



No. 11  
Week Commencing  
22nd April 2024

# Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

### April

Thursday 25th  
Public Holiday

### May

Friday 3rd  
Parents and Friends  
Meeting 9am

Wednesday 8th  
School Council Meeting  
7pm

Friday 10th  
Mothers Day Stall

Tuesday 21st &  
Wednesday 22nd  
GLaWAC Planetarium

Friday 31st  
Reconciliation Assembly  
11.30am

### June

Tuesday 11th  
Pupil Free Day

Thursday 27th  
Parent Teacher Chats  
School Finishes 3.10pm  
Last Day for Students

Friday 28th  
Parent Teacher Chats  
No School For Students

### ANZAC Day Assembly and March Details

Today we had our ANZAC Day assembly. Thank you to all community members for their respectful attendance at the assembly.

Pippa and Bonnie Anderson shared a story from 80 years ago about their Great Grandpa that helped us to understand the different emotions attached to war.

A representative from the RAAF base in Sale, Flight Lieutenant Angus Forster and Corbo, led us in our reflections and the ANZAC ceremony. Through our speakers we can understand that there is a lot of pain that goes with having a member of your family go to war and this pain extends well after the war has finished.

Thanks to our speakers and guests including Cooper Hart, who was terrific playing the Last Post for us on his cornet.

Students are invited to march with us tomorrow to represent the school at the Bairnsdale ANZAC Day ceremony. We'll be meeting between 10:30am-10:40am outside COLES on the Main St. Remember to please wear your school uniform and join us as we recognise the service of the war veterans, their families and those currently serving.

### Maths Professional Development Update

Our focus this week in our teacher meetings has been how we teach Maths. Teachers are being led by Westy and Tanya to develop a lesson model that allows for the right combination of direct instruction and open-ended problems. This involves being in the moment while teaching, and focusing on students saying aloud their thinking while completing a maths problem.

Thanks to all staff for their positive commitment to this important work.

### GLaWAC Inflatable Planetarium Incursion

On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd May we will host an event, in partnership with GLaWAC, that will be important in deepening our understanding of Gunaikurnai history.

GLaWAC will setup an inflatable planetarium in our hall and participants will go inside the planetarium to listen to several stories that tell Australia's history that goes back 140,000 years.

There is a focus on Gunaikurnai knowledge and one of the stories is about Cloggs Cave at Buchan. As a community we have visited Buchan as part of our on-country learning with Aunty Doris, and we are excited to learn more through this experience.

Grade 3-6 students will be included in this incursion and then all community members will have an option to visit the planetarium if they choose on the weekend after the incursion, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.

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### **Attitude to School Survey**

In May and June, we'll be conducting the Attitude to School Survey with all middle and senior school students.

Students feedback is valuable to us, and classroom teachers will support the process, so students understand and feel comfortable in having their say.

### **Outside School Hours Care Program**

Our Outside School Hours Care program is up and running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Taz and Karen are doing a great job facilitating the program and we still have availability for working families to have their child enrolled in the program.

Should you want more information, please call Brooke at the Office.

### **Attendance**

Please continue to support your child's learning by sending them to school each day they are well. If they are unwell, please let us know through the Office, Audiri or directly to the classroom teacher.

It has been positive to see the majority of students have regular attendance to start the term.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Huw Porter

Acting Principal



A representative from the RAAF base in Sale, Flight Lieutenant Angus Forster joined us for our ANZAC assembly this morning.





Thomas Walker smiling proudly after participating in the State Swimming Competition last week. Well done.



Three BWPS students participated in the Interschool Gymkhana today. Pictured here are Angell and Jasmine after their event.

### Bairnsdale Secondary College Grade 5 and 6 Information Evening

Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm-7.30pm at the McKean Street Campus.

For further information please contact the school on 5150 4800 or bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au



## Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Jordy Ward, Louise Ward, Ryan Seabrook and Jett Adams.

## Senior Awards



- Archer Anderson (SJS) - for linking his prior knowledge to his work and sharing strategies with his peers.
- Rashida Dadswell (SLW) - for helping explain the instructions to others in her reading and maths groups.
- Kristella Beria (SCC) - for her stellar efforts towards learning and being helpful to others.
- Adeline Willacy (SJS) - for being persistent in the face of a challenge and always having a go.
- Timothy Saunders-Foster (SLW) - for following classroom rules and instructions as well as participating in all classroom tasks.
- Travis Leonidas (SMC) - for putting in outstanding effort in all subjects, especially for making interesting sentences in writing.
- Absent - Adam Brownlie (SRS) for going above in reading groups and his writing. Well done on your efforts.

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