Principal's Message

Welcome back, I trust you all had a wonderful break and are ready for another terrific term.

The last week of last term was certainly a busy one - with Harmony Day, the P&C AGM and the Cross Country.

We celebrated cultural diversity where “everybody belongs” with Harmony Day on Wednesday. It was a fantastic day! Thank you to Lisa, Wendy, Marley, Ronnie, Hella and Christobel for your amazing input and enthusiasm in the activities.

A huge thank you to our P&C executive who accepted their positions at the AGM at the end of term.

Our Cross Country on Thursday was a great success with the weather holding off just long enough! Students who qualified for The Kyogle district Cross country this Friday need to return their attached permission notes by Thursday.

Thank you to parents of students in years 3-6 who have already expressed an interest in their children attending the Lake Ainsworth Camp in September. We trust we receive more responses very soon!

Regards
Kath Johnston
Principal

P&C News

I would like to congratulate our new P&C executive, who were voted in at our AGM on Wednesday 1st April. Congratulations and a huge thankyou to Lisa Luken (President), Therese Hedwards (Secretary) and Ronnie Potter (Treasurer).

We look forward to the re-opening of the Canteen on NEXT MONDAY 27th APRIL
This year BVP are showcasing their music at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival! This is an event that will be held at the Workers Club in Lismore on the 27th of August. The festival incorporates performances by around 30 schools in the Lismore region. This is a very exciting opportunity to polish up Barkers Vale's awesome music skills!

So far, Music sessions for years 3-6 this term have been dedicated to familiarising students with Bekky G's hip hop style tune “shower”. At the festival, Barkers Vale Students will perform an instrumental version of this piece on marimbas, bucket drums, guitar, choir and possibly ipads.

I'm making harnesses for bucket drums so that drumming can be performed standing up and hopefully choreographed. Harnesses will be made from up-cycled school backpacks and school desk legs. If you have any old school bags that are no longer in use or are slightly damaged, please feel free to send them in to the school to be made into bucket drum harnesses. We'll need seven backpacks altogether. Old backpacks can be left in the music room.

At this stage, all students in years 3-6 are welcome to be part of this performance, it's not a compulsory activity, however students enthusiastic about taking part will need to be dedicated to sticking with their job so they can be extra familiar with their role. This is especially important for having a fun and groovy time on stage. Students may also need family support to get transport to and from the event, however that aspect of the performance has not yet been organised.

Stay tuned for more details! Thanks, Jamie.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 2**

**Week 1**
- Monday 20th April: Staff return
- Tuesday 21st April: Students return
- Thursday 23rd April: ANZAC Service at school
- Friday 24th April: District Cross Country at The Risk PS

**Week 2**
- Monday 27th April: **CANTEEN IS REOPENING**

**Week 3**
- Wednesday 6th May: **SCHOOL PHOTOS, Lantern Making and P&C meeting**

**Week 4**
- Tues 12th-Thursday 14th May: **NAPLAN for years 3 & 5**

**Week 5**
- Friday 22nd May: Zone Cross Country

**Week 9**
- Friday 19th June: **COLOURSS Athletics Carnival**

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**CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL WEEK 2 TERM 2**

Dear Parents & Carers,

the canteen in going to be up & running from the beginning of Term 2. If you can spare a few hours on a Monday to help preparing/serving please let me know ASAP because a roster needs to be put together.

If you can make or bake something please let me know.

If you are interested in helping out with a make/bake bee in the canteen kitchen on a day during the holidays please let me know.

Contact Lisa on:
lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com
or text on 0414411435
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 FRIDAY 1ST MAY next week I have to send our numbers notification.

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

Thank you, Kerry Behrend

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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 __________________

URGENT—A RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY ALL PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET INDICATED THEIR CHILD/REN WILL BE ATTENDING THE LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP—please return this note before Friday 1st May next week
Kyogle Public

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**Friday 8th May**
5.30pm - 8.30pm