Principal’s Message
I would like to welcome you all back to Barkers Vale PS. There are a few important messages to impart to you before the weekend.

We welcome back our regular staff:-
- Alison Ryan and Julie McTaggart— who are currently team teaching on K/1/2/3.
- I am teaching Yrs 4/5/6.
- Kerry Behrend: Release Face to Face teacher and Library
- Therese Hedwards— Support teacher and Early Learning facilitator
- Trish Strange—School Admin Manager
- Ronnie Potter Teachers Aide and cleaner
- Lynne Loxton— Teachers Aide
- Jamie North— Music and Band tutor

Due to our reduced numbers (losing 16 Yr 6’s, two years in a row, certainly has impacted our student numbers) we can only form 2 classes. We will need to make some staffing adjustments if we don’t receive at least 6 more enrolments before Feb 9th.

We are all eager for another wonderful year, full of inspiring and motivating learning experiences for all. It was exciting to meet our students after their holiday break—full of smiles and stories to share! I trust you all had a wonderful break over the holiday period.

To our new families, we welcome you to our school community and invite all parents to join us for afternoon tea at the school on Wednesday 17th February. This will be a chance to talk with the staff and meet up with other parents.

We trust you have a smooth transition into the new year. If you or your child have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, Trish in the office or myself to arrange a meeting to address these concerns. We aim to provide a positive and cohesive learning environment and the partnership between home and school is very important to us and your child.

Kath Johnston, Principal