Principal’s Message
We trust your children have had a smooth transition into the new year. As mentioned in Friday’s ‘Interim Newsletter’, 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.

Our canteen should be up and running again next Monday. Thanks to Wren, Lisa and Vicki. We hope more parents will be able to help out in the canteen this year.... 'Many hands make lighter work’, and kids love seeing their mum or dad in the canteen. If we have enough volunteers you may only be required to help once or twice a term.

We also look forward to our Annual Harmony Day this term (probably just before Easter) which is always a favourite in our school community. More about that next week.

IMPORTANT DATES
Term 1

Week 2
Monday 1st Feb: No canteen today
Baha’i Scripture commences

Week 3
Friday 12th Feb—COLOURSS Swimming Carnival, Kyogle

Week 4
Wed 17th Feb—‘Welcome’ Afternoon tea 3.30pm. P&C meeting (including AGM) 4.30pm

P&C News
Just a quick reminder that there will be a P&C meeting (including the AGM) on Wednesday, 17th February @ 4.30pm.
following the ‘Welcome’ afternoon tea. Come along and be part of this wonderful school community group. All welcome!

COLOURSS Swimming Carnival
On Friday 12th February, we will have our COLOURSS Swimming Carnival. We hope to have as many swimmers participate as possible. Students in years K,1 & 2 will stay at school with Ms McTaggart and Ms Ryan, and students in years 3,4,5,& 6 are expected to attend the carnival. If your child is turning 8 and you would like them to compete they are also welcome to compete. Transport to Kyogle on the day is by private transport. If transport is an issue for you please contact the school. We may be able to provide a small bus but this would be an extra cost. Please complete the attached permission note regarding the carnival, and return it to school as soon as possible.
New Speed Zones

I am sure you will have noticed the changed speed zones approaching the school. Our school community, especially the students, are now more protected by a 24 hour-a-day 50 km speed zone. The 40km zone still applies within the morning and afternoon time zones.

Attached to this newsletter is a print out of Keeping our kids safe around schools with other information about doing U-turns in front of the school and the cost of fines and demerit points. Please read and keep this important reference document.

Kath Johnston, Principal

Barkers Vale PS Recycling

We have again commenced our recycling using the same system as last year. 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.

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 are able to help please let us know!
Thanks again!
The SRC and Mrs Mac