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School Calendar Feb

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	-Swimming program starts -Lunch Orders begin	- Swimming Program	- NO Preps	- Swimming Program - Students Banking		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	- Swimming Program	- Swimming Program - District Swimming Trials	- NO PREPS	- Swimming Program - Student Banking		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	- Swimming Program	- Swimming Program - Open Water Learning Gr 5 + 6 - Hockey Clinic Gr 3 + 4	- NO PREPS	- Swimming Program - Student Banking - District Swimming Sports		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parents and Reading

Research by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has confirmed what many have known for a long time – the importance of reading to children from an early age. Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. Four to five year olds who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older who are read to only twice or less a week. It also found that reading to children has a positive effect on numeracy skills. A study of 4000 students, from aged four or five through to age 10 or 11, found that the benefits were the same regardless of income, educational level and cultural background. So if you are not reading to and with your child as much as you could, remember it is one of the most important things you can do for their future.

School Council Elections

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the **Code of Conduct – Employees** issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty)
- **act in good faith** in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds)
- **act fairly and impartially** (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest)
- **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available)
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school)
- **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage)
- **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions)
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law)
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a) the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

b) the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Call for nominations

We will commence the election process next week by calling for nominations from this *Friday 8th of February*. *The closing date for nominations is Friday 15th of February*. Nomination forms will be available from the school office. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. There are 5 parent vacancies.

Marcus Batt - Principal

DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE AND CSEF

The Victorian Government has announced a one off drought response package to assist families who reside in the Wellington and East Gippsland Shire. The package consists of two parts.

The first is a uniform and school items assistance package. This support is made available through State Schools Relief and families can select from one of the following packages:

Package 1: uniform package OR

Package 2: reduced uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$100 OR

Package 3: limited uniform package plus textbooks voucher to the value of \$200.

The second part of this commitment is an extension of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) made available to ALL families. This is one-off payment of \$375 per student.

The means tested Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is also available to eligible families.

If you have not already completed your application for the Drought Assistance package or CSEF please contact the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BANKING

Students will be able to deposit into their Commbank accounts every Thursday at School, using their Dollarmites wallet. This will commence Thursday 7th February 2019. For students who would like to start student banking please read details below.

If you would like your child to participate in School Banking, they'll need a youth saver account. This account has no monthly fees or withdrawal fees.

There are three easy ways to get a youth saver account:

- **Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking**
- **Log onto CommBank app (If you already bank with CommBank)** – From the menu in the top left corner, select 'products and offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'student and youth accounts', scroll down to kids and tap 'open account'.
- **Visit any CommBank branch**

What you'll need:

Personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver's licence or citizenship certificate. If applying in branch, please bring your child's birth certificate and/or an applicable court order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.

When you open a Youthsaver account your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet in branch, or we'll mail it to you if you opened the account online.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP

A friendly reminder about the second hand uniforms for sale at the office. All items \$2 each. Everything has been washed. We also take donations of old uniforms parents might not need anymore. Please feel free to bring it into the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are happening on Friday 1st March. We are after a few volunteers to help get the children and classes ready. If you can help please let the office know on 5152 4662.

MUSIC NEWS

DO YOU PLAY VIOLIN, CLARINET, FLUTE, TRUMPET, TIMPANI or other instrument of the orchestra? Come join the Crashendo ! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra after-school rehearsals

Recommence on Thursday Jan 31st. Tues and Thurs from there-on.

If you are more skilled, come mentor less experienced players.

We have a performance in 3 weeks!!

Repertoire varies – and is focusing on the 'Blues' at present.



Please contact: Hilary Rigg, Coordinator, ph 0455 872 296

SKOOL BAG APP

Dear Parents,

The school has established the use of the Skoolbag App to provide newsletters, notification of events etc.

We use the app extensively to improve communication and reduce photocopying. Therefore we would appreciate you returning the attached slip if you would prefer to receive newsletters etc through your child on paper.

Attached are the instructions to install Skoolbag on your iPhone, Windows Phone, iPad or Android device.

Skoolbag App

Family Name: _____ Grades my children are in: _____

I will be using the Skoolbag app for receipt of information
(Paper copies will not be sent home)

I would prefer to have a paper copy of newsletters etc.

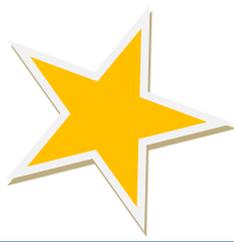
Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Class	Student
PAS	Jack Henderson for an absolutely AMAZING start to school! You have settled in so well and are trying hard with your work, keep up the great work!
PJS	Peyton Beane for settling into her first week of Prep extremely well. You always try your best with your work, well done!
PCB	Ellen Hill for making a fabulous start to school and showing her outstanding listening skills. Well done Ellen, keep up the great work!
PLB	Natalie Percival for a great to start to the prep year! Well done Natalie!
12P	Gabe Barnes-Hobson for settling into the year with ease and demonstrating many of our school values.
1MC	Jack Whitby for making a wonderful start to the school year. We are so lucky to have you in 1MC.
1MP	Dain White for including others in his play and never giving up in his writing. Well done Dain, you have a great attitude for learning!
1VG	Amber has made a wonderful start to the year her work ethic has been impressive. Well done Amber!
2KE	Riley Roberts for the amazing start you have had to the year and making good choices. Well done Riley!
2LB	Hudson Scott for displaying great classroom manners and organisational skills. Hudson is always ready to learn.
2RG	Xavier Macdonald for being a great model for other students. He takes care with his work to produce a high quality piece. Well done Xavier.
34F	Allison Wood for excellent eye contact and listening skills.
3CH	Josh Cameron for being a supportive classmate and helping younger students at swimming lessons. You have started year three with a fantastic attitude Josh!
3CM	Luke Holmes for settling in well to his new school and trying new things. Ruby Pace for settling in and making new friends at a new school.
45A	Charlie Pike for settling in well to Lucknow Primary School and being a friendly and hard-working student.
4ES	Nash Faithfull for taking pride in his learning and being respectful within the classroom.
4CT	Ella Hancock-Perry for writing about the connection between the text and herself. Great job!
4RP	Bryce Mullens for remaining focused and engaged in all tasks. Keep it up!
56W	Summer Smith-Entink for being a great role model to her fellow students and always setting an amazing example!
5DH	Rhonda Dinsdale for her outstanding effort in her learning.
5GD	Brodie Blunt for his perseverance and determination towards his perspective work. I look forward to this continuing Brodie, you have been a star.
6CM	Chiara Di Palma for the effort she has placed into her reading tasks and synthesising new words that she read into her writing. Max Neate for showing a positive attitude and trying his hardest in everything everyday.
6CP	Ava Yablechnick for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.
6FW	The whole grade for such a settled start of the year!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



QUALITY TIME FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

CAMP OPTIONS AT CAMP COOLAMATONG!

There are four opportunities for mums and dads to spend some quality one-on-one time with their son or daughter. Invest in your relationship while exploring the outdoors and engaging in a range of fun activities. We'll include time to explore parenting from a Christian perspective. Children between 9 and 15 years old are welcome to join.

MUMS AND SONS CAMP
15-17 FEBRUARY 2019

MUMS AND DAUGHTERS CAMP
1-3 MARCH 2019

DADS AND DAUGHTERS
15-17 MARCH

DADS AND SONS
29-31 MARCH

Cost: \$145 each or \$290 for parent/child
Registration: www.suvc.org.au/holiday
or call (03) 9482 5700 or email: camps@suvc.



TOM CURTAIN

Speak Up

TOUR

Multiple Golden Guitar winner and horseman extraordinaire **Tom Curtain** will be performing his **Katherine Outback Experience** show of real horse training and working dog demonstrations followed by a live music performance.

Katherine Outback Experience
COME TO LIFE

Dollyo Dream





BAIRNSDALE CITY OVAL
FRIDAY 15TH FEB- 6PM

GO ONLINE TO GET BBQ & BAR AVAILABLE
YOUR TICKETS! NO BYO

TomCurtain.com.au | KatherineOutbackExperience.com.au




Bairnsdale Netball Association NetSetGO:

BNA will be running a 10-week NetSetGO program in Terms 1 & 2 (with a break in the school holidays and ANZAC Day). The program will commence on Thursday 28/2/19 from 4.00-4.45pm. NetSetGo is an introduction to netball where children participate in skills activities, minor games and generally have a good time whilst learning valuable skills. The program is open to boys and girls who are turning 8 years old in 2019 and up to turning 11 years of age in 2019. Parents are most welcome to help out, too, however please note all helpers must have a WWCC.

Cost of the Program is \$90 and includes a Participant Member Pack, Netball Victoria Membership/Insurance and Registration for our Season 2 Competition.

TO REGISTER:

1. Download the MyNetball app, click on the Search icon, click on NetSetGO finder, type in Bairnsdale and follow the prompts. OR
2. Register Online www.netsetgo.asn.au, click on Find a Centre, type in Bairnsdale, and click on the pinned 1, Click Register and follow the prompts.

Please email Narelle Gibbons at bdale.n.a@hotmail.com if you require any further information or assistance.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



JUNIOR SOCCER TRYOUT DATES

BOYS 14,15th Feb @ HOWITT PARK
U12 register 5pm, trials from 5.30.
U14 register 6pm, trials from 6.30.
U16 register 7pm, trials from 7.30.

GIRLS 12,14 Feb @ WEST BAIRNSDALE OVAL
U13 register 4.45 pm, trials from 5.00.
U16 register 4.45 pm, trials from 5.00.

BAIRNSDALE SCOUT GROUP

Lego 2 Pre-screening Movie Fundraiser



Saturday 9th February 2019

12pm @ Bairnsdale Sun Cinema

Tickets \$20

includes a small drink and small popcorn

Raffles and spot prizes on the night

Cash sale tickets only available from Toyland Bairnsdale or
by phoning Sonia 0467 193 163 or Bridgett 0408 098 947