Our Vision Statement: 754 Primary School will maximise opportunities to develop resilient individuals in an ever changing world

Our Mission Statement for 2015-2018: 754 Primary School will aim to develop literate and numerate students through ongoing, structured, student-centred inquiry

February 2017
Thur 9th: Whole School Swimming Sports
Wed 15th: Prep Rest Day
Wed 22nd: Prep Rest Day
Thur 23rd: Welcome BBQ & VCOP information session 5:30pm
Mon 27th: Meals on Wheels begins

March 2017
Wed 1st: Preps at School. Yr 5/6 Japanese Tea Ceremony
Fri 3rd: Last day Meals on Wheels
Mon 13th: Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 14th: STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 20th: School Photo Day
Fri 24th: STUDENT FREE DAY

Community Playgroup:
Every Thursday 9am-11am in the school hall.

Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

Hello everyone,
The year has started very well. Walking around the school over the last week the hum of students and teachers working together has been very positive.

Tomorrow we will be having the first sporting event of the year, our school swimming sports. Students will be walking to the pool as a whole school group leaving by 9am so we can get the sports underway by 10:00am. Parents are reminded that this is a whole day event for the grades 3 to 6 students and a half day event for the Preps, grade 1 and 2 students.

Students will need to have: Bathers, Towel, School Hat, House Colours, a Rashie if your child has one, a Full Drink Bottle, Sun Block lotion/cream, Food for the day and a willingness to have a go.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and cheer their children on and partake in the atmosphere. It is predicted to be a very hot day, so it’s important that students are prepared for the day with plenty of water, sunscreen and clothing cover. The Kiosk at the pool will not be open to serve food or drinks. Let’s have a great day at the pool. Students who come 1st or 2nd in the 10, 11 & 12 years aged events will be selected in the school team that will go onto the District Swimming Championships on Wednesday 15th of February.

The AGM for School Council is occurring on the 16th of March. There will be 5 parent vacancies and we would urge anyone who is interested in being on the School Council committee to nominate themselves. Nomination forms will be on the notice board outside the staffroom on Monday 13th of February and need to be returned by Monday 20th of February to the office. The length of the appointment is 2 years. If we have more than 5 nominations we will have an election to cut the number of representatives to 5. I would encourage all interested parents to come and talk Ms Nagle or myself about the role of a school councillor.

On Thursday 23rd of February we will be having a “Get to Know You BBQ” at the school. Parents and students are encouraged to attend the evening beginning at 5:30pm with a free sausage sizzle. Teachers will be available for you to chat to in an informal atmosphere.
At 6:00pm in the hall (after the sausage sizzle) our leading teacher, Mrs Fiona Cossar, will give a short presentation about the whole school writing program, VCOP, and the elements of the Big Write and the Cold Write that your children experience every week and your role in this process. An RSVP will be sent out closer to the date for catering purposes.

Congratulations to the 8 students who were elected house captains:

- **Matters**: Riley Thomas and Faith Perry
- **Ketels**: Jessica Taylor and Tianna Kilby
- **Bailey**: Ryan Weel and Tanisha Davidson
- **Radford**: Tristan Rose – Greaves and Jasmine Francis.

The captains will face their first big role on Thursday at the swimming sports.

Yours Sincerely
Warwick Fraser
Assistant Principal

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**COMPULSORY: Hats ON**

Please remember to provide your children with a Sunsmart hat. These need to be worn at all times when outside. Hats are worn in Term 1, Term 2 (until May 1st) and again in Term 4. **We still have a large number of students borrowing hats, these hats are shared between all children and are not laundered each day.**

**Ring Pulls**

Once again we are asking families to collect ring pulls from aluminium cans (soft drink cans, pet food etc:). These are used to make prosthetic limbs. Please bring your ring pulls to the office. Thank you to all the families that collected ring pulls in 2016, looking forward to more in 2017. Marcia Harrison.

**Squash & Racquetball:**

This year we are running a juniors racquetball competition for ages 6- 18. We would like as many new players as we can find. This is an ideal opportunity to learn a new sport and make some great friends along the way. Each school term there will be a pennant which runs on a Monday night and starts at 4:00pm. It is held at the Bairnsdale Squash and Table Tennis Centre. It is extremely affordable and lots of fun. Racquets are provided. For more information please call Laughlin Barlow (junior racquetball coordinator) - 0490065203

**Krafty Sprouts Art:**

Krafty Sprouts will be running again this term. It will run Monday mornings in the Art Room from 9:am-9:30am. All children are welcome up to school age. This will be run by Jenny Backman our art teacher.

**Canteen:**

Our School Canteen is again open for business. The canteen runs from Tuesday to Friday and is open at 1st Break for children to buy snacks. Please see page 7 and 8 of this newsletter for our current menu. We do have lunch order bags available for purchase from reception 20c each or a bundle of 25 for $3.00

**Kidz Club:**

4.30-6.00pm Friday 17th February (and alternating Fridays thereafter) For Kids in Prep to Grade 6. Bairnsdale Baptist Church, 134 Princess Hwy Lucknow Contact: Yvonne Francis 0410 281 668 for more information.

**Fridays Structured Play:**

Bring Your Bikes or Scooters every Friday for a fun structured play session, but please make sure you have a helmet.
**Prep Rest Day:**
Just a reminder to our Prep Parents that for the month of February your child is not required at school on Wednesdays.

**Breakfast Club:**
The Salvation army is again running the Breakfast Club in 2017. This is held every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:am to 8:45am.

**Break Times:**
We have changed our break times this year which sees the children have a longer 1st break and a shorter 2nd break. They are still having the same amount of break time. The new break times are as follows: **1st Break** is 10:50am—11:40am **2nd Break** is 1:40pm—2:15pm Our finish time is still 3:15pm

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**Swimming Sports**

*Thursday 9th February at the outdoor pool*

Don’t forget you hat, towel, lunch, sunscreen and hat!

**Kiosk will not be open**

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**No Buses Running**

**Friday 31st March**

(Except for Dyson Town Bus)
Student Awards

Presented at previous Mondays Assembly

Prep A: Whole Class well done for all using your manners and listening carefully to instructions.

1 / 2 A: Billy Beezley for always listening to instructions and being a great role model in the classroom.

1 / 2 B: Alex Wilton for using excellent manners and listening to instructions.

1 / 2 C: Izac Benedetti for respectfully listening in the classroom.

3 / 4 A: Kodyn Smith for fitting in well to the 3/4 classroom and showing respectful listening at all times.

3 / 4 B: Xavier Cook for being respectful at all times.

3 / 4 C: Myles Bunker for showing respect by listening to instructions and being organised.

5 A: Lily Townsend for always being respectful and listening to instructions.

5 B: Meg Perry for always showing respect in class and listening to instruction.

6 A: Matthew Lal for showing respect in the classroom by using excellent manners and listening to instructions.

6 B: Ryan Weel for being organised in class.

Term 1

February

Helpers are Welcome

If you are not able to make it please contact Narelle or inform the office staff. Thank you

Canteen Closed on Mondays

Spring/Summer Menu out now

Icy Tubes will be available with temperatures above 30°
50¢ each (limit of 2)

Volunteers welcome
If interested please contact
Narelle Morgan 0417 329 184 or the school office.
754 Community Playgroup

Come along and have some fun playing together with your child (aged 0 – 5).

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Playgroup will take place every Thursday in the Bairnsdale Primary School Hall.

It is free of charge.

Morning tea will be provided

Tell your friends, all welcome.

Hope to see you there!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 5152-4395 OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!
PlayConnect Playgroup

Is a weekly facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-6 with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD - like characteristics. This group is to meet the needs of families, their child and siblings.

Wednesdays, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Uniting Church Bairnsdale
710 Lanes Road
Lucknow

Enquiries to Rose: 0427 576219

Come along to connect with other families for information on ASD resources whilst participating with your child/children in activities suited to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

PlayConnect Playgroups are a component of the Australian Government's Helping Children with Autism package.
Would you like to join one of our My Time groups?

What is My Time?

MyTime groups provide local support for parents and carers of a young child less than 16 years with a disability or chronic medical condition.
MyTime groups are for parents and carers who want to have time out to connect with others and share their experiences.
Groups provide unique support from other parents who have “been there” or are “there right now”. MyTime gives parents the chance to share ideas with others and find out about available community support in our area. The program has research-based parenting information available at all group meetings. We have a variety of guest speakers who visit our group eg service providers with information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

How MyTime works

Each group is supported by workers - a facilitator for the parents and play helpers for the children. The facilitator works with the parent group, helping them get to know each other. The play helpers lead the children and siblings in play activities that are suited to the children’s ages and interests. This enables parents to spend time focusing on catching up with others for support to gain information about their child’s disability and service access. Our groups meet once a week for two hours.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the group parents/carers must have a child under 16 who is eligible for the Carer Allowance. My Time groups are free for parents and carers.

How to Join MyTime

We have two groups which meet on Fridays at the Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road Bairnsdale.
1st group runs from 10am - 12pm and 2nd group runs from 12.30-2.30pm
If interested please contact Rose McKenna (MyTime Facilitator) 0427576219.

MyTime is your time!
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| **CLASSROOM**                     | • Use excellent manners  
• Be organized  
• Listen to instructions | • Always make positive choices  
• Own your own behaviour  
• Be at line up on time | • Be sensible  
• Be brave and persevere  
• Always have a go and try your best  
• Accept the consequences of your behaviours |
| **CORRIDOR MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL** | • Walk safely and quietly  
• Close doors gently  
• Know personal space | • Go straight to your destination  
• Wait quietly | • Wait your turn  
• Be a role model  
• Respond appropriately |
| **PLAYGROUND**                    | • Use common sense  
• Own your own behaviour  
• Respect others personal space and property | • Enjoy sensible and fair play  
• Plan your play time  
• Pack away equipment  
• Always include others | • Solve your own problems  
• Apply common sense  
• Adapt when things don't go your way |
| **BUS**                           | • Use excellent manners  
• Show a positive attitude  
• Keep the bus clean | • Seat belt on  
• Quiet voice  
• Stay seated  
• Own your own behaviour | • Try to solve your own problems  
• Ask for help |
| **TOILETS**                       | • Wait your turn  
• Respect others privacy  
• Keep toilets tidy | • Use the toilets during break times  
• Wash and dry hands  
• Use toilet and sink correctly | • Solve your own problems  
• Ask for help |
| **ASSEMBLY**                      | • Always clap for achievements  
• Sit look and listen  
• Use excellent manners | • Keep hands feet and objects to yourself | • Be pleased for others |