



# BNPS NEWS

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Term 2 2022

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Well, it's fair to say that Winter in Ballarat has well and truly hit us! The students have enjoyed some light 'ice skating' on the oval before school, too!

### Illness

As I have already written in previous newsletters, we continue to be hit hard by student and staff illness – both COVID and Influenza – as well as colds and gastro. Whilst we do not want children missing anymore schooling and learning than they already have over the past two years, we are very grateful to all the families who are ensuring sick children stay at home until well. It's the best and most effective way to reduce or stop transmission of any of these viruses.

### Excursions and Incursions

Over the past fortnight we have had several incursions, excursions, and events; last week saw the continuation of our Police in Schools Program with our 5/6 students, fabulous representation, also, by our 5/6 students at the Winter Sports Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. I am always so proud when I hear such fabulous, positive stories of how our students have conducted themselves in events such as these. Well done 5/6 students! This week we have our 3/4 classes heading to the Melbourne Museum and our 5/6s engaging in Golf Clinics – all great experiences for our students.



### Early Departures

We have noticed an increase this term in early departures of students. Whilst we do understand that sometimes appointments and commitments are unavoidable, I also need to stress the importance of student attendance at school. A lot of learning time has been lost over the past two years, and with constant interruptions from illness, etc we want students at school for as many hours and days as possible.

### MP Visit

On Wednesday this week, we had a visit from Juliana Addison MP, the State Member for Wendouree. She met with our school captains who took her on a tour of our great school. She got to participate briefly in a Prep Maths class and then met with one of our 5/6 classes where she had a conversation about Government with some keen and interested students. It was lovely to talk to her about our great school community.



Just a reminder that we have school photos coming up on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> following the long weekend (an extra day to get the uniforms dry!)

Until I see you in person,

David

*"We do not remember days, we remember moments." ~*  
**Cesare Pavese**

# CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th May	31st May	1st June	2nd June	3rd June
	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>		Gr3/4 Melbourne Museum	Gr1-4 Swimming
6th June	7th June	8th June	9th June	10th June
Gr5/6 Radio Awareness	Gr5/6 Radio Awareness			Gr1-4 Swimming
13th June	14th June	15th June	16th June	17th June
<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>			Gr1-4 Swimming
20th June	21st June	22nd June	23rd June	24th June
				<b>Last Day Term 2</b>
27th June	28th June	29th June	30th June	1st July
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				



**2 WEEKS**  
UNTIL MSP PHOTOGRAPHY  
VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Please call MSP on 5333 5577 if you have any questions.

**YEAR 7** REGISTER NOW

Information Session

Thursday 9th June 2022  
4:00pm-4:30pm  
(followed by refreshments)

Ballarat Christian College  
Cnr Yarroewee & Vickers Streets, Sebastopol

For further information please email Heather McInerney, College Registrar at registrar@balccvic.edu.au or phone 5337 5900.

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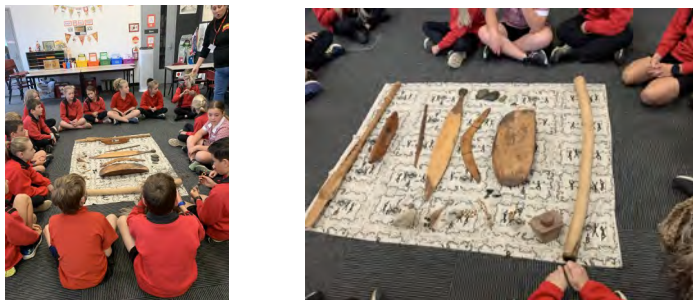
## 3/4 News

This term in 3/4, we have been learning about Indigenous Australians. The 3/4 grades have been lucky enough to have Donna Holloway, Koorie Education Support Office from the Department of Education to come and share her knowledge around the importance of place and country.

The children have been involved in interesting and valuable discussions about the topic. They have had the opportunity to hear about and see many of the artefacts used by the Indigenous Australians.

Donna has also shown the children how to make Johnny Cakes. They are a type of biscuit/scone. The children have enjoyed the eating part as well!

We all thank Donna for giving up her time and sharing her stories and expertise with us.



## Johnny Cakes

### Ingredients

cup flour (plain or s/r)

½ tsp. salt

Water

1. Mix ingredients together in a bowl, add enough water to make a stiff consistency.
2. Make small pikelet size pieces of dough.
3. Fry in hot frypan, until cooked and golden.

## Japanese News

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Hiragana Karate Belts.

Lucy Coulter achieved the Black Belt which is the highest belt.



Congratulations to Isla Ball-Vinten, Drew Kittelty, Chelsea Hurst and Nate Hennig who have completed The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge.



We have 10 students who have completed the challenge so far. Students have read 7867 books. You will receive a chocolate frog and a certificate when you have completed The Challenge.



Happy reading. Ms Lee

Thanks for buying books from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
they help build our classroom resources

Issue 4 Book Club Catalogues were sent home this week. Could all orders be placed online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) by next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. No cash sales. Thank you for supporting Book Club.

Ms Lee



**KELLY SPORTS WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**MON 27th JUNE TO FRI 8th JULY**

**Location:** Eastwood Leisure Centre

**Times:** 8am to 5pm

**Ages:** Kinder to Grade 6, boys & girls

**Activities:** Full day of fun sports games & activities

**What to bring:** Warm clothes, plenty of food & a large refillable drink bottle

**Cost:** \$55 per child per day (\$250 for a full week)

**Enrol:** Online at [www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)

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## Lighten The Load

with Dr Justin Coulson



Your little children don't say "I had a hard day. Can we please talk about it?"

They say, "Will you come and play with me?"

Read that again... slowly. Make sense?

(Big kids probably don't say anything at all. That's ok, so long as we're aware of what it means.)

**The most useful thing we can do is offer our  
presence.**

"Do you want me to stay, or do you want some space?"

Check in. Be present. Play. If they've had a hard day, this is what changes the game for them.

Dr Justin

# NORTH STARS

## Principal's Award



**Toby**  
For being kind and thoughtful towards other students. Such a great behaviour Toby. Well Done!



**Jasmine**  
For being honest, reflective and gracious. Good Job!

## School Captain Award



**Rori**  
For always having a big smile on her face and making people laugh.



**Lucy and Kaiden**  
For cheering and supporting our school at Winter Sports

## Art



**Prep W**  
For carefully listening and following instructions when creating their autumn themed trees. Well done everyone!

**1/2R**  
For the best cleaning up all week. Making patchwork chickens was messy but you didn't leave any mess. Well done

**3/4T**  
Mrs Lockyer was very pleased with you in Art this week. Your animals look fabulous on the tissue paper backgrounds. Well done.

## PE



**Prep W**  
For continuing to improve every week. Prep W have given their best effort in catching over the past few weeks and shown amazing growth.

**All 5/6 Students**  
For representing our school like the champions that they are.

## Japanese



**3/4 C**  
For using lovely manners and working well together to practice the play.

# NORTH STARS



Prep L

**Max**  
For trying really hard to learn some letter sounds this week.



Prep M

**Jack**  
For being a kind and thoughtful friend.



Prep W

**Rori**  
For challenging herself when spelling new words.

1/2B

**Adeline**  
For always being organised. You make sure that you have everything you need to be successful in your learning.



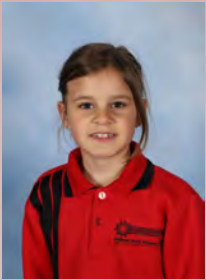
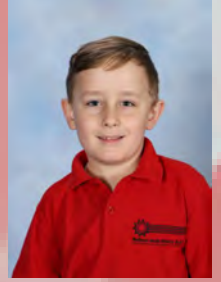
1/2C

**Daniel**  
For consistently working towards his personal best in his learning. Daniel is a friendly and kind classmate. Great job Daniel!



1/2E

**Jaydan**  
For always bringing a smile and a positive attitude to school. You brighten our class every day and we love having you in our class.



1/2L

**Mia**  
For the wonderful effort she has been putting into completing the Mini Lit program and the progress she has made so far.



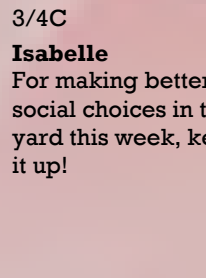
1/2M

**Connor**  
For the effort he is putting in to improving his writing



1/2R

**Hudson**  
For the persistence and focussed approach to all your work this week. Well done



3/4C

**Isabelle**  
For making better social choices in the yard this week, keep it up!



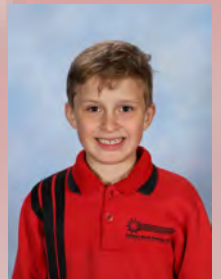
3/4G

**Ruby**  
For applying the school value of respect in all that she does.



3/4H

**Zaine**  
For the way you go about everything. You are a hard worker that strives for your best.



3/4S

**Grace**  
For being positive and always trying her best.



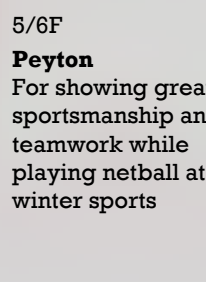
3/4T

**Ruby**  
For always trying her best in everything she does.



5/6B

**Louis**  
For writing a wonderful piece of persuasive text about cyber bullying.



5/6F

**Peyton**  
For showing great sportsmanship and teamwork while playing netball at winter sports



5/6G

**Heidi**  
For being such a diligent and focused learner - even in a week filled with so many assessments! Well done!



5/6S

**Delia**  
For the care she consistently takes when completing all learning tasks

