



No. 8
Week Commencing
18th March 2024

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

March

Wednesday 13th—22nd
NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5

Friday 22nd
Fun Run/Cross Country

Monday 25th
Photo Forms Due Back

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 Council

Our School Council met for the first time on Wednesday evening and we are pleased to announce that Michelle Dall, mother of Angus (JSB) and Madi (MTE) is our new President. We thank Michelle for committing to this role and thank all of our School Councillors for their time and support. Troy Anderson, father of Archer (SJS) was elected as Vice President.

Listed below are our School Councillors for 2024 -

Michelle Dall (Parent Representative), Troy Anderson (Parent Representative), Linda Wans (Parent Representative), Samantha Malchcolm (Parent Representative), Rachel Stagg (Parent Representative), Kate Britton (Community Representative), Erin Roberts (Community Representative), Bianca Aumann (Community Representative), Megan Liston (Staff Representative), Sylvia Holland (Staff Representative), Kieran Somerville (Staff Representative).

Easter Raffle

The raffle will be drawn at our assembly next Wednesday and we thank those families and staff who have kindly donated chocolates and other items.

If you would still like to donate items feel free to drop them off at the office by Monday afternoon. Additional raffle tickets are also available from the office.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 26th March from 9.15am so please make sure all students are here on time.

Class photos will be taken in Nova Hall and as previously noted students will need to wear the school polo shirt or dress for the class photos. Please return your order form and money to school by Monday so that we can confirm and plan for the day.

Sympathy

On behalf of the Bairnsdale West Primary School community we offer our sympathy to the following families.

Sarah Foley (Art Therapist) on the recent death of her father. Bruce (Lollipop Person) on the recent death of his father and Leila Ellett and her family on the recent death of her grandfather, Bruce.

Congratulations

Thomas Walker is off to the State Swimming Championships in Term 2 after winning at the Regional event last week and we wish him well as he continues to train over the holidays.

Thomas and his brother Nic, along with Freya Somerville, Bonnie Anderson and Harry Simpson also competed in the relays and performed very well.

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Fun Run - Friday 22nd March

The Fun Run will commence at 9.45am tomorrow at the West Bairnsdale Oval and we look forward to an enjoyable and fun activity for the whole school.

Students are encouraged to wear their team colours and parents are welcome to come and support students.

Following the event students can have a sausage in bread and will also receive an icy pole in the afternoon.

Thanks to Matt Corbett for organising this activity and for the other staff and helpers on Friday.

Matt Knight

Our Reading Consultant has been at BWPS this week working with teachers and students in supporting the developments of understanding planning and implementation.

Teachers have been active in team meetings and in individual sessions as they all are highly invested in working to share their knowledge and ideas.

Our teachers have embraced the work with Matt and have achieved so much during Term 1 in setting up their classrooms, developing routines and relationships and supporting the learning of all students with targeted and interesting teaching.

Thanks to all of our teachers for a great start to the 2024 year.

Holidays

As we all prepare for the forthcoming holidays we are pleased to confirm that during this period the decking outside of the MTW classroom will be renewed and we will also have new backboards and rings fitted for our basketball courts.

These upgrades will certainly enhance the school environment and please our many, many basketballers.

Quote

"It's amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares about who gets credit" - this quote is a reminder to us all that when we work together we achieve more and this is certainly the case for all of us at BWPS.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Doug Vickers - Principal

BWPS House Colours

Snowy - Green

Mitchell - Blue

Tambo - Yellow

Nicholson - Red



Back - Ben Powell, Charlie Cropper, Luke Radford, Kye Finn. Front - Grace Bishop, Tilly Lamperd, Kiana Osgood

The birthday years add up to 101 years this week



Tilly Lamperd (SJS) - for stepping up into her leadership roles and supporting others to respect the school rules. Emily Hill (SLW) - for helping around the classroom and always trying her best. Erika Leslie (SLW) - for her hard work and effort with reading. Byron Parker (SRS) - for always trying his best in all areas of his learning especially his writing. Sophia Moreland (SMC) - for working really hard in word study and reading groups all week.

What's Their Future? Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 22nd of March our student leaders and senior literacy extension students visited the local 'What's their future?' art exhibition at the local Old Butter Factory Art Space.

The exhibition asked students to consider the following questions as part of its display:

What is the Greenhouse effect?; What is the history of climate change?; What is the state of the climate now?; What are the impacts of climate change?; How should we react to climate change?; What action can we take?; What happens if we do nothing?; Why protest?

Students were thoughtful and considerate in their responses at the art exhibition and while debriefing about it back at school. The excursion was a chance to view leadership in a different context and generate ideas about how to create change within a community. We thank past parent and school councillor, Peter Neill, for his generosity in showing us around the gallery. We admire Peter's knowledge and passion about taking action to limit the effects of climate change. Huw Porter - Assistant Principal



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