



NEWSLETTER No. 3

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Friday 19th February 2021

Our Vision Statement: 754 Primary School will maximise opportunities for its students to be resilient learners in an ever changing world.

The Values of 754 revolve around: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect. Our whole school approach of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, is the Framework to support these values.

February 2021:

Tue 23rd: World of Maths Incursion

March 2021:

Mon 8th: Labour Day Public Holiday

Mon 15th: Book Fair Begins

Fri 19th: Book Fair Last Day



Breakfast Club:

Every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:15 - 8:45am in the school hall.

School Canteen:

The school canteen is open Tuesday - Friday
Lunch Orders should be in by 9.15am



Principal's Message Week 4 Term 1

I would like to thank the whole school community for their cooperation this week. We were all caught by surprise last Friday with the announcement that we were returning to lockdown and Remote Learning. I am sure that we are all hopeful that we have seen the end of it. However, just in case we are forced in to the same situation, the school has developed a clear plan that will be efficient in supporting student needs.

It was great to see all the students return on Thursday and get straight back into their learning. I think that we all have learnt to become more resilient and flexible over the past 12 months. It is always nice to walk form classroom to classroom and see the students engaged in their learning.

We are endeavouring to provide students with opportunities to ask more questions about their learning as opposed to just answering questions. We want students to be curious and inquisitive at 754. We want students to challenge themselves and be more out of their comfort zone – that is where the real learning occurs!



**Simon Blake
Principal**



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Office Hours:

Just a reminder to all parents that our office hours are **8:30am - 4.00pm** weekdays.

Student Absences:

Please remember to call the school before 9:00am if your child is going to be absent. It is now a Department of Education requirement that we can account for each child every day. Our attendance officer will call every parent of each absent child from 9:00am daily. See page 6 of the newsletter this week for an interesting perspective on absence and what one day away per week means for your child's overall education.

Lost Property:

Please remember to clearly label all of your children's belongings with their name. It is a much easier task for staff to find the owner of a jumper or lunch box if it has been clearly labeled. At the end of each term any items without names are laundered then donated or re-sold as second hand uniform.



Unwell:

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff if your child is ill or feeling unwell, even with a simple cold, they must not attend school. If your child becomes unwell during school hours we will call parents to collect them. Thank you for your continued support with this health recommendation.

Drop Off and Pick Up - Term 1:

Currently parents/carers are only allowed onto the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children. **Parents are not currently able to enter classrooms without a prior appointment.** You are however able to come into the school office to make enquiries or to pick children up for appointments etc. Face masks should be worn where social distancing cannot be maintained outside but masks are mandatory inside.

CSEF (Camps Sports & Excursion Fund):

Please remember to return the CSEF form to claim the Camps Sports and Excursion Fund. To be eligible you must hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Card. Please see page 4 for more information.

Photo Day:

Unfortunately due to the 5 day lockdown period our School Photos had to be postponed. As yet we still do not have an alternate date.



Breakfast Club:

The Salvation Army are once again running a Breakfast Club program at our school. Breakfast club will be held every Monday and Thursday morning in the hall from 8:15am to 8:45am.

Family Accounts:

Accounts have been sent home to families with an outstanding balance. Please check your child's schoolbag as they often forget to hand them to parents. Those families with a nil balance will not have received an account. A Centerpay form was included for those that wish to start a payment plan for camps etc.

We will send home updated accounts once we have the correct pricing for camps and they have been added to family accounts. Camps must be paid in full prior to the start date unless you have a Centerpay plan in place. Please speak to the office staff if you need help setting up payment options.

Head Lice and Long Hair:

We are seeing quite a few cases of head lice across the school at the moment, which is common over the summer months. We would like to remind parents that **children with long hair** are required to have their hair tied up (ponytail, bun etc.) while at school. This helps to reduce the spread of head lice considerably.



Before and After School Care Expression of Interest

The school has been approached to gauge our interest in operating a 'Before and After School' Program.

The first stage is to determine whether or not the service would be utilised by our school community. There will be an application process that will be undertaken if the provider deems the program to be sustainable.

If you think that you would be interested in accessing this service at 754 then please complete the form below and return it to the office by Tuesday 23rd Feb.

Morning: 7:00 am – 8:30 am (\$2.85) (tick if 'yes')

Afternoon: 3:15 pm – 6: 00 pm (\$3.90) (tick if 'yes')



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 is 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

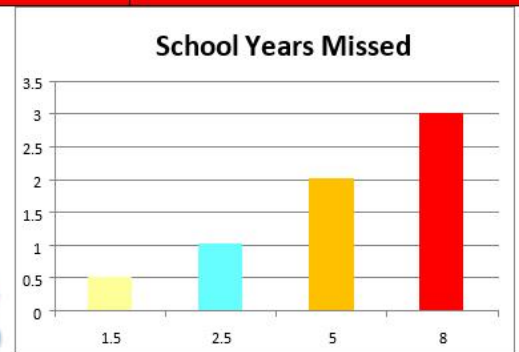


DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Over 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

If you want your child to be
successful at school then
YES, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Labour Day Public Holiday



Monday March 8th

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**** Student of the Week Awards ****

Prep A:

1/2 A:

1/2 B:

1/2 C:

3/4 A:

3/4 B:

3/4 C:

5/6 A:

5/6 B:

5/6 C:

No Awards This Week



Canteen is now open for lunch orders on Tuesday to Friday.

Orders need to be in by 9.15am

Snacks are available from the canteen during first break, prices start at \$1.00



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Bairnsdale Girl Guides

Girl Guide for a day

Come and experience the fun, friendship and adventure of being a Girl Guide for a Day.



Join us for a "Come and Try Guides Day", make some new friends and have fun while learning what Girl Guides is all about. Guides is FREE to join for term 1, 2021!

Who: Girls aged 6 - 12

Where: Bairnsdale Guide Hall, Grant St, Bairnsdale

When: Saturday 20th February 2021, 10am-2:00pm

Cost: \$10.00

6 and 7 year olds need to have a carer present at all times. All girls will need a parent or carer in attendance for the last hour.

Wear casual clothes with good enclosed footwear and bring lunch, a drink bottle and a hat.

To help us plan and ensure COVID restrictions are adhered to please RSVP to Brenda by emailing brenda.payne@guidesvic.org.au . Spaces strictly limited!



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

BERRY STREET
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Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS

your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email

EastGippslandSP@berrystreet.org.au

Online

saverplus.org.au

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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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2021 Canteen Menu



Meals

Drinks & Snacks

Beef Lasagne	\$6 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Bolognese sauce with hidden vegetables and béchamel sauce</i>		
Fried Rice	\$5 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Rice with ham, onion, peas and carrot fried with soy sauce</i>		
Pizza	\$4 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Wholemeal base with your choice of ham, cheese and pineapple</i>		
Salad Sandwich or Wraps	\$4 ⁻⁰⁰	
with Ham	\$4 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and cucumber on wholemeal bread/wrap</i>		
Sausage Rolls	\$3 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Large Sausage Roll</i>		
<i>(Please ask for sauce)</i>		
Chicken Burger	\$4 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Chicken burger, cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise</i>		
Nachos	\$4 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Corn chips with tomato salsa and cheese</i>		
Toasted Sandwich	\$3 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Your choice of ham, cheese and tomato</i>		
Steamed Dim Sims (ea)	\$1 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>(Please ask for soy sauce)</i>		
Party Pies	\$1 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>(Please ask for sauce)</i>		
Meat Pies	\$4 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>(Please ask for sauce)</i>		

Flavoured Milks	\$2 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Chocolate or Strawberry</i>		
Juice Box	\$2 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Apple, Orange or Tropical</i>		
Pop Corn	\$1 ⁻⁰⁰	
Fruit Muffins	\$2 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Berries with bran and low sugar</i>		
Yoghurt	\$2 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>No sugar, low fat</i>		
Fresh Fruit	\$1 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Apple or orange</i>		
Frozen Crunchas	\$1 ⁻⁵⁰	
<i>Orange or Cola. Made in Australia from fruit concentrate</i>		
Ice Cream in a Cone	\$2 ⁻⁰⁰	
<i>Chocolate or Vanilla - single serve only</i>		



Foods marked green are healthy food choices. This is guilt-free canteen food, which is low in sugar, salt and fat.



Foods marked amber are foods that should only be eaten in moderation as part of a healthier diet. These foods contain significant levels of salt, sugar and/or fat.

The canteen is endeavouring to improve the quality of food available to students. We are reducing the number of unhealthy manufactured goods. This inevitably increases the labour and time involved in making healthier options.

Volunteer help would be greatly appreciated if parents/caregivers have some time to spare. Even an hour a week we be of help. Please see the School Office or Devon in the Canteen for more details.

Paper Bags (if not provided) - Please add 20c




















Write the lunch order on a clean brown paper bag and remember to include your Child's name and Class. Lunch orders are placed in the basket in the classroom before 9.00am. Late orders may not be accepted.

Remember the Canteen is only open from Tuesday - Friday only.

Bairnsdale Primary School (754)

Matrix - SWPBS Expectations

We all come to school to learn!	RESPECT	RESPONSIBLE	RESILIENT
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use excellent manners Be organized Listen to instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always make positive choices Own your own behaviour Be at line up on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk safely and quietly Close doors gently Know personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go straight to your destination Wait quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Be a role model Respond appropriately 
PLAYGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use common sense Own your own behaviour Respect others personal space and property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy sensible and fair play Plan your play time Pack away equipment Always include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solve your own problems Apply common sense Adapt when things don't go your way 
BUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use excellent manners Show a positive attitude Keep the bus clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seat belt on Quiet voice Stay seated Own your own behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to solve your own problems Ask for help 
TOILETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Respect others privacy Keep toilets tidy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the toilets during break times Wash and dry hands Use toilet and sink correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solve your own problems Ask for help 
ASSEMBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always clap for achievements Sit look and listen Use excellent manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands feet and objects to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be pleased for others 