Principal’s Message

We enjoyed a wonderful day of community remembrance last Thursday, where our students did themselves and their school proud at our ANZAC Service. They conducted themselves in a very respectful and courteous manner. A special thanks to Marie Ronan for her organisation of our special guests and of course for supplying us all with her wonderful ANZAC biscuits!

I would like to congratulate the students and parents who joined us for the Kyogle District Cross Country on Friday at The Risk Public School. It was a wonderful day of friendly competition with our students giving their all. Congratulations to Sunai who won the 11 years girls event by a clear 60 metres and Jasper who placed 4th in his race! We had 20 students compete with Gwyn, Claragh, Blossom, Rachael, Esha and Nashunda also finishing in the top ten in their age group. Congratulations!

We also gathered a delicious array of vegetables from our school garden last week. Thank you to Wendy for your assistance with our environmental education at Barkers Vale.

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!

There has been some community concern regarding our employment of Teachers Aides (SLSOs). For many years Barkers Vale Public School has been eligible for additional funding to employ SLSOs based on specific student needs. We are no longer eligible for such funding, however, we will continue to employ SLSOs as much as our current budget will allow. This sadly is much less than previous years. We greatly value the wonderful contribution (above and beyond) of Ronnie and Lyn at Barkers Vale. I am committed to continue to seek ways to continue their valued employment.

Regards
Kath Johnston
Principal
**Term 2**

**Week 2**  
Monday 27th April: CANTEEN IS REOPENING  
Tuesday 28th April: Rural Fire Service Visit

**Week 3**  
Wednesday 6th May: SCHOOL PHOTOS, Lantern Making and P&C meeting  
Saturday 9th May: P&C Stall at Blue Knob Markets

**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

**Week 10**  
Student Progress Reports home and Parent / Teacher Interviews

**Term 3**  
Friday 24th July: Kyogle District Athletics

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**STOP PRESS**  
- Celebrating student success!

Earlier this year our Year 6 student Alako, submitted a film he wrote and produced into the “Little Big Shots Film Competition”. His film, ‘The Dance’, has been accepted in this competition and has been voted 2nd in Best Child made film. His film will be screened at the Sydney Opera House in September!! This is a wonderful achievement.  
Well done Alako!  
……..see more info from Marley below

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**There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.**

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**More about ‘Little Big Shots’**

An inspiring, meaningful and fun-filled festival, Little Big Shots features the best in local and international children's shorts, animations, documentaries and, amazingly, child-produced films.

In 2015, the festival's Melbourne season will run from May 30 to June 8, at ACMI Cinemas (Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square) and ArtPlay (Birrarung Marr). Following the festival's Melbourne season, Little Big Shots takes to the road, bringing great films from around the globe to cities and towns across Australia.

Alako's stop motion animation film 'The Dance' has been voted second best child made film and will screen at the Sydney Opera House in September. He has been invited to attend a special red carpet gala screening at the Opera House.

Alako made the entire production himself in his makeshift animation studio which often had a python visiting! Alako contacted a record company in Germany to ask permission to use the music that is the sound-track to the film, they were very supportive and encouraging.

Alako continues to work on his stop motion films and intends to enter film festivals along the way.
P&C News

1. Family contribution: each year the P&C asks families to contribute $30 for one student & $50 for two or more students. These monies are the (voluntary) school fees. The fees enable us to buy art and music materials and support the teachers with materials that are essential for our children's learning. Contributions can be sent to the office in an envelope clearly marked with the family name and a receipt will be sent home to you as soon as possible.

2. Canteen: it's great to have the canteen up and going again and thanks to all parents and staff who have helped to make this happen. NEXT MONDAY the 5th May’s MENU will be Tacos followed by Apple Muffins costing $4.50. There will be a vegetarian and meat Taco option so please specify on your order. Lamingtons will be available for morning tea and efforts are being made to add other morning tea options.

3. Mother’s Day raffle: is a quick and fun way to raise some funds for the school and mums maybe lucky and win a special prize. Raffle booklets have been sent home today with the newsletter. Our great prizes include
   - A box of organic vegies donated by Lanie & Jake
   - Ayurvedic Massage from Nimbin Ayurveda
   - Voucher for Sphinx Rock Café from Jon & Sharon
   - 2 bottles of wine from Wadeville Woolies
   - Natural Body products from Tia
   - Artwork from Marley

Thank you to those who have kindly donated prizes for our Mother’s Day Raffle. Tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th May.

Also I will supervise the Mothers’ Day stall at Blue Knob Farmers Market on Saturday, May 9th. This is a fundraiser for the school. Can anyone please donate baked goodies or sweets to sell on the day and it would be great to have 1 or 2 students to help out. If anyone can drop off their child by 9am & pick up by 12:30 please let me know.

4. Our next P&C meeting will be held on 4pm Wednesday 6th of May at school. All parents and community members are welcome, join at the meeting to become a member. It’s really important that parents become actively involved in the school. If you can’t make this time but have an issue/concern or just something that you’d like discussed please email bvp.pnc@gmail.com so we can include it. For any suggestions or contributions to or for the Canteen (eg donated produce, cooking, menu suggestions etc) or if you can help out with the Mother’s Day stall at the Blue Knob Market please contact me on 0414411435

Kind Regards
Lisa Lucken
P&C President
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
Lantern Making Workshop—Parades of the World

Students from BVPS have the opportunity to participate in a lantern making workshop as part of the 2015 Lismore Lantern Festival. There will also be an opportunity for our school to participate in the Lismore Lantern Parade on 20th of June (more details in coming weeks). In previous years our students have participated in the workshops and the parade and had a fantastic time. The Lismore Lantern Festival is a great family event and I hope all students take advantage of this great opportunity.

When: Wednesday 6th of May
Where: BVPS
Who: All BVPS K-6. All students not participating in lantern making will be supervised in an alternative classroom.
Cost: Kindergarten to Year 4- $12 per student
Year 5 and Year 6- $15 per student (larger more complex design)

All notes and money need to be returned to school by Monday 4th of May to ensure we have sufficient numbers of students to hold the workshops.

Alison Ryan

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My child/ren ____________________________ will be attending the lantern making workshop on Wednesday 6th of May.
I have enclosed $ ____________ (K-4 $12, 5/6 $15) to cover the cost of the workshop.
Signed: ________________________________