Principal’s Message

'Nit Off weekend'

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, head lice are again a problem in our school. They can be very difficult to eradicate in schools, however one method which has proved successful (in my experience) is for all students to have their hair (and bed linen) treated on the same weekend— to help break the cycle. We ask that you set aside the weekend of the 29th 30th May (this weekend) as our 'nit-off' weekend. For maximum results the treatment should be repeated a week later. Let’s see if we can rid ourselves of these pesky little critters!

Illness vs Attendance

Although we encourage students to attend school every day, if your child is unwell, we ask that they stay home to rest and recuperate. This serves two purposes—they do not ‘share’ their illness with others and usually recover more quickly.

Connecting with Community

At a P&C meeting near the end of last year, some great ideas were presented which were aimed at more community involvement in the school, in particular, sharing of some of the amazing skills and talents of our community. We are very blessed to have some incredibly talented people in our community. As a starting point to ‘kick start’ this idea we would like to commence ‘interest groups’ next term. If you have a particular skill—knitting, pottery, sculpture, sewing, weaving, woodwork, sculpture…. etc, and would like to guide a small group of students on Wednesday afternoons (from 2.15pm) for 45 minutes early next term (for 4 weeks), we would love to hear from you. The 4 weeks will culminate with a ‘show and tell’ of what the students have made. More information next week!

Staff Development

Over the past few weeks staff have engaged in discussions regarding professional goals in staff meetings and meetings with other staff from our COLOURSS network. These goals need to be reflective of our school plan, and of course the needs of our students. As lifelong learners, it is important that we, as teachers, continue to reflect on our teaching and identify where we can improve and grow. This is part of the Performance and Development Framework in all public schools. All staff have identified several goals in addition to one goal in common we will be working towards which is:- "To differentiate our teaching to support the needs of all students in Literacy and Numeracy". The focus is on differentiation. All students are different and learn in different ways, so staff will be involved in Professional Learning to improve and grow their skills in how we deliver learning experiences to the students in our care to cater to individual learning styles and abilities.

“If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.” ~Ignacio Estrada
**Athletics Carnival**

Our students are busy training for the Athletics Carnival on **Wednesday 3rd June**. We will be training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We are still planning to engage the expertise of Larry Condon to assist our students with correct techniques to ensure they are able to compete to the best of their ability. Thank you to James Law for offering his assistance for training also.

**Representing Us**

Last Friday Sunai represented the Kyogle District at the Zone Cross Country. Sunai put in an outstanding effort at the Kyogle District and continued this effort at Corndale on Friday. Thanks Sunai.

**Staffing**

We are happy to welcome to Barkers Vale PS Nikki Benson who is replacing Kerry Behrend as Relief Face To Face teacher and Librarian until the end of term.

Regards

Kath Johnston

Principal

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**K 1 2 Maths**

Last week in K 1 2 we looked at multiplication and division. At this level we talk about skip counting, equal groups and sharing.

To illustrate equal groups and skip counting we made echidnas with some very sharp spikes!

We used plasticine and had a lot of fun making them.

Regards, Julie McT

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**Term 2**

**Week 6**

Tuesday 26th May: Careers Market at Nimbin CS

Wednesday 27th May: COLOURSS/CLASS Professional Learning Day at Barkers Vale PS

**Week 7**

Monday 1st June: Canteen Menu Meat & Vego hamburgers with dessert $4.50

Wednesday 3rd June: BV Athletics Carnival

**Week 8**

Tuesday 9th June: Dorroughby Van Visit

Thursday 11th June: Northern NSW Dental Health visit to school (FOR Kinder students)

**Week 9**

Friday 19th June: COLOURSS Athletics Carnival

**Week 10**

Student Progress Reports home and Parent / Teacher Interviews

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**Term 3**

Friday 24th July: Kyogle District Athletics

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**Learning Pyramid**

![Learning Pyramid Image]

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ANY OTHER HELPERS WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFULLY WELCOMED

Thankyou to Stephen for supplying/donating a Vegetarian Lasagne this week.

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