Good afternoon to you all as we head into the middle week of the term – today is in fact “hump day”, the exact middle point of the term.

At the curriculum day on Monday, we reflected as a staff on the things that we have achieved across the last 12 weeks and set our future directions and expectations – and I am pleased to say – the list is long! We have addressed many of the internal structures and processes of the school, to both tightened up accountability and more strategic in our future planning. We have “wrapped around” many of our children and set in place some behaviour management structures, a number of work place planning / staffing moves had to be made and again strategically managed and more. So yes, as is the case in every school every day – we are busy!

A couple of concerns that were raised:

1. The presences of parents in classrooms.  
   2. The time that children are arriving at school. “Parents in classrooms” is most appropriate before school, dropping off children, a quick catch up before the day begins and of course also at the end of the day. One of the many things covered during our work on Monday was the growing concerns that staff have about parents walking into classrooms at other times. This can be very disruptive to the teaching program and is simply not appropriate. Please don’t not confuse this in any way that the connection between teacher and parent is not important or valued – it most certainly is, but classroom time is precious and I am constantly pressuring staff to be “excellent” in their practice. If at any time you would like to speak to staff, please be sure that it is before or after school, or at a time previously arranged. We can no longer have parents standing in classrooms watching the class in progress and interrupting teaching time.

One of the other concerns raised, was the growing number of children that are arriving at school “really early”! In some cases children are at school before 8.00am. Given classes begin at 8.50am, there is genuinely no reason for a child to be here before 8.30am and staff supervision in the yard begins at this time.

Naplan continues today and is seemingly travelling along without a hitch. Well done to the staff and children with their attitude toward the Naplan program. The results will likely be available during August. As soon as we have them, they will be passed on to students and families.
Continued:

Yesterday we had a visit to our school from Stephen Gneil (South East Regional Director) Alison Clarke (Area Manager) and Doug Jones (Senior Educational Improvement Leader). These types of opportunities don’t come along often and I am very impressed that this team of highly skilled experts in their fields have made the time to visit 754. The group asked challenging questions about the key improvements needed at 754, what our future directions might be and then also complimented the school and its community on the excellent work so far. We spoke of the clear potential for excellence in all facets of the school’s life. I received a text from Stephen last night – again reinforcing the need to continue to drive toward excellence and offering his full support. This was very pleasing indeed.

**Something to ponder:** Resilience is a key characteristic of successful people. (The capacity to see the whole picture and be able to cope and manage when things don’t go your way. The ability to be realistic around outcomes and expectations / the capacity to reflect on your own behaviour.) Just how resilient are you as an adult and how do you role model resilience to your children?

I am always happy to discuss any aspect of school life with you, just drop in or make an appointment.

Talk soon

Trudie Nagle
Principal

**School Cross Country**
The School Cross Country will be held next Tuesday 17th May. All children from grades three to six will be leaving school at 9.00am to walk to the Bairnsdale City Oval and will return to school in time for recess.
The nine and ten year olds will run first and then the eleven and twelve year olds will follow on a slightly longer course. Please make sure your child has appropriate uniform and shoes to run in and that they bring a drink and snack with them.
Parents are welcome to come and watch and assist with supervision on the walk to the venue and with the smooth running of the day’s events. The top students will go onto represent the school on the 30th May in the District Competition at Nagle College.
Thanks very much.....Naomi

**Swimming Lessons**
Last day of lessons is on Thursday 12th May. Times are as follows PrepB & 1/2C lesson begins at 12:noon PrepA & 1/2A lesson begins at 12:45pm and lastly 1/2B lessons begins at 1:45pm

**Ring Pulls**
Please keep collecting ring pulls through the holidays. The ring pulls help to make prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs. Thank You. Marcia Harrison.

**School Photos**
Photos are due late next week or possibly early the week beginning 23rd of May.
Library News
- Thank you to all the students that are returning their books on time.
- Please ensure that you have supplied your child with a library bag, this helps to protect borrowed books from food and drink spillages that often happen inside school bags.
- Donations of used supermarket shopping bags would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them into the library on Mondays, or into the office.

Saver Plus
Saver Plus is a 10-month financial literacy and matched savings program that assists people to build savings for their own or their children’s education.
As part of the program, participants receive:
- One dollar in matched savings for every dollar they save, up to $500
- Money Minded Financial training
- Personal support and guidance from a trusted community organisation.
Please see attached information flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Teddy Bears to Vanuatu
Last year some of our students collected teddy bears to send to children in Vanuatu who were left without any toys following the devastating aftermath of Cyclone Pam. This was done via the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale. We have received letters from some of the grateful recipients.

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Closed Monday’s
- New Autumn/Winter Menu out now
- Volunteers welcome
- If interested please contact Narelle Morgan

Student Awards
- No Awards this week due to our curriculum day
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops, and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms, and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual, or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:

(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au
**What’s On Next Week in the 754 OSHC – IT’S ITALIAN WEEK**

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<td>Is it art or is it pasta? Come and make fabulous coloured paste art</td>
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<td>Race around the dreaded rivers of Italy full of obstacles and adventures.</td>
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**Kids Corner**

Grace is enjoying painting her trophy!

Blue French Toast - It tasted pretty good!

Super shots! Libby and Abbey testing their aim.

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**Friendly Reminder – from the OSHC Team**

Hi Mum’s and Dad’s can you try to remember to pack a warm jacket or jumper as the afternoons are starting to get a bit chilly.

Thank you

Kate

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**Junior Leaders**

A huge to our Junior Leaders this week who are always Super Helpers

Grace, Libby, Abbey

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**The Cost of OSHC**

Did You Know? Most people are able to access some form of government assistance through Centrelink to reduce the cost of Care.

...it can cost you as little as $6.47 per After School session per child with Government Rebate eligibility!

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**Enrolment and Bookings**

We always welcome new faces to After School Care in 2016 Enrolments can be completed online at www.afterthebell.com.au or by downloading a paper version, or you can pick one up at the OSHC room. Should you need any assistance with the online process, feel free to call 03 9758 6744 and will be happy to help you out.

**Contacts**

Booking/Cancelation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au

OSHAG phone contact: 0488 022 375

Program Leader: Kate

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**Joke of the Week**

This week’s joke comes from our Ferny Creek program

Q: Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?
A: Because it wanted to get to the bottom.
Expressions of Interest
Handyman

Bairnsdale Primary School seeks the services of a reliable and enthusiastic handyman for general maintenance and gardening for approximately eight hours per week.

Please send a resumé to PO Box 679, Bairnsdale, by Friday, May 20, 2016.

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Grade 5 & 6 Students, Parents and Carers are invited to the

Bairnsdale Information Evening

Wednesday May 18th 2016

6.15 – 7.00 pm McKean St Campus Classrooms open for inspection

7.00 – 8.00 pm Information session

The evening will highlight;

CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
STUDENT'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCES
CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Access from McKean St

For further information
contact Ross Graham Transition Coordinator or
Renee Betts Year 7 Learning Hub Leader
on 5150 4800
Open Tuesday-Friday

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