ainsworth Camp
8th—11th September 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we are offering students from Years 3 – 6 the opportunity to attend a camp at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre at Lennox Head.

The camp offers a wonderful range of activities that, in previous years have given the participants a unique and enriching experience.

The range of activities that are on offer include sailing, kayaking, canoeing, water safety, rock wall climbing, bike riding, orienteering, snorkelling, archery, beach activities, outdoor cooking, ropes course, raft building, marine studies, initiatives and water games. As you can see the activities and equipment available is far beyond what we can offer at school.

Staying at the camp also has a strong social aspect. The students have the opportunity to mix with other children in a social setting – there are evening activities to foster this. They are encouraged to contribute to camp life and be responsible campers.

This year are booked to attend in Term 3 Week 9, 8th – 11th September. The cost will be $295 per child. We are happy to have people pay this amount off over the time before the camp. If you feel you will require some financial assistance please ring the school and talk to Ms Johnston.

We are asking you to fill in the attached form as we have to notify Lake Ainsworth of the number of students we will be bringing with us. We also ask for a $50 non refundable deposit. Please return both of these to school by Monday 30th March as I have to send our numbers notification.

If you have any queries please contact myself or Ms Johnston at school.

Kerry Behrend

Lake Ainsworth Camp, 8th – 11th September 2015

My child/ren __________________________________________ will be attending the Lake Ainsworth Camp in Term 3 with the school.

I have enclosed $__________ non-refundable deposit.

Signed__________________________________________ date ____________________

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 30th MARCH 2015
cawongla playhouse open day...

9-12pm
March 21st
5325 Kyogle Rd, Cawongla

What makes us different?...come and find out.

EQUINOX

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE BALANCE OF ALL THINGS AS DAY EQUALS NIGHT
MARCH 21
HANGING ROCK HALL
WITH CEREMONY, A 'MYSTERY' PLAY AND MUSIC.
6. PM START WITH CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY a MYSTERY PLAY AT 7
then DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH local youngsters
ELEMENTAL followed by
The DILLION JAMES BAND

$10 ENTRY Kids free Food is available