



No. 7  
Week Commencing  
11th March 2024

# Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

### March

Wednesday 13th—22nd  
NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5

Wednesday 20th  
School Council Meeting  
AGM 7pm

Friday 22nd  
Photo Forms Due Back

Fun Run/Cross Country

Tuesday 26th  
School Photos

Wednesday 27th  
Easter Raffle Drawn at  
Assembly

Thursday 28th  
Last Day Term 1  
1.20pm Finish

### April

Monday 15th  
First Day Term 2

Thursday 25th  
Public Holiday

### School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 26th March. Families need to return the order form attached to this newsletter with payment as soon as possible.

The cost of our photos are kept low due to our organisation of our own photographers, Tanya Webb and Brooke Perkins as well as having them developed locally by James Yeates Media.

For the class photos all students will be wearing the school polo with shorts/trousers or the school dress. Jackets and windcheaters will not be worn in the class photo, as recommended by the external photographer who takes these photos.



### Congratulations

On behalf of the school community we are pleased to announce the arrival of a new baby brother, Dominique for Alyssa and Charlie Cooper.

The family are all very pleased and excited and he will be spoilt by his older siblings.

### Easter Raffle

Thanks to those families who have already brought in chocolates and other suitable items for the raffle. We look forward to receiving more next week.

Thanks again to our Parents and Friends group for organising the raffle which will be drawn at assembly on Wednesday 27th March.

### End of Term

A reminder that Term 1 will conclude on Thursday 28th March at lunchtime - 1.20pm. For those students who travel on buses they will be supervised at school until their buses arrive from 2.10pm.

### Thanks

Although Term 1 is a short one the achievements of individuals, class and the whole school have been obvious.

We enjoy a very positive school environment for students, staff and families and I thank everyone for making the effort to support the school activities and events.

Our staff are dedicated in supporting all students to enjoy success in their academic pursuits and in their personal and social development through positive relationships, expectations and differentiation according to the needs of individuals. "A caring, learning community" is our school motto and this is on display everyday - well done.

### Welcome

On behalf of the BWPS community, we welcome Kenny (MWT) and Chris (JSB) to our school.



We look forward to positive involvement and learning at Bairnsdale West for the students and their families.

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## NAPLAN

As previously advised, NAPLAN testing for Grades 3 and 5 began this week and will continue into next week. The writing tests were held on Wednesday and unfortunately the computer system did not function smoothly so some of the Grade 5 students had to postpone.

The Department staff worked to rectify the situation overnight so we hope that there will be no further interruptions.

As previously noted these tests are another set of data for the teachers and the school and form a small part of our knowledge of the learning of individual students.

## Visitor

At assembly on Wednesday we welcomed Dimi (son of Miss K) and his partner Jen who are visiting Bairnsdale from Dubai. Miss K was very pleased and proud to show Dimi and Jen around our school and it just happened to be Dimi's birthday.

## LEGO

As previously advised we are going to distribute LEGO to our students and this process began last week. Students in Grades 3 and 4 (Middle School) received some and it was pleasing for the thanks and appreciation from students.

I received thank you notes from the students in MTE which were very nice and it also highlighted the focus of our teachers in supporting the students in personal development.

Appreciation of the things we have, know and receive is an important life skill for all of us and thanks to our teachers for helping our students in this area.

## Toilet Refurbishment

On Wednesday, Huw Porter, Jo Cunningham (School Councilor), Fiona Hassett, Michelle Dall (School Councilor) and I met with an architect and 2 representatives from the Victorian Building Authority to discuss plans for the refurbishment of our student toilet block.

Following the meeting the architect remained onsite to gain a greater understanding of our needs and the functionality of the redevelopment.

This upgrade will be appreciated by the whole community and although we will need to be patient as there are many stages to the planning it will be a welcome refurbishment which we hope will be completed during 2025.

Thanks to Huw Porter for coordinating our involvement in this project and to Michelle, Jo and Fiona for their input.

## Swimming

Congratulations to Nicholas and Thomas Walker, Bonnie Anderson, Freya Somerville and Harry Simpson who competed in the Regional swimming competition today. They all swam very well and Thomas will go on to compete in the State competition.

## Fun Run/Cross Country

We will be holding a Fun Run/Cross Country for all students on Friday 22nd March at West Bairnsdale Oval. Students will run or walk or a bit of both around a set course for a set amount of time.

Two classes will run at a time and they will be encouraged to complete as many laps as they can. The junior classes will begin at 9.45am and conclude by recess 10.50am and following their run they will be able to enjoy a sausage sizzle. The middle and senior classes will begin their run after recess 11.30am and will be finished by lunchtime. Class teachers will know the specific times for their classes by Tuesday 19th March.

If you are able to assist with the sausage sizzle please inform the office.

Spectators are most welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. If any students are unsure of their house colour class teachers can provide the information.

Looking forward to an enjoyable day and suitable weather!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Doug Vickers - Principal



### **BWPS House Colours**

Snowy - Green

Mitchell - Blue

Tambo - Yellow

Nicholson - Red

# Happy Birthday



Back - Lil Britton, Dimi, Mr Vickers, Chloe Bellerose, Kiana Osgood, Maddy Bellerose.  
Front - Callum Yates, Keira Bishop, Douglas Gascoigne.

# Senior Awards



**Oliver Overy (SRS)** for stepping out of his comfort zone to try new things within the classroom and taking pride with his work.  
**Lil Britton (SLW)** for always displaying and following our school rules.  
**Carmen Parker-McLure (SRS)** for her persistence and positive mindset in reading over the last 2 weeks.  
**Jasmine Lynch (SLW)** for always positively displaying and following our school rules.  
**Maya Patel (SMC)** for always being compliant and giving everything an attempt to the best of her ability.



# Regional Swimming

# Junior School Excursion



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