

Barkers Vale Public School

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tilly and the Time Machine

This Friday 24 October all students and staff will be heading into Murwillumbah to the Civic Centre to watch Tilly and the Time Machine, a performance brought to us by the Murwillumbah Theatre Company. The bus will be leaving school at 9am and returning for our normal school pick up time. Please make sure your child is in school uniform and has plenty of food and water.

World Teacher's Day

As we mark World Teacher's Day on Friday 31 October, I take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible dedication and passion of the staff at Barkers Vale Public School. Our teachers and support staff do so much more than deliver lessons — they foster meaningful connections with our students and families, offering care and support through both joyful and challenging times. We have outstanding educators who personalise learning to meet the diverse needs of every student, ensuring that each child experiences a differentiated and explicit learning journey. Their commitment to nurturing a positive and inclusive school community can be seen in every classroom and on the playground.

Set in our beautiful school environment, the staff at Barkers Vale Public School create a warm and inspiring place where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. On this special day, I would like to extend my appreciation to our teachers and support staff for their unwavering dedication, resilience, and kindness. To all our educators — thank you for making Barkers Vale a wonderful place to learn and grow. Please join with me in speaking to staff and acknowledging the time they spend preparing, delivering and supporting all students at our beautiful school.

Presentation Day

We have decided to trial holding our Presentation Day on the Tuesday of Week 9 – 9 December from 1:30pm followed by a sausage sizzle. Please keep this date and time in mind as we will quickly approach the end of the school term and we would really love to see as many parents present on the day as students will not only be receiving awards but will also be performing musical pieces and dances.



Kindergarten Orientation

Starting school is an exciting milestone for children and their families. Kindergarten orientation plays a vital role in helping new students make connections, become familiar with their new environment, and build confidence as they begin their learning journey.

Orientation sessions provide children with the opportunity to explore the school setting in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. Through engaging activities and interactions with peers, students begin to form friendships and feel more comfortable in their new surroundings. This early exposure helps reduce anxiety and fosters a sense of belonging.

At the same time, kindergarten orientation gives staff the chance to get to know each student individually. Understanding each child's interests, strengths, and needs allows teachers to tailor their support and create a positive learning environment from day one.

By prioritising kindergarten orientation, we set the foundation for a successful and enjoyable school experience for our youngest learners.

Kindergarten Orientation dates: Friday 31 October, Friday 7 November, Friday 14 November and Friday 21 November 9 – 11am

Danielle Haywood



We've kicked off the term with a successful harvest from our garden. Despite no rain over the holidays, our carrots were ready to pick! Sunny, Yoshi, Solomon, and Cian kindly volunteered to bake a delicious carrot and walnut cake using our fresh produce. We also talked about collecting seeds by replanting carrot tops and flowering coriander.

In Project-Based Learning, students are exploring how natural processes affect our school and community, focusing on water and flood events. They tested ways to prevent soil erosion in the sandpit by using different materials to stop water runoff.

In Literacy, we've started reading *Leila and the Blue Fox*, while in Maths, students are beginning a unit on multiplication and division, learning about different representations and symbols. They'll continue to build fluency with their times tables throughout the term. What a positive start to the term!



Buruubi



What a wonderful start to the term! The playground has been buzzing with excitement as students settle back into school life. Many have been enjoying games of soccer, showing off their skills and teamwork during break times. Our new sandpit has also been a big hit, with creative building, digging, and imaginative play happening every day.

Best of all, it's been heartwarming to see everyone reconnecting with friends, sharing stories from the holidays, and enjoying each other's company under the warm spring sun. It's shaping up to be a fantastic term ahead!

Buruubi has been full of energy lately, getting involved in all kinds of exciting fitness activities! One of our current favourites is a fun and fast-paced game called Golden Runner. This game combines goal scoring with running, and we've been working hard to improve our accuracy and teamwork. Our goal scoring has noticeably improved, and it's been amazing to see everyone getting involved and giving their best effort.

At the end of every game, we always make sure to show good sportsmanship. We finish with a friendly handshake and congratulate our opponents, no matter the result. It's a great way to build respect and teamwork.

In addition to Golden Runner, we've also been learning how to play badminton in our sports sessions. There's been plenty of laughter as we practise hitting the shuttlecocks over the net and working together to keep rallies going with our partners. It's been a lot of fun, and we're getting better each time we play!





PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

I am Safe – Sun safety: (Responsibility)

I wear sunscreen, I wear a broad brimmed hat, I drink water to hydrate, I look after my hat, I sit in the shade.

WEEK	DATE	Canteen Term 4 – HOME COOKING
3	27 Oct	Hagan – Rangel – Mamet
4	3 Nov	Moore – Kenningale – Toner
5	10 Nov	Hardy – Bjaaland – Pamplin
6	17 Nov	Walker – Rodgers–Falk
7	24 Nov	Steller – Wilcox – Slater
8	1 Dec	O'Brien – Ambrose–Ashby – Mariussen
9	8 Dec	Williams – Sleeth – Kerr
10	15 Dec	Koker – Shedden – Pope

