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Office Hours 8.30am—4.00pm



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 3rd February 2023

### February

**Wed 8th:** No Preps Today  
**Thur 9th:** Whole School Swimming Sports  
**Fri 10th:** First Girtgan for 2023

**Wed 15th:** No Preps Today  
 Swim Lessons Commence for Year 1 & 2 Students  
**Thur 16th:** Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2

**Wed 22nd:** No Preps Today  
 Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2  
**Thur 23rd:** Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2

**Mon 27th:** School Photo Day

**Breakfast Club**  
 Monday & Thursday Morning

**Canteen**  
 Tuesday to Friday

**Smalltalk Playgroup**  
 Tuesday Morning 9.30 - 11.30

### March

**Wed 1st:** Prep students now attend every day  
 Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2  
**Thur 2nd:** Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2

**Wed 8th:** Swim Lessons Year 1 & 2  
**Thur 9th:** Last Swim Lessons for Year 1 & 2

**Hats are back  
 in Term 1**



## Principal's Message

Welcome back to school!

I hope that everyone had a fantastic and relaxing break. We have had the most amazing start to the year as we definitely hit the ground running on Tuesday.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to 754 and I look forward to beginning our partnership in supporting your child/ren. All the students have settled into their new classrooms and I have been so impressed with all the work that they have already been completing. The school has made a commitment to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all students. As a result, we are operating 13 classes this year to minimise the numbers in each room. This will ensure that there is more 1:1 teaching time with a real strong focus on supporting and challenging every child in Literacy and Numeracy.

<b>Prep H</b>	Mrs Ella Hall	Cindy Stares & Karen Gelvin
<b>Prep T</b>	Miss Nikki Thebes	Chelsea DeBona
<b>Prep W</b>	Miss Emily Walsh	Sam Rodwell
<b>1/2 P</b>	Mrs Marika Percival	Fiona Clarke
<b>1/2 S</b>	Ms Naomi Smith	Jenny Websdale
<b>1/2 V</b>	Mr Jarrod Vague	Dani Ryan
<b>3/4 H</b>	Mrs Natacha Hawtin	Alison Smith
<b>3/4 C</b>	Mr Carey White & Ms Cass Mesta	Claire Jewitt
<b>3/4 N</b>	Ms Sarah Nash	Jasmine DeBona
<b>5/6 B</b>	Mr Michael Bazley	Chris Boyes & Jasper Smith
<b>5/6 A</b>	Ms Anngela Bell	Julie Tromp & Georgia Mayall
<b>5/6 C</b>	Miss Madeleine Clark	Nicki Pollard
<b>5/6 U</b>	Mr Brendon Underwood	Summa Hansford & Donna McCole
<b>PE</b>	Nick O'Brien	
<b>Art</b>	Jenny Backman	
<b>STEM</b>	Anita Padula	

Our main means of communication between the classroom and home is through Class Dojo. It is a really important way to keep up to date with what's going on in your child's classroom or to communicate with the classroom teacher. Also, please feel free to contact the office if you have any other questions or concerns.

**Simon Blake**  
 Principal



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### Canteen:

The school canteen is open from Tuesday - Friday during the school Term. Please see an updated menu that is located toward the end of the newsletter.



### Smalltalk Playgroup:

Starting Tuesday 23rd August we will be hosting a Playgroup in the school hall from 9.30 - 11.30am The Playgroup will be run by 54 Reasons. Please see the flyer further down in the newsletter for details.

### SunSmart Policy:

Please be reminded that as per our Sunsmart Policy all students **must wear** a SunSmart hat in Term 1 whilst outside at all times. Students without a hat will be required to stay in an undercover area.



### Unwell Students:

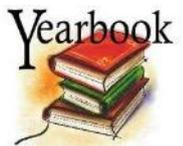
To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff if your child is ill or feeling unwell, even with a simple cold, **please keep them home** until they are feeling better and symptoms have dissipated. If your child becomes unwell during school hours we will call for someone to collect them.

### Student Free Day for Prep Students:

Prep students for the month of February do not attend school on a Wednesday. This is deemed a testing day for all Prep students across Victoria. Your child's Teacher will make an appropriate time with you to meet with them.

### 2022 Year Book:

The 2022 Year Books are still available to purchase from the office for those families that forgot to place their order last year. Be Quick as there are a limited number remaining and once sold out we can not order extra. Yearbooks cost \$15.00 each



### Swimming Lessons Year 1 & 2 Students:

Swimming Lessons for the grade 1 and 2 students will commence on Wednesday 15th February. Lessons will be twice a week for 4 weeks on Wednesday and Thursday. Consent forms will be sent home early next week. Children will not be able to participate in lessons unless we have a signed consent form. Parents are welcome to attend.



The times are as follows:

**1/2 P Mrs Percival & 1/2 S Miss Smith will have their lesson at 12:00noon**

**1/2 V Mr Vague' s class will start their lesson at 12:45pm**

### CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund:

Next week all students will bring home a CSEF form for parents to complete. By completing the form families may be eligible to receive \$125.00 per primary school aged child. This money sits in your school account and can be used towards any camp, sporting event or excursion. This money can also be used to pay the bus fare for swimming lessons. To be eligible to receive the CSEF you need to hold a **valid** Health Care Card / Pension Card. Applications close in April 2023

### School Start and Finish Times:

Just a reminder that school **starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm** If your child/children arrive late please have them sign in at the office before heading to class. If you need to collect your child early please come to the office to sign them out prior to going to the classroom.

### School Photo Day:

School Photo's will be taken on Monday 27th February. Envelopes will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive. We will not have the option to order and pay via Compass this year as we are using a different Photography Company.



### Girtgan (School Assemblies):

For all of our new families Girtgan is an Indigenous word that represents the gathering of many people. Girtgan (assembly) will be held every **Friday** morning from 8.50am in the school hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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# Physical Education - P.E News

## Phys Ed Notes

Our Phys Ed program is up and running again for 2023 and your child's Phys Ed class will be as follows:

- **Grades 3 & 4 every Wednesday**
- **Grades 5 & 6 and Prep T every Thursday**
- **Grades Prep W, Prep H & Grades 1 & 2 every Friday**

In order to allow your children to get the most out of our Phys Ed program it is important that students come to school prepared for physical activity on the day of their Phys Ed class. This means that **all students require** broad brimmed hats during terms one and four, a drink bottle so students can have a quick drink and join straight back in when they get thirsty. Students also need to be correctly attired in clothes that allow for them to run, jump, kick and throw etc. School uniform is great for this but a problem can often occur when students wear footwear that is not really conducive to running around.

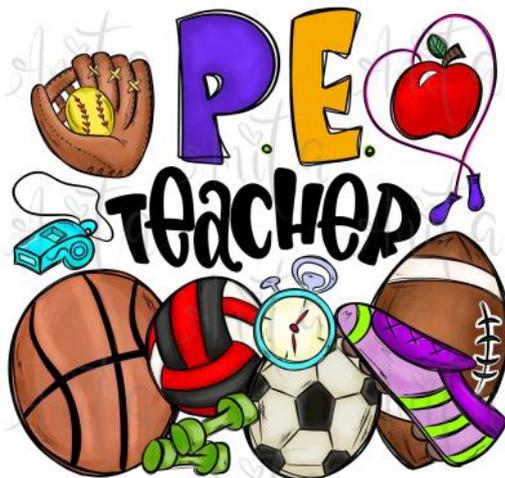
Obviously from time to time a student may be ill or carrying an injury which makes physical activity difficult and if this is the case then a simple signed note from home asking for them to be excused from Phys Ed activities is required.

## Individual Trials for State sporting Selection

We are on the lookout for any of our students who may be considered elite athletes in their chosen field. There will be trials held over the next couple of months to select students to represent Victoria in cricket, basketball, football, soccer and netball. There will also be opportunities to represent our school in tennis and golf.

If your child would like to try out for any of these sports please contact me at school. Students trialing for the Big 5 sports of cricket, basketball, football, netball and soccer must be considered to be elite in their chosen sport and if chosen will need to be available on a regular basis for training in Melbourne as well as to travel interstate for the competitions. Students will be expected to be able to make the commitment to be at all training sessions and to cover the cost of their own travel.

The first levels of competition for Tennis and Golf are held locally and details for entering these are available by contacting me at school.





# Playgroup

**Proudly  
run by**

**54 reasons**



**Free  
Playgroup**

## **SMALLTALK**

### **Supported Playgroup**

- The smalltalk playgroup is a fun time for you to share with your child.
- The smalltalk playgroup gives your child the chance to learn, grow and prepare for school.
- All families with children aged 0-5 years are welcome to attend



### **Program Time & Location:**

Every Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30am

Bairnsdale Primary School 754

324 Main Street, Bairnsdale

Entrance via back gate on Nicholson Street.

### **Come and join us for:**

- Lots of play activities
- Craft
- Music and story time
- Fun and friendship
- Support with parenting

### **Phone Jade for more information**

5153 7500 – 54 Reasons Office

0477 738 303 – 54 Reasons Mobile



Funded by the Victorian Government. Smalltalk developed by the Parenting Research Centre



54 reasons Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their lore, and to Elders both past and present. We also pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children as they will become our future leaders, Elders and Custodians of Country.

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# 2022 Cutie Patooties



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2023

# A little snapshot from around the school today



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# Notice of election and call for nominations for Bairnsdale Primary School Council - 2023

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Bairnsdale Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

The ballot (if required) will close at 4.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

## Membership category

Parent member/Community

## Term of office

## Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

2023

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in

2025

Number of positions:

4

## Membership category

DET employee member

## Term of office

## Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

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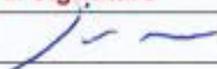
Number of positions:

2

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature



# 2022 Canteen Menu

## Hot/Cold Food

<b>* Beef Lasagne</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
Bolognaise sauce with cheese and béchamel sauce	
<b>* Mac and Cheese</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>* Fried Rice</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Rice with ham, onion, peas and carrot fried with soy sauce	
<b>* Pizza</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
Wholemeal base with your choice of ham, cheese and pineapple	
<b>* Salad Sandwich or Wraps</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
with Ham	<b>\$4.50</b>
Lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and cucumber on wholemeal bread/wrap	
<b>* Sausage Rolls</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
Large Sausage Roll (Please ask for tomato sauce)	
<b>* Chicken Burger</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
Chicken burger, cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise	
<b>* Nachos</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
Corn chips with tomato salsa and cheese	
<b>* Toasted Sandwich</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
Your choice of ham, cheese and tomato	
<b>Steamed Dim Sims (ea)</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
(Please ask for soy sauce)	
<b>* Party Pies</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>* Meat Pies</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<b>* Hot Dog</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
(Please ask for tomato sauce)	

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

## Drinks & Snacks

<b>* Flavoured Milks</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
Chocolate or Strawberry	
<b>* Juice Box</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
Apple, Orange or Tropical	
<b>* Pop Corn</b>	<b>50c</b>
<b>* Cheese Snacks</b>	<b>50c</b>
<b>* Fruit Muffins</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>* Yoghurt</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
No sugar, low fat	
<b>* Fresh Fruit</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
Apple or orange	
<b>* Cookies</b>	<b>50c</b>
<b>* Zooper Dooper</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>* Ice Cream in a Cone</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
Chocolate or Vanilla - single serve only	

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

*Foods marked red 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 would 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.*



## Matrix – School Wide Positive Behaviour System Expectations

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