**Principal’s Message**

**Electricity Workshop**

Last Tuesday we welcomed Christine from Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre to Barkers Vale PS. Christine Freeman led our students through a variety of ‘hands-on’ investigative and enquiry activities about electricity and energy. With the valued assistance of Wendy Jansen, our students were able to investigate and explore many concepts about electricity. Thank you for a great day Christine and Wendy.

**Dental Nurse Visit**

On Thursday the Dental nurse from NSW Health visited our school to give our Kinder students their free Dental Health Check. The junior class were able to learn valuable information about caring for their teeth.

**COLOURSS Athletics Carnival**

This Friday is our COLOURSS Athletics Carnival in Kyogle. Entries have been submitted with all of our students qualifying. Students will be informed of their events tomorrow. Thank you to our students who have returned their permission slips. We still have several more to be returned. We look forward to seeing you there supporting Barkers Vale.

**Connecting with Community**

We are hoping to hear from community who may wish to be involved in our ‘clubs/interest groups’ next term. It has been expressed to me on several occasions that parents welcome opportunities to share their skills and be more involved at BVPS but I have only received one offer so far to be involved. We hope to hear from more soon. If you have a particular skill—knitting, pottery, sculpture, sewing, weaving, woodwork, sculpture, film making, guitar... 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 or developed. With our COLOURSS Art Exhibition in Term 3 at the Roxy Gallery, we look forward to presenting some wonderful work which reflects our school and its community.
Library Improvements
We are looking forward to purchasing some bright cushions, beanbags and curtains for the Library. In addition to some other improvements we hope to establish the Library as an inviting and comfortable space in our school.

P&C Meeting
Thank you to those who were able to attend our P&C meeting last week. Minutes of the meeting are available at the office.

Thank You
A big thank you to Trish for all her additional work invoicing all the schools following the Network days we hosted. Thanks Trish.

Term 3 at a glance
Term 3 promises to be an exciting (and busy) term. One of my favourite parts of the year is Book Week. This year we are planning a special Book Character Parade, with students also presenting Book Reviews and Author studies. We will also host the COLOURSS Science Day and 'Speak Easy' Public Speaking competition. Year 3-6 will challenge themselves and have enormous fun at Lake Ainsworth!....... And of course, we have our Kyogle District and Zone Athletics carnivals.

Regards,
Kath Johnston
Principal

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ANY OTHER HELPERS WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFULLY WELCOMED
To all parents and care givers,

The SRC have been really concerned about how there is no recycling system in the school. We have talked about this at our SRC meetings and we have decided that we need help from parents to get the recycling from the school to be recycled.

We think that the students should be responsible for cleaning the recycling before it gets put into the recycling container. The teachers will oversee the process to make sure we do it right and then we think that parents should take turns to take the recycling to the tip. We need to have a roster of parents to volunteer to take it once a week. If these rostered parents do it once a term then it’s not too much to take in one go.

We think it will be about x1 large storage container of paper and about x1 large storage container of plastics per week.

If we all do something about this it will mean real change for our school and our environment – otherwise we are just making so much rubbish that goes to landfill.

We can’t drive the cars to the tip – we NEED YOUR HELP (please)!
If you fill in the form below we will make a roster and start next term.

Thank you, on behalf of the SRC,
From Oscar M, secretary of SRC.

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I care about the environment and our school and I would love to help!

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Pet Day!

The Student Representative Council (SRC) has decided to run a Pet Day after many requests by previous SRCs and the children in the school. **This event will be held on the second last day of term - June 25th, 2015.**

As you can imagine, this activity needs to be carefully planned and as such we have a few rules. They are:

- Pets can only come to school if parental permission is given.
- All large pets and dogs MUST be on a lead.
- All smaller pets MUST have a container / cage.
- **NO DANGEROUS PETS ALLOWED.**
- There will be designated areas for different animals.
- **Pets should be taken back home by the end of recess.**

The SRC has decided that there will be **NO CHARGE** to bring pets to school. **They would like to raise some money on the day by selling goodies at recess. Donations will be cheerfully accepted.**

The SRC has also decided to give out awards for the following categories which they have created:

- **Waggiest Tail**
- **Most Energetic Pet**
- **Fluffiest Pet**
- **Noisiest Pet**
- **Happiest Pet**
- **Slobberiest Pet**
- **Biggest Pet**
- **Smallest Pet**
- **Most Loyal Pet**
- **Nicest Pet**
- **Best Trained / Behaved Pet**

The SRC members will be the judges on the day.

We hope to have a fun day and would really appreciate your support. Please fill out the slip below so we can begin our planning. If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Mac.

The SRC and Mrs Mac

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My child _____________________ has my permission to bring the following pet on Thursday, 25th June: ________________________________________.

This pet will be safely contained / restrained. It will be taken home by the end of recess on that day.

Signed: ________________________ Date: ______________
When: Friday 19th June 2015

Where: Kyogle High School Oval—behind the railway lines.

Transport: Private Car - nil buses will be running to Kyogle.
(Unfortunately, we are unable to hire a bus that can get to Kyogle in time.)

Start time: 9:00am. Juvenile distance run will be marshalled at 9.05am.

Shoes: These are compulsory in all events.

Canteen: A canteen will be operating on the day. Pre-orders for lunch will NOT be taken. There will be some hot food available as well as drinks, cakes etc.

Entries: The list of children & their events is based on our carnival & will appear in next week’s newsletter. **However, all children can enter their age race, long jump and 800 m events.**

For field events, children had to reach a set qualifying standard to enter high jump, long jump, shot put and discus.

**Please return this permission note to school by Wednesday 17/6/15.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Our school officially moves to Kyogle High School Oval for this event. There will be no supervision available at school as all teachers will be in Kyogle. **PLEASE DO NOT** send any children to school.

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I give permission for my child/ren ______________________ to attend the annual COLOURSS Small Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at the Kyogle High School Oval on Friday 19th June 2015.

I realise that travel is by private car and my child will be traveling with ____________.

Signed: _______________________   Date: ___________________

Please return this permission note to school by Wednesday 17/6/15.
Lismore Lantern Parade
Saturday 20 June 2015

Students lanterns will be sent home with them on Thursday 18th June. We will not be at school Friday due to the COLOURSS athletics carnival in Kyogle.

On the Night

Meeting point is on Victoria Rd, next to the skate park. We will travel through town to Oaks Oval. Please arrive 4:45pm - 5:00 pm at the latest. The parade starts at 5:30pm sharp.

Look for our school banner.

It would be great if we could have a few parent helpers to hand out the sticks and light candles.

A map containing the parade route will be handed out Thursday with the lanterns.

If you wish to stay for the FINALE you will need to indicate so on this note so I can pick up enough wristbands. Anyone who made a lantern will receive 2 wristband, one for the lantern carrier and 1 for the parent/supervisor. Other adults can receive a wristband if they wish to be a safety marshal or carry a feature lantern. Please indicate below.

My child/ren ________________________ will be marching in the lantern parade. We will be at the meeting point by 5pm Saturday 20th June.

We will stay for the finale (indicate number of people staying) _________________
We will volunteer to carry a feature lantern/be a safety marshal ________________
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Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________________