Wednesday 29th July: P&C meeting

Week 4
Thurs/Fri: North Coast Primary Principal’s Conference

Week 5
Tuesday 11th August: COLOURSS Science Day at BV
Friday 14th August: Zone Athletics, Lismore

Week 6
Thursday 20th August: Book Week activities including Character Parade (Tentative Date)

Week 7
Thursday 27th August/Friday 28th August: Lismore Performing Arts Festival

Week 9
Tuesday 8th—Friday 11th September: Lake Ainsworth Camp Year 3-6

Stop Press — apologies for the black and white newsletter, we’ve had computer gremlins visit us …..we hope to have the problem solved very soon!

**Principal’s Message**
Welcome back, I trust you all had a safe and enjoyable break and are ready for an exciting term! There are many exciting, creative, investigative and academic learning experiences planned for our students, and staff! We endeavour to all work together to continue to build a more cohesive and positive learning environment for all.

**COLOURSS Athletics Carnival**
Our COLOURSS Athletics Carnival results were finalised at the end of last term. Congratulations to Lotus and Alako who were their age division champions. Congratulations also to Molly and Nashunda who were runners up in their age division. We look forward to the Kyogle District Carnival next Friday. We have many talented and enthusiastic athletes from Barkers Vale who have qualified for this carnival, who will receive their permission slips and advice of their qualifying events today.

**Connecting with Community—Interest Groups/Clubs**
We are all looking forward to Interest Groups/Clubs commencing this term on Tuesday 28th July (week 3). Thank you to community who have volunteered their skills and time. We eagerly welcome more parents and community to be part of this engaging and creative experience for our students. Please give me a call or email me (kathleen.johnston@det.nsw.edu.au) if you would like to be involved. Once activities are finalised students will elect their activity for the following 4 weeks.

Regards,
Kath Johnston,
Principal

**Drama Classes** with Marley will commence in week 2 on 23rd July.
Pet Day last term was a wonderful way to end the term. We had many gorgeous dogs, a lovely goat, a fighting fish, Daffy Duck, Fudgie the snake, Rocky the cocky, guinea pigs and chooks! An amazing array! Thanks to all the parents who supported the day by coming along or organising their children and pets. Thanks to those who contributed food to the stall and thanks to Celeste who contributed food to the Teachers! Thanks also to the SRC who made certificates, 3D toys on the printer, made very difficult decisions on awards for pets and then presented them. It’s been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group.

Regards, Julie M
Thursday, 23rd July

At Barkers Vale PS we recognise that we are very fortunate in many ways and that it is important to help others in need. In previous years we have supported the Cancer Council with a Morning Tea and donated all the proceeds to that organisation. One of our parents made the suggestion that it might be more beneficial to directly support members of our own community and see that generosity in practise at a local level. Staff and the SRC (School Representative Council) agreed this was a great idea.
The SRC were informed last term by Mrs Behrend about a young boy in our community who would be a worthy recipient of our support. His mum also used to attend Barkers Vale PS! His name is Isaac Mitchell and his mum, Rose, has provided us with some information about Isaac, which is included below.
The SRC are holding a fund raising morning tea on:

Thursday, 23rd July (next Thursday) at 11.15.

We would like to invite you (and friends, neighbours and relatives!) to come to our school on that day and share in a morning tea. There will be tea, coffee and treats for the adults and hot chocolate and treats for the children all for sale, to support Isaac. As usual we rely on your generous support for this venture and would appreciate not only your attendance, but also donations of food to sell on the day. Isaac and members of his family will be coming along to the morning tea. All money raised will go directly to supporting Isaac.
We would love to see a big crowd on the day and would love to support Isaac to meet the challenges he faces. Hope you can help! Hope you can come!
Regards, The SRC and Mrs Mac

Team IAM – The Isaac Ali Mitchell Appeal

Hi, my name is Isaac Ali Mitchell; I am 4 years old and I have Cerebral Palsy.
Despite a really tough start to life, I am a super happy little guy, always smiling and taking everything in my stride!
I love music, Peppa Pig, Play School, being a big brother, playing on the trampoline, burying things in my sandpit and Preschool.
I wear fun bright red AFOs (Ankle Foot Orthotics) when I ride my modified bike that makes me look like Astro Boy, and I like that because I feel like a super hero who can do anything!
I am determined like most 4 year olds, seeking adventure and mischief!
My mum and dad constantly encourage me and help me to explore and be as involved in as many fun activities as they can, and take me to lots of fun therapies.
I am getting really good at walking in my new yellow Walker with help, and love going really fast!
My talking is constantly improving, which is lucky because I have lots and lots to say all the time, and I love singing!

I am doing so well, always making progress, but it all comes at a cost, with lots of therapies needed and lots of expensive equipment necessary to help me do the best I can, so with the generous help and support from Barkers Vale Primary School we are aiming to raise money for an inside walker, to get me up on my feet even more.
Thank you and big big smiles, Isaac Ali Mitchell and Team IAM

TEAM IAM – THE ISAAC ALI MITCHELL APPEAL
We have solved our recycling dilemma thanks to a number of keen helpers at our school! Thank you again to the people who have volunteered to make our school a little more environmentally responsible: Wendy, Marley, Jamie, Anastasia, Maeva, James, Leonie, Kerry, Penny, Trish, Kathy, Alison, Therese and me!

This is the plan. Each Thursday a group of dedicated recyclers from classes K to 6 will collect the paper and plastic and put it into plastic bags to be transported to the recycling centre. We are going to recycle the bags as well at the moment, but Lisa Lucken is endeavouring to get us some hessian bags that we can re-use.

The recycling team will put the bags on the Library veranda to be collected EACH THURSDAY. It would be great if they could be collected that afternoon after school.

This is the proposed roster:

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If you need to swap, please contact one of the people on the list and see what can be arranged. It is important that the recycling be collected so that vermin doesn’t get into it.

Thanks again!
The SRC and Mrs Mac
I give permission for my child(ren) .................................................... to participate in the District Athletics in Kyogle at the High School Grounds on Friday 24th July.
I understand that parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the Carnival. It should be a wonderful day for our school communities. We hope you can join us for the day.
The day will commence at 9.00am with the running of the 800m and Juvenile field events.
Signed .............................................. ......               Date .............................