Principal’s Message

A huge thank you to the families who were able to join us for our Education Week activities last Wednesday. We had many positive comments about the whole day, including the Assembly, the visiting show, and the ‘picnic lunch’. It was lovely to wander around engaging in conversation with our families, and see them engaging with others. A great day of ‘School Community’. Thank you for making our day, and your children’s day, so special.

On Wednesday we have a local photographer visiting our school to take some photos of our school and our students at work. We ask that students wear their Barkers Vale school shirts if possible.

Lake Ainsworth

Our Lake Ainsworth camp (Yrs 3,4,5 & 6) is only 5 weeks away—can you believe it! Thank you to parents who have been making regular instalments. We trust that you are able to finalise payments prior to the camp. Please don’t hesitate to contact me to arrange a payment plan if needed. If you need to apply for student assistance please let us know this week as we still have a little available.

Teaching staff will rotate throughout the 4 days, however, Ronnie will be there for the entire camp—I am sure she will be a great ‘camp mum’ to all.

Lismore Performing Arts Festival

STOP PRESS --Monday 24th August is Rehearsal Day for performers only.

We have been notified that Tuesday, 25th August is an evening performance which we know will be difficult for many families, so this is unlikely to occur.

Our Matinee performance, which the whole school will attend, is now Thursday, 27th August (the original date we were given).
Interest Groups/Clubs
Interest Groups/Clubs commenced last week. It was terrific to see all our students so engaged in their activities.
Thank you to community members who have volunteered their skills and time to our Interest Groups/Clubs.

Premier's Spelling Bee- BVPS
Barkers Vale Public School will again be competing in the Premier’s Spelling Bee this year. This competition is open to all students from Year 3-6 (Year 2 students are able to compete in the junior competition if they wish). Students who choose to participate from the 3/4 and 5/6 classes will have a class spelling bee early week 6. The 8 finalists from each of the classes will then move on to the school spelling bee on Thursday 20th of August at BVPS. Parents are welcome to attend this event. The two finalists from each class will then travel to the regional finals, which are held sometime during weeks 9-10 this term at a venue TBA.
You can access the word lists and further information at the link below using the password- robot.
Note- Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5 and senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7.
If you don’t have access to the internet or printing facilities I am happy to copy a list for interested students.
If you have any further questions you may contact me at school.
Regards,
Alison Ryan
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

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**P&C News**

It is wonderful to have our Canteen running so well under the guidance of Wren, Lisa and Vicki. Thankyou also to James, Emma and Jodie who also help us out quite often. We have received great feedback from the staff and students, and we thank them for supporting us so well, however we are still in need of more volunteers to assist.

We would love to hear from you if you are able to give a few hours of your time on a Monday. Our Canteen team is working so hard and could really do with some extra helpers from time to time.

Thank you in advance.