



NEWSLETTER NO. 12

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Primary School

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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

May

Mon 2nd : Swimming Program Continues.

Wed 4th: Super Hero Dress up Day \$2.00

Fri 6th: Mothers Day Stall

Mon 9th: Curriculum Day – No Students

Tue 10th: Naplan

Wed 11th: Naplan

Thur 12th: Naplan

Breakfast Club:

Monday's & Thursday's 8am- 8:45am

MAY cont.

Wed 25th: Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

Wed 25th: No Buses Running Today

Dysons Town Bus will be running.

Fri 27th : Grade 5/6 return from Sovereign hill

June

Fri 10th: Report Writing Day – **No Students**

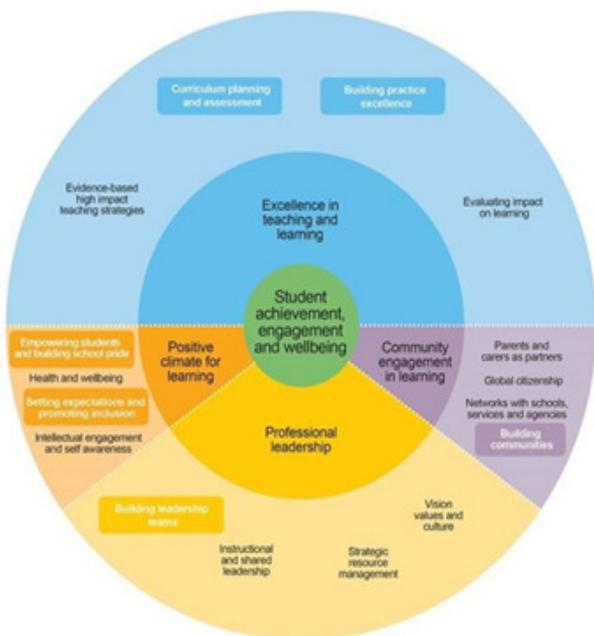
Mon 13th: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Dear families,

We look forward to you supporting our **Mother's Day Stall** this Friday and, as is the tradition of our school, this promises to be a very important fundraising and community spirit day for our school. Thank-you to the team of dedicated parent volunteers who have helped to make this happen and to support the running of the event.

A friendly reminder that we have our **Curriculum Day** set for **this Monday the 9th of May** which means our school will be closed for the day. We understand the inconvenience this may cause some families but, at the same time, we sincerely appreciate your support in helping us to provide the best possible planning for our students. Using our learning from the Creating a High Performance Learning Culture (led by the Bastow Institute) our prime focus for this day is **"What excellent teaching looks like"** during which our teaching partnerships will cover all aspects of English, Maths and Humanities.

The Victorian Government is driving all schools to change which is best understood by viewing **The Framework for Improving Student Outcomes – Improvement Model diagram** (shown below). This helps to illustrate the priority areas and initiatives identified by DET to support student learning and why we need curriculum days to plan our complex work.



Our **swimming program** ends this week and we thank-you for your support in ensuring maximum participation. We would also like to express our thanks to many family members who were able to help our Prep and Grade 1 students to participate. As we see in the news, being safe around water is vitally important especially in the area in which we live.

Across Australia, the **2016 NAPLAN testing** program begins next week and all students in Grades 3 and 5 will complete a series of tests involving Maths and English. The tests will be administered in our classrooms on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday overseen by our classroom teachers. On these days it's very important to help ensure your child has slept well and has had a decent breakfast giving them the best possible opportunity to complete the set tasks. An **information letter** outlining NAPLAN has been included with this newsletter edition.

Continued:

I have been very fortunate to be accepted into the 3rd intake (30-40 applicants per intake) of the '**Unlocking Potential: Principal Preparation Program with the Bastow Institute and the Department of Education and Training**'. Led in partnership with Monash University, it's being promoted as a 'restricted access program' (based on a successful written application and a follow-up interview) and they said that 150 applicants have been already knocked back. Victoria is facing a significant shortage of Principals in the coming 5 years hence the significant investment in this program which covers both Primary and Secondary school sectors. In my cohort, I was working alongside school leaders from as far as Corryong, Geelong and all over Melbourne. Unfortunately for all of us it means that we are going to be out of our schools for 30 days from now through to December. If interested in reading more look up Unlocking Potential here: <http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/courses/unlocking-potential-principal-preparation>

We encourage you and your family to take part in the forthcoming National '**Walk Safely to School Day**' which is being conducted on **Friday 20 May**. The objectives of the day are to highlight the following:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adults hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

An information letter from **Prime Minister Turnbull** is included in this newsletter edition.

Thank-you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact either Trudie, Warwick or myself if you would like to know more about our school direction or suggestions for our newsletter.



With warm regards,
Jason Barton
Assistant Principal

Sovereign Hill Camp Gr 5/6

Dear Parents and Carers,



Just a reminder that all **Permission and Medical forms** as well as any **outstanding payments** need to be finalised and returned to school by Friday 6th May.

Secondary School – 2017

Year 6 – 2017 Secondary School Placement intention forms due back by the Friday 13th May.

Mother's Day Stall

Just a reminder that our Mothers day stall will be held this Friday 6th of May. Prices range from 50¢ to \$5.00



Jewitt Family Raffle

We have a raffle open to assist Amy Jewitt and family at this difficult time. There are some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets are available from reception and will be drawn at the Trivia Night 28th May.

Trivia Night - Saturday May 28th

Our annual Trivia Night has been rescheduled and we're planning on a great night. Tables are still available. The cost is \$100 p/table (max. 10 people). If you're just want 1 or 2 seats speak to reception as some tables may have spare seats.

Funds raised will be donated to the Jewitt family to assist with the costs of Amy's medical treatment.

Ring Pulls

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

KIDZCLUB

For Kids in Prep to Grade 6
4.30-6.00pm Friday 22nd April (and alternating Fridays thereafter)
Bairnsdale Baptist Church, 134 Princess Hwy Lucknow
Contact: Yvonne Francis 0410 281 668



Camps Sport & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Just a reminder that any families, carers or temporary foster parents that hold a valid means-tested concession card may be eligible for CSEF fund. Please see Information page at the end of the newsletter.

Dental Program

I'm not sure if you are aware of the dental program the current government are running, but most children between the ages of 2 and 18 are eligible for \$1000 care at their local dentist. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to come for regular check-ups, become familiar with their dentist and learn about oral hygiene. Most treatment, if necessary will be covered under the \$1000 grant and parents only need their Medicare card number to be checked if this can be used and bulk-billed. Please see attached brochure at the end of the newsletter.

Bairnsdale Lapidary Club

Are you or your children interested in rocks and gems? Would you like to finish your own gems and learn to make them into jewellery? We are having a juniors workshop on Thursday 5th May at the Lapidary Club rooms located in MacArthur Street, Bairnsdale (next to the Bairnsdale Historical Society). The workshop runs from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information find us on Facebook or email bairnsdalelapidary@bigpond.com



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Georgia Roughly who came second in the Victorian Primary School Golf competition in the East Gippsland Region. Georgia managed an impressive 55 over 9 holes. Georgia will now compete in the State competition in November 2016

Canteen Roster

Term 2

May:

Thur 5th: Nikki B.

Fri 6th: Daniel B.

Tue 10th: Edith R

Wed 11th: Carolyn G

Thur 12th: Shan H

Canteen Closed Monday's

New Autumn/Winter Menu out now

Volunteers welcome
If interested please contact Narelle Morgan



Student Awards



Presented at previous Mondays Assembly

Prep A: Lachlan Taylor for excellent results in spelling and word knowledge.

Prep B: Yani Hayes for Always being respectful and working hard.

1/2 A: Arabella O'Connor for great work with patterns during Maths.

1/2 B: Darcy Bishop for using interesting titles and sentences in her writing.

1/2 C: Jayden Harrison for always listening respectfully in class.

3/4 A: Jasmin Nation for always being a respectful and responsible member of the class.

3/4 B: Mr Barton Absent

3/4 C: Khloe Watkins for showing resilience in a challenging situation. Well done Khloe.

5/6 A: Martin Wilson congratulations. You worked well last week.

5/6 B: Aidan Kell for being a responsible and respectful student in class.

5/6 C: Max East for making positive choices. Keep it up!

Super Hero Day





After The Bell

Star Quality OSHC



What's On Next Week in the 754 OSHC – AUTUMN

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Student free day	COOKING CLUB Autumn or is that Autumn! Sandwich Art	AUTUMN SCARECROWS Let's create scarecrows from icy pole sticks, paper, glitter and a whole lot more	FAMILY TREE COLLAGE Let's search the school for leaves and make a OSHc family tree with the leaves	LEAF IMPRINTS Discover the wonderful shapes and patterns that make up the world.

KIDS CORNER



Bairnsdale kids go crazy over fresh fruit and vegetables



We had a lot of fun with Dress Ups this week

Ewww!
Did you say we had to kiss the frog?



Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

A: Because it saw the salad dressing.



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!

After The Bell - News

As we move toward the end of another financial year After The Bell like many companies will do a review of our current policies and procedures as well as plan budgets and forecasts for the upcoming year.

We welcome feedback from our families of any of our policies that you do not understand or procedures that you feel we can improve on.

In July of this year we expect there to be increases in award wages and operating costs which will ultimately impact on service costs.

Unfortunately we expect our program prices to increase in the New Year but at this stage we do not completely understand what that is likely to be. We do not take price increases lightly and you can be assured that we will only be applying an absolute minimum increase if it is necessary.

ATB Management Team

ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to After Care! 2016 Enrolments can be completed online or by downloading a paper version, or you can pick one up at the OSHCare room. Should you need any assistance with the online process, feel free to come and see us and will be happy to help you out with the process.

CONTACTS

Booking/Cancellation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au

OSHC phone contact: 0488 022 375

Program Leader: Kate

FREE KIDS DENTAL*

Has your Child Dental Benefits Schedule refreshed in 2016?

Eligible kids may be entitled to a \$1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.



PacificSmilesDENTAL

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*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule is a Government funded dental scheme providing eligible children with \$1000 to use on selected dental services every two calendar years.

If your child is between 2 and 17 years old, contact Pacific Smiles Dental today to see if they are eligible.



4 TOP TIPS FOR KIDS TEETH CLEANING!

- ✓ Clean your teeth at least twice a day using a soft toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste
- ✓ Floss between your teeth once a day to prevent build-up of food and plaque
- ✓ Limit the intake of food and drink high in sugar
- ✓ Visit your dentist for a check-up and clean every six months

pacificsmilesdental.com.au

PacificSmilesDENTAL



Using all our senses to connect with God.

**Multisensory worship
for all ages,
all abilities**

and all our senses!

Sun May 15th, 3pm-4pm

Will be followed by afternoon tea

**in touch is designed to support disabilities such as:
mobility, visual & hearing impairments
ASD, ADD/ADHD & sensory disorders**

through the use of:

**a social story booklet & video,
visual schedule, interactive activity,
enlarged graphics & text,
freedom to move,
alternative furniture,
sensory tools, Auslan, a rest area,
gluten-free food and other supports
available on request from St John's,
Ph: 5152 3133**

Everyone is welcome!



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

PEDESTRIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

I am delighted to support the Pedestrian Council of Australia's 17th National Walk Safely to School Day.

Walking is a great way to be active and healthy and reduce the risk of chronic disease. If you walk more, you will be fitter, healthier and more likely to live a longer and happier life.

If you walk to school, it's also a great opportunity to build regular exercise into your daily routine, enjoy the outdoors, and become familiar with your local community.

I thank the Pedestrian Council of Australia for highlighting the importance of exercise in our daily lives, and promoting safe pedestrian behaviour.

This Walk Safely to School Day I encourage everyone—parents, carers and kids—to get walking and develop a healthy habit that will last a lifetime.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

7 April 2016

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



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

STUDENTS' PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Access from McKean St

For further information

contact Ross Graham Transition Coordinator or

Renea Betts Year 7 Learning Hub Leader

on 5150 4800

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. From 2016, NAPLAN content will be aligned with the Australian Curriculum. For more information on this please see the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

754 Autumn/Winter Menu Term 2 & 3 - 2016

Open Tuesday-Friday

+	Sandwiches & rolls	Hot Food	Lunch Packs	Drinks
Vegemite OR cheese.....\$2.50 Tuna, ham OR chicken.....\$3.00 Egg & lettuce.....\$3.50 Ham & cheese.....\$3.50 Chicken & cheese.....\$3.50 Ham, cheese, tomato.....\$4.00	Steamed dim sims.....\$1.00 Chicken strip.....\$1.00 Corn cobette.....\$1.00 Party pie.....\$1.20 Large sausage roll.....\$2.70 4/20 Traveller pie.....\$3.70 Potato Pie.....\$3.70 Plain pasta.....\$2.00 Plain with cheese.....\$2.50 Tomato & cheese.....\$3.00 Bolognese.....\$4.00 Homemade pizzas- Ham & cheese.....\$3.50 Ham, cheese & pineapple...\$3.50 BBQ chicken with cheese...\$3.50 Chicken burger OR wrap (lettuce, cheese & mayo).....\$3.50	Saladas OR rice cakes (4) with cream cheese OR vegemite, cheese stick, fresh fruit bag & a prima.....\$5.00 Plastic spoon/fork.....10c Paper Bags.....20c	Cup of plain milk (ordered).....50c Hot or cold Milo (ordered).....\$1 Bottled water\$1 Fruit box (apple, orange or tropical).....\$1.50 Chocolate OR strawberry flavoured milk.....\$2.50 Our menu is colour coded to assist with making healthy choices – ***GREEN excellent choice option, appropriate for daily eating **Orange- good choice *RED- not so healthy choice, best for occasional eating.	
Extras available- Cheese.....50c Avocado.....50c Toasted.....50c Wraps.....50c Rolls.....80c Jaffles Baked Bean OR spaghetti.....\$4	Special Days ONLY <i>Wednesday's- hot chicken roll with gravy.....\$4</i> <i>Thursday's-Nachos (with salsa & cheese).....\$4</i> <i>Friday's- hot dog in a roll.....\$3.50</i>	NO HEATING OF BROUGHT FOOD FROM HOME ALLOWED DUE TO HEALTH REGULATIONS!!! *****VOLUNTEERS***** ALWAYS WELCOMED PLEASE POP IN & SEE NARELLE TO BOOK A DAY ☺ Any donations of eggs, fruit, & tomatoes always appreciated ☺	Frozen snacks Cruncha's.....\$1.00 Ice cream in a cone.....\$1.20 (ONLY PREPS TO ORDER WITH THEIR LUNCH ORDERS)	
Snacks Banana Chips OR popcorn.....30c Wedge of fruit.....40c Anzac biscuit, fresh muffin or vegemite salad.....50c Half a fruit bun.....60c Cheese stick/ tub of yoghurt.....\$1				