Good afternoon all - welcome to this week's newsletter.
Well one of the guarantees with education is that things keep changing!
This week the leadership team and I have had a reflective conversations about our current work force plan. This means, how we have allocated the staff that we have; to the jobs that we need done. All these considerations need to reflect a plan that is always focused on the best interest of your children.

From term 2, for the remainder of the year, Jason Barton will be teaching full time in the 3/4 team. This is as a result of Ricki-J Saunders leaving 754 to begin her family.

Jason will bring incredible strength to this team, with his particular skills and passion for curriculum. Jason will indeed be a busy man, as he will continue on with his significant responsibilities as an Assistant Principal. I have no doubt that he is up to the challenge.

Nick O'Brien will be moving across from PE to the Prep classroom, from March 15th onwards. This is due to Melanie Pendergast concluding her work at 754. Nick will bring excellent teaching practise to what will be an extremely strong combination, between himself and Annette Chandler.
754 will then need to employ a PE teacher to continue to deliver PE to our students.

We will also be advertising for an additional Assistant Principal, to join our leadership team. These new appointments will certainly strengthen our programs and support excellent teaching in all areas, for all our students. All these changes should be well in place by the end of term 1, in preparation for term 2.

Thank you so much to Ricki-J and Melanie for all their hard work this year. Both are on very different journeys! Ricki-J, the excitement of beginning a family and Melanie spending more time with her already established family. Good luck and best wishes to both.

Jane Bond will also be leaving us at the end of this term. Jane will be continuing her private practise in Bairnsdale itself and will be using the next few weeks to wind up her work with families, plus explaining how to access this service to continue support outside the school fences. Thank you very much to Jane for her long term dedication and commitment to the children and families at 754.

On a different note: I am looking forward to seeing all families at the upcoming parent teacher interviews. (Known as 3 way meetings) This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to speak privately and with a complete focus on the progress of their children this year, with the classroom teacher. This is really important communication and sharing of information. We have allocated times on the Thursday night, to try and cater for day time workers, and then Friday, for any shift workers. It is an expectation that the children will attend the meetings with their parents, after all - the whole conversation is around the child.

I look forward to seeing and chatting with you.
Energy breakthrough.

Sadly this program will not be running in 2016. Both Tina Fitzclarence and Jeff Hathaway have committed over 16 years to this program and have finally called it "a day". They are both to be commended for their outstanding work and commitment to this program and the children / families that have participated. EBT takes hours of preparation and developing of a vehicle, sponsorship etc, let alone the many hours and organisation involved to get the group to and from Maryborough, feed them all etc PLUS stay awake all night! So to Jeff and Tina - I applaud you both.

The reason that EBT will not continue in 2016, is that we have not be able to get another staff member to take on this challenge. So whilst we are in recess for 2016, we never know what 2017 will bring.

As always, I am happy to discuss any aspect of the school with you face to face, at any time - just make an appointment!

Something to ponder: If you could have anyone join you at your dinner table - who would it be? The more important question is why? Discuss this with your children and explore their choice and reasons. The depth of the conversation is the important factor! Good luck.

Trudie Nagle
Principal

Term One ‘3-Way Meetings’

Our ‘3-Way Meetings’ which are being conducted over Thursday March 10 from 3.40pm through to 8.00pm and Friday March 11 from 08.00am through to 1.00pm.

These sessions are compulsory for you and your child to attend.

Friday 11th March there are no students at school, only those students who have an interview at to attend.

Art Enrichment Program Raffle

Title: Quill
Medium: Cast lead crystal and steel base
Size: 45cm W x 50cm H x 20cm D
Value: $1480.00

Tickets: $5.00 each

All proceeds go towards the purchasing of tools and materials for the 75A Art Enrichment programme.

Fun Session & Race Night

New Swimmers welcome!

Friday March 18th @ Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre (BARC)

Pool entry is free at Registration on Friday.

4:30pm for New Members and Mini Swimmers
5:30pm for Race Session with All Squad swimmers
Fun Night/Race enquiries: Bec Seigneur Mobile: 0448030944
New member enquiries: Mary Storrn 0438 921 252 or Margo Cuthbertson 0427 518 448
www.waterdragons.org.au

Bairnsdale Soccer Club

FUTSAL INDOOR SOCCER SEASON COMMENCES - APRIL

Junior Registration: Under 8—March 15 & 22, 5.30-6.30pm
Under 10—March 15 & 22, 6.30-7.30pm
Under 12—March 9 & 23, 5.30-6.30pm
SEASON COMMENCES April 12th & 13th (Term 2)

Seniors Registration: Under 14 & Under 16—March 14 & 21, 6.30-7.30pm
Under 16—MEN—March 14 & 21, 6.30-7.30pm
WOMEN—March 15 & 22, 7.30-8.30pm
SEASON COMMENCES April 11th & 12th (Term 2)

Contacts: Etsuko Boulton 0429797972, Caroline Severs 0402638081, Jackson Roberts 0438422403, Martin Van Elst 0450921756, Fred Vanderslik 0438422403
REGISTRATION FEES: Juniors (6-18) $120 Seniors (18+) $180
FULL PAYMENT DUE UPON REGISTRATION
**Easter Raffle:**

We are holding our very popular Easter raffle again this year and are asking for donations to go towards our prizes. Anything Easter related, eggs, toys, crafts, use your imagination and surprise us! All donations should be left at our Office Reception by Friday 4th March. We will be distributing tickets for sale on Monday 7th March and drawing the raffle on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 24th March. All sold tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March to be in the draw. Class tickets are 50c and tickets for the main draw are $1.

We value your support in all fundraising efforts and welcome assistance of any kind, any time. Many Thanks,
The Fundraising Committee

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**Keep this date free: Trivia Night-Friday March 18:**

This is one of our major fundraising events and is a great way to get to know our community.

- $100 per table: up to 10 people per table.
- 6.30pm until 10.00pm.
- Book now at our Reception Office. Hurry, as tables sell fast

People can buy individual tickets and will be included on a table. These cost $15.

**School Council Elections:**

We are due for a change of our School Council and will be calling for nominees for a number of vacancies. If you are interested, please drop in to our Reception Office to complete a nomination form for yourself.

There will not be a need for elections if the numbers of nominees equal the listed vacancies. The term of Office is for a maximum of 2 years.

**What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

If you are interested please drop into our Reception Office to collect a comprehensive explanation letter and a Self-Nomination form.

Jason Barton
Assistant Principal

**Swimming Lessons**

Our whole school Swimming Program will commence on the first day of Term 2, Monday the 11th of April. In the coming weeks we will send a detailed timetable.
Student Awards
Presented at previous Mondays Assembly

Prep A: Darryl McKay for being incredibly brave when he got hurt. Fantastic Darryl!
Prep B: Jasper Alleyn-Dennison for his amazing efforts to do his best and to listen to his teachers. Well done Jasper!

1/2 A: Hugh Lambert for exceptional maths work with numbers up to 120.
1/2 B: Cooper Ponton for clever thinking and finishing quality maths work.
1/2 C: Lara Healey for fabulous understanding of hundreds, tens and ones, in maths.

3/4 A: Arthur Moser for showing initiative in class and working on his narrative writing piece. Well done!
3/4 B: Kyal Hood for being a respectful member of our classroom.
3/4 C: Toby Greaves for showing respect to his classmates and their learning.

5/6 A: Olivia Bowman for working well all week.
5/6 B: Shikyah Bolt for doing her best work and showing resilience in class.
5/6 C: Tiah Hayes for pushing herself to complete quality work.

Canteen Roster
Volunteers welcome
If interested please contact Narelle Morgan

Any HOT days with 30° & over—Super Dupers are available for 50c

How to order School Photos.
Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value. Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2-3 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:
Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form. Tick “Prepaid Web Order” on the order form and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

Choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images, CHOOSE preferred image, order ‘SET’pack or create a package to suit.

If you are not purchasing photos or are ordering on-line later, please complete details printed in the ‘pack selection’ on order form and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

SIBLING PHOTOS
Consent/pre payment form will be provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos.

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 0397076655
THROUGH MY WINDOW

My special window is my lounge room window.

Through my window I can see the cat carefully jumping on the roof.

Through my window I can see my sister playing with the dogs.

I can see cars going fast by my house.

I can see myself when I was little climbing over the fence to ride my scooter.

In the morning I can see the sunrise going over the fence then it goes into my eyes.

In the afternoon I see myself walking around in my imagination wondering what I will do.

In the evening I see the bright sun going down and the moon rising.
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Bookinanew@oshcare4kids.com.au
OSIIC: 0488 022 375
Kate - Pilogram Leader
May The Force Be With You
Fantasy Fun

March/April Vacation Care
29th March - 8th April 2016

Bairnsdale Primary School

The program will ONLY operate with 10 or more children booked in each day

Address: 330-370 Main Street, Bairnsdale  Program Number: 0488 022 375
Postal: PO Box 7082 Upper Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156
Head Office: 1220 Burwood Hwy Upper Ferntree Gully Victoria
Head Office Number: (03) 9758 6744  Email: admin@afterthebell.com.au  Website: www.afterthebell.com.au

Operation Hours: 8.00am till 6.00pm
Book before the 15th March 2016 to avoid a late booking fee!

Such great value for priceless smiles!
Monday 28th March
Public Holiday
Program Closed

Monday 4th April
Aloha Hawaii
Its Hoola Hoola time on our Hawaiian theme day! What better way to start this jam-packed day by making Leis, then make your own tropical smoothie, play limbo, music games and so much more Hawaiian fun.

Tuesday 29th March
How? How? How?
(in-house)
How high can you build a tower of cards or cups? How can you make ice-cream while playing ball games? How can you marble paint with shaving cream?
How? How? How?
How will you be amazed today???

Tuesday 5th April
Sports Frenzy
(in-house)
Sports fever is here today! Different sporting fun activities will be experienced, like parachute games, ball games and more. This day will surely energize you; there will also be plenty of other sports and craft activities on offer throughout the day, like making your own frisbee.

Wednesday 30th March
Funny Day
(in-house)
Q: How do you make a tissue dance? A: Put a little boogy in it!
You have never laughed as much as you will today. It is all about smiles, laughter and fun. Play games that will make you laugh, make juggling balls, make laugh filled fortune cookies and more!

Wednesday 6th April
Sensory Madness
(in-house)
Come and discover the world of sensory! Touch and feel with your hands and feet with the different types of textures. Come and make your own sensory tube, play with goop and slime and heaps more sensory fun!

Thursday 31st March
Construction Zone
(in-house)
Put your creative mind to work and build, design, construct, the list is endless. Children will have many opportunities to create and build many things today. Children can also choose from a range of recycled materials and construct whatever their imagination can come up with.

Thursday 7th April
Jedi Vs Sith
Come dressed up (in-house)
A long time ago in a Vacation Program far, far away...
Stay true to the force or embrace the dark side and be part of this electric Star Wars day! You will be blown away with what we have in store for you... We cannot reveal all our Jedi or Sith lord secrets, but you will take part in great Star Wars challenges and, best of all, make your own lightsabres! Don't miss out! Limited places! Extra-$12

Friday 1st April
Off To The Movies
(Excursion)
Today we are heading off to see the latest children's movie at Sale cinemas. Please note that all new animated children's movies may be rated PG. Children will be provided with a bag of popcorn, lolly bag and a drink, whilst watching the movie.

Must arrive at the program by - 8.30am
Bus Depart - 9.00 - 9.30am
Arrival Back at the program - 2.00pm
*Please note times may vary depending on what time the movie is scheduled for.

Friday 8th April
‘B’ Day
(in-house)
End The Vacation Care with some fun! Come and try different games, crafts and cooking that all start with the letter 'B'. Play a game of indoor bowling with your friend, bake a berry crumble for afternoon tea, play a game of basketball and create a masterpiece with barefoot painting.

Cost per day/ per child (with 10% discount based on room rate)
in-house - $7.77 --- $7.37
Excursion - $23.41 --- $20

Simply visit our website at www.altenthebell.com.au to book ONLINE and view the terms and conditions. Our online system will estimate your CCB and/or CCR deductions. Prices vary due to CCB and/or CCR eligibility (CCB and CCR is income based) call Centrelink on 13 61 50 to reduce fees.