



# NEWSLETTER NO. 19

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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

## June

**Thur 23rd:** Salvation Army Community Breakfast  
7:45am — 8:45am gold coin donation

**Thur 23rd:** Footy Colours Day

**Fri 24th:** Last Day of Term **2:15pm** Dismissal

Enjoy your 2 weeks break!

## July

**Mon 11th:** 1st Day of term 3

**Wed 27th:** 754 school athletics sports day

**Breakfast Club:** Run by the Salvation Army.  
Held every Monday & Thursday 8am- 8:45am

Newsletter Week 11 Term 2 2016

Welcome all to the final newsletter for the term!

11 weeks is a long haul and it is really noticeable, that students, teachers and families are getting tired. I cannot pretend that I am not looking forward to a break myself.

Holidays are a great time to spend with the kids and there are loads of activities that are cost free. Going for a bike ride, visit the local skate park or playground, or simply staying home and playing board games or reading some books together, the list is endless. The movies are always a popular activity, although it does cost a few \$\$\$!

Reports will be available tomorrow and it is really important that all parents read through these documents carefully. I would recommend discussing the report with your child - after all it is about them! You may access the report via our compass system or if you would like a hard copy please let the office staff know and that can easily be arranged. Since 754 began operating Compass - only 55% of our families have accessed the information. Some have "been in" many times and others just the once - this is a program we will need to review.

The next round of Parent teacher interviews will occur early in term 3 - keep your eyes out for the dates.

The parent survey that went home 2 weeks ago is due back by this Friday. It is always important that we gather up to date information from our parent body and this will be an important element in the upcoming Priority Review next term. Remember it is an anonymous survey (you can put your name on it if you want to) and it just needs to go to the general office.

Tomorrow should be a particularly "**fun day**"! It is the community breakfast and all who participate are asked to make a gold coin donation. This money will go to the Salvation Army and will go a long way to support the brilliant community programs that the Salvo's run. Even our own school breakfasts (twice per week) are run by the Salvation Army and are completely free of charge. The purpose is to ensure full tummies before kids go into classrooms.



### **Continued:**

Tomorrow is also a footy colours day! So feel free to come out of uniform, dressed in the colours of your favourite team. It may be an AFL team, an NRL team or a soccer club that is your favourite! Easy to guess mine - "go Pies"!

Please don't forget that we will finish school early on Friday. Dismissal time is **2.15pm!** Make sure that your children know the arrangements regarding this early finishing time.

Something to ponder: Is your child made of China? Do they break too easily? I recommend the book "Children aren't made of China", written by Wilson McCaskill. Its focus is around kids being more resilient, more self-reliant, encouraging mistakes and learning from them, if you fall and scrape a knee - that you don't actually need an ambulance and coming second, third or fourth actually doesn't matter. The important part is participating!

Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 11th July!



Trudie Nagle  
Principal

### **Salvation Army Community Breakfast**

The Salvation Army will be providing a community breakfast on Thursday 23rd June at our school from 7.45am to 8.45am. With a gold coin donation of \$2 going towards our sponsor child, 'Jeefrey' and to the Salvation Army to help run their wonderful community programs. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

### **Pie Drive**

Just a reminder that the forms and money for the Pie Drive need to be returned by **Thursday 23rd June**. Orders will be ready for collection in the first two weeks of Term 2. For further details please contact Vanessa 0481 296 280

### **Personal Development—Grades 5 & 6**

The last session for grade 5/6 students is Thursday 23rd June. Sessions for grade 5 and 6 students will be held separately on these days.

### **Ring Pulls**

Please keep collecting ring pulls. The ring pulls help to make many medical items such as prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs, surgical screws and crutches. Thank You. Marcia Harrison.

### **Footy Colours Day**

Don't Forget!!! Our Footy Colours Day is on tomorrow. Students can come along dressed in their favourite team colours.

(As long as it is **Collingwood colours**—Joking !! Ms Nagle)



### **Fundraising Committee**

As the holidays are almost upon as I thought it would be good to recap the school fundraising events this semester.

The year started with the Fundraising team purchasing some much needed furniture for the grade 2 rooms. We were able to use the funds we raised last year to cover this cost, which was around \$9,000.

### **Fundraising Committee:** continued

Our first fundraising event was a BBQ held at the school swimming sports. This proved to be a great success and we kicked the year off with a little over \$400 being made.

We then held our Annual Easter Raffles. These raffles, class and major raffles, proved to again be hugely successful with the school raising approximately \$1,000.

Term 2 saw the fundraising team come together for the Mother's Day Stall. This event is always popular with the children and there were lots of volunteers that donated either their crafts or their time to help make this event run smoothly. This is mainly a community event for the students; however we did end up making a nice amount of \$450.

Ms Bachmann, our art teacher, worked with the students from each class to produce fabulous artworks that were auctioned off to raise funds for our Art Enrichment Program. Over \$470 was made from these masterpieces. Crystal Stubbs very kindly donated a gorgeous piece of glass which was also auctioned. The total amount raised for the Art Enrichment Program for term 2 was \$850.

We were hoping to hold a Drive-Inn evening; however this had to be postponed until early next year. We did however hold a Cinema night, we were lucky enough to get the first screening in Bairnsdale of "Finding Dory". The fundraising team would like to sincerely thank all the people who helped with organising, running and the setting up of the event. We would also like to thank those families that bought a plate of supper to share – THANK YOU! It was a great evening. There were lots of lucky door prizes as well as raffle, with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of a Gardening Pack being very generously donated by Fermio's Garden Supply. Over \$500 was made from this event.

Currently we have a Pie Drive Fundraiser underway. Remember to get your orders of pies in and paid for by tomorrow, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. The school will be getting a percentage of all pies sold. We'll keep you posted on how this goes.

Next semesters fundraising events include, a Student Disco, the 5 cent challenge, Father's Day Stall, The second Christmas Maker's and Produce Market and Christmas Raffle.

I would also like to thank the Fundraising team; you all do a wonderful job and have come up with new approaches to raising money.

To all the people who have donated their time, Thank you! To the businesses that have donated goods and money to help us help the school, Thank you! To all the staff that have been instrumental in helping us co-ordinate these events, Thank you. To everyone that has come to these events, or supported them by buying tickets, pies, or just giving a donation, Thank you. Have a safe, relaxing holiday.

Denielle Campbell  
President  
Fundraising Committee



### **Crashendo**

Chloe Boulton, Bronwyn Woods and Mark Piscopo represented the Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra (Crashendo) at the inaugural Gippsland String Festival. They performed a new repertoire to a very high standard at a concert with seventy other string players of all ages. Well Done!

## Secret Agent Society

The Secret Agent Society is a Ten Week Social Skills Program aimed at improving the social and emotional understanding of students, this Term we worked with Imogen, Toby and Koby. They have worked very hard at school and at home. This program is so successful because it relies on so much input from the parents just as much as the school. Then of course the student must put what skills they have learnt into practice.

This program would not be available at Bairnsdale Primary School without the valuable contribution of Communities for Children at Uniting Care who made it possible for all the facilitators to be trained in East Gippsland so we now have this amazing resource in our region.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Liz Taylor for her valuable time and input in making this program a success.

We will be offering this program again in Term 3.

Shelly Freer

**Student Wellbeing Officer**



## Student Awards



**Presented at previous Mondays Assembly**

**Prep A: Lilly Palmer** for always having a go and trying her best.

**Prep B: Zane Kerr** for listening to instructions.

**1 / 2 A: Caelan Appelton** for having a go and trying his best to improve his hand writing.

**1 / 2 B: Yzabella Bence** for respectful behaviour and always trying your best.

**1 / 2 C: Magic Smith** showing strength and respect by apologising.

**3 / 4 A: Akiesha Strickland** for listening well to instructions and having a positive attitude all week.

**3 / 4 B: Lily Gram** for demonstrating outstanding learning resilience.

**3 / 4 C: Peter Kemp** for making an excellent effort with all this classwork. Well done PJ.

**5 / 6 A: Ryan Reidy** Always trying his best and being a responsible and respectful member of our class.

**5 / 6 B: Stephanie Curtis** for her work on Australia's interconnections with countries in the Asian region. You showed resilience in completing this work.

**5 / 6 C: Dylan Bryant** for showing perseverance in working out division problems.

## Canteen Roster

### Term 2

#### June:

**Tue 21st:** Erin R

**Wed 22nd:** Carolyn G

**Thur 23rd:** Nikki B

**Fri 24th:** Sam R

If you are not able to make it please contact Narelle

### **Canteen Closed on Mondays**

#### **New Autumn/Winter Menu out now**

Volunteers welcome  
If interested please contact Narelle Morgan  
or the school office.





Secret Agent Society Members are pictured with Ms Freer (left) and Liz Taylor (right)



## 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 MyTime groups ?

### What is My Time

MyTime groups provide local support for parents and carers of a young child under 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. MyTime 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. A 10am - 12pm group and a 12.30-2.30pm group. If interested please contact Rose McKenna (MyTime Facilitator) 0427576219.

**MyTime is your time!**

Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> 9-11am

**754 Community Playgroup  
begins!!!**

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



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!**

## **You can make a difference!**

Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative (GEGAC) is looking for people to become carers in the East Gippsland region.

**Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are needed to be carers**

Did you know?

- Carers receive a non-taxable reimbursement while they are providing care.
- Caseworkers are available 24/7 for support and advise
- Carers come from all walks of life

**If you would like further information on being a Foster Carer and the training available, please contact  
GEGAC Koorie Kare on: 5150 0727**



## Flexible Respite Packages

Gippsland Lakes Community Health can offer short term Flexible Respite to carers of a person with a disability aged from 0 - 65 yrs.

Carers have many demands placed on them; in order to continue the vital support they provide it is important they look after their own physical and emotional health needs. Respite

Respite is support provided to a carer so they can take a break while a trained worker supports the person with a disability.

Flexible Respite Packages aim to provide a short term or time limited positive experience to both the person with a disability and their carer.

This respite may take place in home or be an out of home activity. Group Activities are encouraged.

Everyone's circumstances are unique. Flexible Respite offers many options on how it is provided depending on carer needs.

For further information please contact the Disability Care Coordinator at GLCH to discuss your Respite needs.

**Disability Care Coordinator  
Margie Budge - Ph 5155 8300  
[disabilities@glch.org.au](mailto:disabilities@glch.org.au)**

  
**Violin, Viola, Cello,  
Double Bass, Percussion**



# MUSIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th  
July**

**9.30am - 2.00pm**

**Concert 2.30-3.00pm - Thursday 7th**

**\$20 or free for families with a valid health care card**

## RAYMOND ISLAND

**for Primary School students.**

**Secondary school and adult volunteer helpers also invited**

**Contact: Crashendo: 0455 872 296 or Anne 0413 993 995**



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