



No. 14
Week Commencing
13th May 2024

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

May

Tuesday 21st
Senior Students
Winter Sports

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd
GLaWAC Planetarium

Friday 24th
Parent and Friends Group
Meeting 3.20pm

Tuesday 28th
Senior Grades Ballet
Excursion

Friday 31st
Reconciliation Assembly
11.00am
Canteen Closed

June

Monday 10th
Public Holiday

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

Planetarium Show in Nova Hall

Next week, we are thrilled to play host to a unique and very special show in Nova Hall, which will take place in a portable dome!

Our friends at Gunaikurnai Land and Water Corporation (GLaWAC), together with staff from Deakin University, are going to be guiding us through: *The Earth Above: A Deep Time View of Australia's Epic History*.

The show explores Australia's past 140,000 years, incorporating traditional and scientific knowledge to tell Australia's epic story and transport viewers to four locations: Girraween Lagoon on Larrakia and Wulna Country outside Darwin in the NT; Cloggs Cave on GunaiKurnai Country in Victoria's East Gippsland region (Buchan); Lake Mungo in NSW on the land of the Barkandji/Paakantyi, Ngyiampaa and Mutthi Mutthi people; and Jiigurru (Lizard Island) on the Great Barrier Reef, which is sacred to many, including the Dingaal community.

Whilst the portable planetarium is at our school next Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd May we also welcome visitors from neighboring schools to share in the experience with us.

Matt Knight

Matt Knight returns to work with teachers from across the school today and tomorrow. Matt is a Reading Specialist who has been supporting the growth and development of our teachers' knowledge and practice to improve our students' reading behaviours and comprehension.

This is a short visit, prior to his whole staff PD Day on Tuesday 11th June. A reminder to all families this will be a student free day.

Reconciliation Assembly

We warmly invite all families and community to our Reconciliation Assembly on Friday 31st May at 11:00am please RSVP by 24th May.

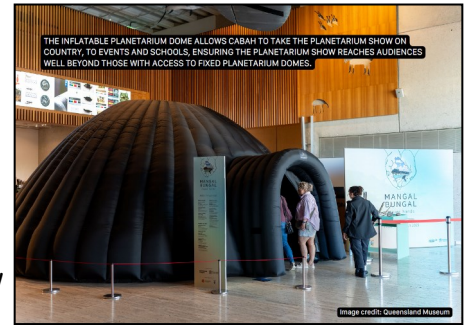
Classes are working on the theme 'Now More Than Ever' and are looking forward to showcasing their learning on the day.

Reconciliation at Bairnsdale West is about sharing and educating the real history of Australia, understanding the impacts the past has on the present and the future. We see truth-telling as an important way of stopping discrimination and racism.

Reconciliation is more than an assembly for Bairnsdale West, it's about education; each and every day. Our assembly is a time to share our learning, thoughts, and voices with the wider community.

This year we are looking for families to share their thoughts and share some of these at the assembly. Are you able to help us?

If you are interested in having your reflections shared, could you please share your ideas on one or all of the questions included on the last page of this newsletter and return them to school ASAP.



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Author Visit

Writing Like a Wild Thing: A Writing Workshop with author Scot Gardner.

On Monday a group of Grades 3-6 students were lucky enough to spend some time with the very talented (and very funny!!) published author, Scot Gardner.

He gave them insights into his own unique writing process whilst walking through the bush. Through some 'quick-write' activities Scot encouraged students to use their own original ideas with a 'show, don't tell' approach to writing gripping fiction.

Scot explained that another key to good writing is separating the writing processes into creating the story and then editing it, since these both utilise different parts of our brains.

Special thanks to Anna Quinlan, former parent of BWPS and volunteer at the Children's Book Council of Australia, for helping make this event happen. For further information about the author follow this link -

<https://scotgardner.com/>

Extension of Leave

Doug has been enjoying some time with his family and grandchildren and has decided to extend his leave for another month. I am sure you will run into him around the community, and he will be happy to share some stories of what he has been up to!

Sympathy

On behalf of the BWPS community we offer our sympathy and condolences to our Acting Principal, Huw Porter on the recent loss of his father and the grandfather to Henry Porter (MMT), Jayce Dwyer (SJS) and Chris Dwyer (former student).

Understandably, Huw will be spending time with his family over the coming weeks. In his absence our Leadership Team will be available to help support the day to day running of the school.

Cross Country

On Monday, 21 students headed to Nagle College to compete in the Division Cross Country, this included competing against other schools in East Gippsland. The 9-10 year old boys and girls had to run 2 kilometres and the 11, 12 and 13 year old boys and girls had to run 3 kilometres, which is about 30 laps of the hall!

All of our runners ran extremely well and tried their best, and our school was also one of the best at encouraging and cheering on our runners.

Congratulations to Jack Lynch, Steph Irish, Hugh Carroll, Mitchell Holland, Jasmine Lynch, Nick Walker and Gabe Barnes-Hobson who all finished in the top ten so will go through to the Regional level on the 6th of June.

A special mention to Hugh who came first in the 11 year old boys and Jasmine who came third in the 11 year old girls.

Parents and Friends Group

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Group and to the extra helpers for the Mother's Day Stall last week.

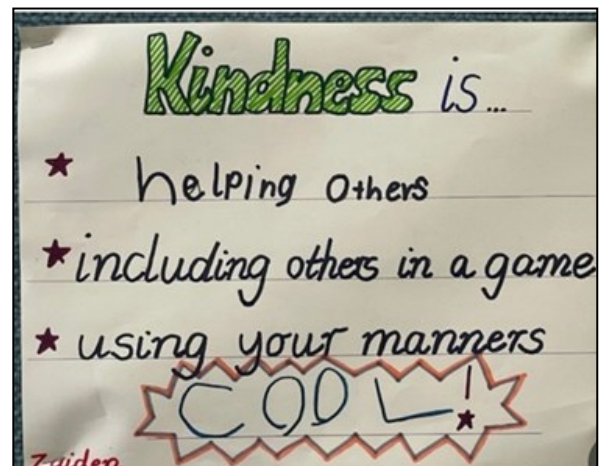
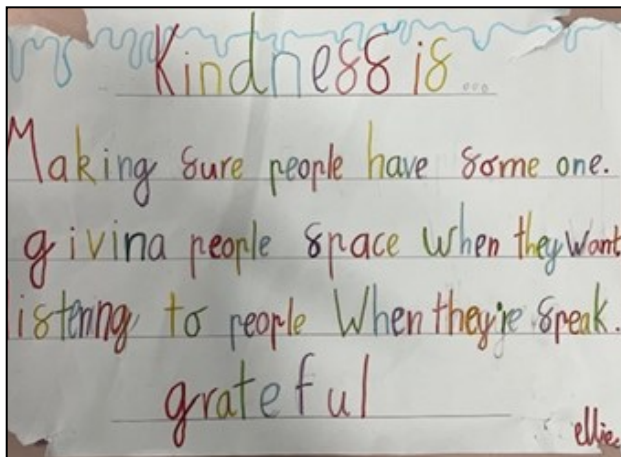
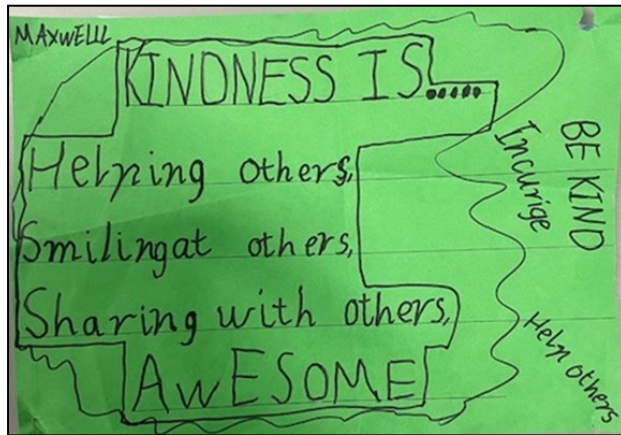
The next meeting for the Parents and Friends Group is on Friday 24th May at 3.20pm. Please come along if you are interested in supporting the group and helping with any future events.



Kindness

At our assembly on Wednesday we were joined by Zaiden Potter, Max Lynch, and Ellie Britton from MWT who have been working on our school theme of 'kindness'.

They shared what they believe kindness is and how they can be kind to others. I have included the posters they shared below:



Winter Sports

Next Tuesday 21st of May, all BWPS Senior Students will be representing our school in Winter Sports, as they compete against some of our neighbouring schools. To help make the day a happy and successful one for all, we ask that all students wear their school uniform, bring along plenty of food, a drink bottle and warm clothing. All sports start at 11am and locations are as follows:

Tee-Ball @ BWPS Oval

Footy @ Lucknow Footy Oval

Netball @ WORLD Courts

Soccer @ West Bairnsdale Oval

Family and friends are welcome to come along and support our students on the day. Thanks to all students and staff who have helped out with training in preparation for the day.

LGBTIQA+ PD

On Tuesday, Megan Liston and Westy attended a LGBTIQA+ inclusion professional development day. The day was about how we as a school can ensure that all of our children feel comfortable in a school setting.

As an organisation that has inclusiveness and respect stated in their beliefs and values it is important to us that all of our students feel that they can be themselves.

We are grateful for the expertise provided by the organisation called Safe Schools (a Victorian Education Department) who facilitated the day and we were pleased to build up a connection with them so that we can utilise their knowledge in the future.

Swimming

There has been lots of excitement around the school with swimming lessons starting this week. There was a slight change in starting times for some grades, so below is a timetable of days and times as a reminder.

Swimming Times 20th - 24th May

MONDAY 20th May	
JLS/JSJ	11:15am-12noon
SJS/SMC	12noon-12:45pm
MMO/SRS	1:00pm-1:45pm
SCC/SLW	1:45pm-2:30pm

TUESDAY 21st May	
JNB/JTF	11:15am-12noon
JSB/JCJ	12noon-12:45pm
MAB/MTE	1:00pm-1:45pm
MWT/MMT	1:45pm-2:30pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd May	
JLS/JSJ	11:15am-12noon
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SCC/SLW	1:45pm-2:30pm

THURSDAY 23rd May	
JNB/JTF	11:15am-12noon
JSB/JCJ	12noon-12:45pm
MAB/MTE	1:00pm-1:45pm
MWT/MMT	1:45pm-2:30pm

Parent Payment Forms

Extra copies were sent out at the end of last week for those families that are yet to complete and return the parent payment forms.

Completing the forms allows families to take advantage of any credits they may have to pay for camps and excursions. Please return the paperwork ASAP as we have some exciting excursions planned for the coming months.

CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

"Don't miss out!" Time is running out to apply for this fund, applications close Friday 21st June. More information is included below.

Thanks for your ongoing support,
Kieran Somerville
Assistant Principal

Financial Assistance Available for Families Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government have a fund to assist eligible families to support the cost of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. Therefore, if you hold a valid concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF.

The allowance will be paid to schools to use towards expenses for your child relating to camps, excursions, and/or sporting activities. The amount per student is \$150.00 for primary school students. We encourage all families that are eligible to take advantage of this fund.

Previous Recipients - If you received these funds last year at Bairnsdale West Primary School, the application is carried over each year so there is no need to reapply.

New Families at BWPS during 2023 and 2024 – You will need to reapply at Bairnsdale West Primary School if you were receiving these funds at your previous school.

Applications close Friday 21st June

If you are eligible, please contact the school office for an application form.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Chloe Wilson, Molly Douthat, Annika Bolderston and Jaxson Hogan-Facy

Senior Awards



SLW Class - For an amazing buddies session, showing care and leadership to their buddies.

Macy Ashton (SJS) - for being a positive example to others in the classroom.

Lydia Ganley (SJS) - for participating enthusiastically in all class activities.

Jayce Dwyer (SJS) - for using a range of writing techniques in his narratives.

Reconciliation Day Family Reflections:

'What do your kids know now, that you wish you knew at their age?

'Now More Than Ever', what do you want your kids to know?

'Now More Than Ever' what do you think our school community needs?

'Now More Than Ever' what do you want the Bairnsdale Community to know?

Please return to the office ASAP

"Know the stories
NOW
more than ever"

You are invited to Bairnsdale West Primary School's
Reconciliation Assembly
Friday, 31st of May @ 11am
Nova Hall, Bairnsdale West P.S.

The Five Clans of the Gunaikurnai

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RECONCILIATION DAY 2024

Reconciliation Assembly RSVP – Please advise our office staff of your attendance by 24th May, we look forward to hosting you. Phone (03) 5152 3516
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