



BALWYN NORTH  
Primary School

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

Thursday 16th February 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### 2017 Balwyn North Primary School Council

There are a number of positions open for nominations. If you are interested in becoming a member of School Council please read the information below or contact the school office.

*What is a school council and what does it do?*

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines.

Who is on the school council?

*There are three possible categories of membership:*

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years.

*Why is parent membership so important?*

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Balwyn North Primary School Council conducts eight evening meetings each year (*Approximately two meetings each term*).

### **What do I need to do to stand for Balwyn North Primary School Council membership?**

A Notice of Election and Call for Nominations notice is displayed at the front office. If you are interested in gaining nomination you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate. Nomination forms are now available from our School Office. Once the nomination form is completed, please return it to the School Office (nomination box). If required, voting will take place after this date.

**Nominations close on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

## Quote for the week.

**Around here, we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.**

**Walt Disney**



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### Student Leadership – Assembly Badge Presentation

The presentation of badges to our school leaders, including Junior School Council representatives will take place on Monday 27th February. As always, parents are very welcome to attend this assembly to see the children being presented with their badges.



### Classroom Renovations

If you have had the chance to walk past the Foundation or Year 4 spaces since the beginning of the year, you will have noticed some significant upgrades to our learning spaces. The works involved removing some internal walls, plastering, re-carpeting and electrical works. Six large glass sliding doors will be installed in the coming days to add a further degree of functionality to the learning environment. The spaces have re-introduced two classrooms to our school and take full advantage of the natural light available. This work has only been possible thanks to the generous donations from our parent community towards the school's Building Fund. Please see the attached photos of our completed classroom spaces.

Erika Bienert  
Principal

Tony Stokes  
Assistant Principal



	<b><i>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 20th February</i></b>	<b><i>CURRICULM DAY Student Free Day</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 21st February</i></b>	<i>School Banking Due</i> <i>Book Fair Week</i> <i>Meet the teacher 3:50pm—8:30pm</i>
<b><i>Wednesday 22nd February</i></b>	<i>Uniform Shop 8:45—9:30am</i> <i>Meet the teacher 3:50pm—6:00pm</i> <i>No Preps today</i>
<b><i>Monday 6th March</i></b>	<i>School Photos</i> <i>Uniform Shop 2:30pm—3:15pm</i> <i>Assembly 2:45pm</i>
<b><i>Friday 17th March</i></b>	<b><i>CURRICULM DAY Student Free Day</i></b>

# Captain's Corner

## **Book Fair Bonanza!**

The annual book fair has arrived at Balwyn North! As always, it will be held in the school library, with books for all ages and interests available for sale! It will be held early next week, so be sure to bring your money to get yourself some brand-spanking new books and stationery!

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Next week on the Tuesday on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, parents will be able to meet up with their child's teacher. This will give them a chance to discuss with their teacher about their child and learn more about the teacher! Hope you enjoy!

From your 2017 School Captains,  
Ryan, Michael, Catherine and Emma

## THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING !!!



I have an exciting announcement. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school for one week from **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Children, parents, families and teachers will be able to visit **the Library** to buy quality books for their home libraries. This is always a very popular event in the school calendar and the children all enjoy the experience of doing some shopping at school.

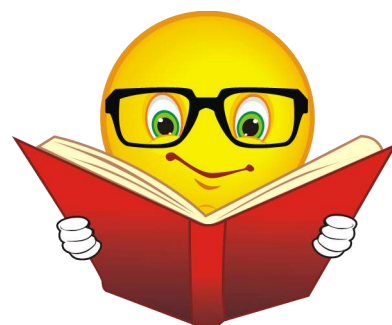
The Book Fair will be open during the first half of lunch time and after school until 4.00 p.m., each day. Children can also purchase books during their Library sessions, throughout the week.

**On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, the Book Fair will be open until 8.00 p.m. and on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, until 6.00 p.m.** Parents who are meeting their children's teachers may like to come to the Book Fair before or after their meetings.

Remember that **35% of all sales goes directly to our school**, allowing me to buy many new books for our Library.

See you at the Book Fair!

Bronwen Dimond





# B.N.P.S. Stars of the Week

## Term 1 Week 2



Class	Name	Achievement
FL	Sofia Siemers	For being Caring by being kind and thoughtful in the classroom and playground. Good job!
FS	Tysha Abrol	For being a Risk-taker by beginning school at BNPS with courage and a smile!
FT	Howard Zhang	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by being excited when learning the sounds of the day. A great start to Foundation!
1K	Mika Hutagalung	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by coming to school every day with a smile and a positive attitude J
1F	Isabella Pham	For being Caring by listening to her friends and being kind.
1N	Cassidy Browne	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by always approaching activities with excitement and positivity.
2G	Inaaya Mishra	For demonstrating independence by settling into BNPS with great "gusto", showing knowledge and enthusiasm.
	Malia Moodley	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by starting Year 2G with a happy, helpful and "amazeballs" approach!
2S	Zacca Lee	For demonstrating Respect by thinking of his peers and teachers when in the classroom! What a super star!
3A	Xander Bakopoulos	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by positively contributing lots of great ideas to class discussions.
3C	Bridie Denman	For being a Thinker by never giving up with the brain teaser and being the first in the class to solve the problem. Well done Bridie.
3R	Violet Gan	For being a Communicator by thoughtfully contributing to class discussions.
4A	Vito Lin	For demonstrating Confidence by making his first week at BNPS filled with great choices. Great choices.
4J	Eugene Kim	For demonstrating Confidence by settling into his new school with confidence and enthusiasm.
4M	Arian Asadpour	For being Caring and demonstrating Empathy by being a fantastic friend and helper to others in the class.
5B	Clarence Bee	For being Open-minded by forming new friendships and embracing the opportunities in Year 5.
5C	Josh Rao	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by having a positive and hard-working attitude towards learning. Great start Josh!
5L	Elizabeth Ngodinhson	For being a Communicator by carefully and precisely creating a statement for our Essential Agreement.
6D	Zac Miritis	For being a Risk-taker by settling in well to Balwyn North P.S. and demonstrating courage and independence to explore new roles, ideas and strategies.
6M	Lea Fuller	For demonstrating Creativity by being imaginative in demonstrating understanding in numerous pieces of work.
6R	Dinethsa Aberathna	For being Balanced and Caring by demonstrating care for her fellow classmates and a balanced, positive attitude to her learning.
PERFORMING ARTS	Anhad Marhala	For being a Communicator by confidently expressing his ideas in the music classroom.
L.O.T.E	Jerry Wu	For demonstrating Enthusiasm by enthusiastically participating in the Dragon Dance Celebration.
P.E.	Eleanor Thomson	For being a Risk-Taker by doing her very best at the swimming sports and fun day. J

**PFA Monthly Lunch - Tuesday 21st February 12noon**

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) organise Monthly catchup lunches. All are invited (little ones too).

So come along to our first one at:

**BAR SUR LOOP**

115 Bulleen Rd, Balwyn North VIC 3104

Come for lunch or just a coffee. We'd love to see you there.



Calling all parents of FL, 2S, 5B, 5C, 5L, 6D, 6M and 6R

..... We need you!

We don't have class reps for these classes yet and we would just LOVE you to come on board with us. Please contact Kathleen on 0411731719 or

[kathleenbee@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenbee@gmail.com) if you'd like to be a part of the

Class Reps 2017 team.



BNPS Primary Dance Program

## Lunchtime Dance Classes

*Celebrating 22 years at BNPS*

With Paula Lombardo

BA, Dip Dance Teaching & Management

Foundation&1	Jazz dance - Thursdays
Grades 2&3	Jazz dance - Mondays
Grades 4-6	Jazz dance - Wednesday

Classes commence Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

For Enrolment and further details  
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OR Call 0438 199 359

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*After-school Graduate classes for Year7-12 now on  
Tuesdays in Doncaster*



## Raffle prize for Twilight Fun Festival Donation.



Win a bunch of chocolate flowers or a voucher for two loaves of bread simply by donating something for the Twilight Fun Festival. Through the year we will be collecting for our Trash and Treasure, Plant and Craft stalls as well as cooking and crafting supplies for our community event projects.

You'll receive a raffle ticket for the monthly draw when you donate in a given month. Our principle Erika Bienert will draw the winning ticket and the selected prize will be awarded to your child at the following school assembly.

To be in the draw simply include your child's name and class with your donation to the office or for the Trash and Treasure stall to teacher Mrs Chris Taylor 3C in room 7.

For further details contact Janet Wheeler at [jwhe1@hotmail.com](mailto:jwhe1@hotmail.com)



## Crafting with Jean a TFF community event

19<sup>th</sup> February Sunday 2-4pm

The TFF is months from now but we wanted to make the time to have a bit of fun along the way. We've organised a few community events for us all (parents, kids, carers and teachers) to do some crafting, cooking and gardening projects for the TFF while having a giggle and maybe learning a new skill. First up is a crafting workshop with one of our parents, Jean Fredericks. During this workshop Jean will guide us through a few crafting projects and you'll probably get to meet some new people and produce something gorgeous by the end of the afternoon. Adults are welcome to come alone or bring their little ones. Children must be accompanied. Location of this workshop will depend on the numbers attending but will be in Balwyn North close to or at the school.

RSVP [here](#) by 16<sup>th</sup> February or to Janet [jwhe1@hotmail.com](mailto:jwhe1@hotmail.com)

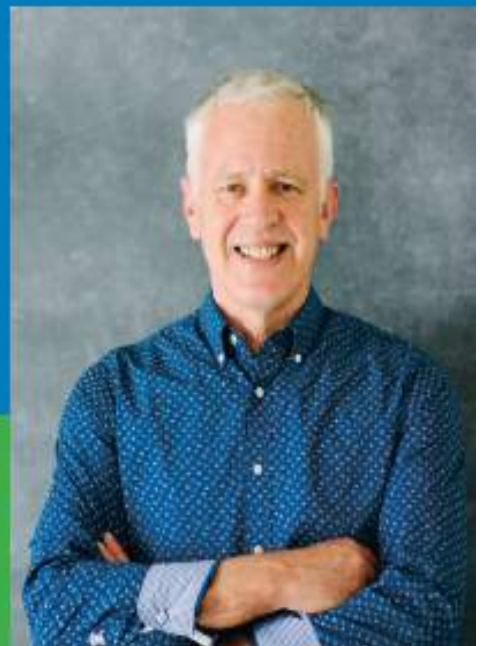
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crafting-with-jean-a-hnps-tff-community-event-tickets-31635407355>



## The Parenting Masterclass

## How to raise independent kids

*"Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents."*  
– Michael Grose



## Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter!

Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children. Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:

- Encourage independence
- Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
- Reduce anxiety
- Foster emotional intelligence

You'll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.

## National tour dates | 7-9pm | Tickets \$35\*

Adelaide	Evanston South	Thursday 2nd March
Brisbane	Manly West	Tuesday 7th March
Sydney	Waitara	Wednesday 8th March
	Stanhope Gardens	Thursday 9th March
Melbourne	Ashburton	Wednesday 15th March
	Keilor North	Thursday 16th March
	Clyde North	Tuesday 21st March

\* 10% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

## About Michael Grose

Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he's been the parent. He's written 10 award winning books including *Thriving!* and is currently touring Australia with his newest release *Spoonfed Generation*.



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 To book your ticket visit [spoonfedgenerationparents.eventbrite.com.au](http://spoonfedgenerationparents.eventbrite.com.au)

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- Pee Wee ( 4-8 yrs ) 4.15pm – 5.00pm
- General ( 8-12 yrs ) 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Adults ( 13 yrs and above ) 5.30pm - 6.45pm

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



**Applications must  
be at the office  
prior to Friday 3rd  
March 2017**



## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



### Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you enjoyed the summer break, and have had a smooth start to term 1. After having a fantastic holiday, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces. Currently we have just been getting back into the swing of things relaxing, cooking, kicking our feet up and playing some fun games (Night at Museum, Dead Fish, our new addition table soccer...) in OSHC room!

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

#### Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator Dimple if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child

#### A friendly message from the co-ordinator:

Hi Parents just a quick thank you for your time for helping me update your child enrolment forms with Camp Australia. This is critical and important for our records as it is vital that we are upto date with any changes that may have occurred.

Please remember that it is our policy for term 1 and 4 that all students wear a hat and apply sunscreen when playing outside. Since the weather has been so fantastic it would be a shame for us to miss on playing our much loved ball games. So slap on a hat, and remember to slop on the sunscreen! (which we of course provide).

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

Dimple Gulati, Coordinator

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) or call customer service on 1300 105 343 or

for last minute booking or cancellation call our service phone: 0402 350 478

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