



BNPS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are already coming close to the middle of Term 1! I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing vigilance around regular RAT testing of your children, caution around student illness and open communication with the school. Whilst I understand at times these scenarios can understandably cause worry, we are all doing everything we can within the guidelines provided to us from the Department of Education and Department of Health to minimise the impact of this on our students, staff and families. So thank you for that.

Assemblies

Last week we were able to start smaller assemblies (Prep-Year 2 and Year 3-Year 6) which our school captains did a stellar job of leading. They were presented with their captains' badges, as were all our Year 6 students. At this stage we are hopeful to be able to again invite parents into assemblies later in the term, but at this point in time still need to limit onsite visitation. We have our fingers crossed this can happen sooner rather than later! I will certainly keep you posted.



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Excursions and Events

This week our Year 3-6 classes started their excursions to the Midlands Lawn Bowling Club. From all reports we have a few budding lawn bowlers who are keen to take the next step. This will continue again next week.

On Tuesday 22nd February our amazing Prep team will be running our Prep Reading Night virtually for all Prep parents to beam into at 6PM. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to hear how reading is taught in the early years, what milestones exist and how you can support your child at home.

Newsletter

Lastly, we will be moving to a fortnightly "full" newsletter from after next week. Each Thursday, we will still publish our calendar and student of the week awards, then we will publish a full newsletter every second week. Any information we need to share in between times will be posted on Compass. We are hoping this will bring a more focussed and succinct way of communicating specific messages rather than a large newsletter every week where information can often get lost.

Until I see you in person,

David Garner

***"Tough times never last,
but tough people do."***

~ Robert H Schuller

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CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb 14th	Feb 15th	Feb 16th	Feb 17th	Feb 18th
		Preps not at school Gr 3-6 Lawn Bowls		
Feb 21st	Feb 22nd	Feb 23rd	Feb 24th	Feb 25th
	Prep Reading Virtual Information Session	Preps not at school Gr 3-6 Lawn Bowls		
Feb 28th	Mar 1st	Mar 2nd	Mar 3rd	Mar 4th
Gr3-6 Athletics Carnival	Gr6 Sovereign Hill	Preps not at school Gr6 Sovereign Hill		
Mar 7th	Mar 8th	Mar 9th	Mar 10th	Mar 11th
		Preps not at school Gr6 Sovereign Hill		

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 28th Jan - 8th Apr **Term 2** 26th Apr - 24th Jun **Term 3** 11th Jul - 16th Sep **Term 4** 3rd Oct - 20th Dec

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We are very excited to be partnering with Dr Justin Coulson again this year through our Happy Families membership. Justin has a PHD in Psychology and is one of Australia's leading parenting gurus. He has written 6 books to date on parenting.

You will see weekly tips and points to ponder from Justin to help 'lighten the load' of parenting, in our school newsletter

Our school membership also means that you get **FULL access** to all the resources on the Happy Families website. There are many fact sheets, pre-recorded webinars and other resources that you can access right now. You also get **FREE access** to all upcoming webinars, where you can actively participate asking questions and adding to the discussion.

To take full advantage of this membership you will need to follow the links below. Happy Families underwent a big upgrade to their system in October last year, so our existing families may need to re-subscribe using these new links.

www.happyfamilies.com.au/user/register/code/BN211030/school/BALLARATNORTH

Instrumental Music Teachers

We are pleased to announce 'SoundCheck Studios Ballarat' will begin offering private or small group music lessons at Ballarat North Primary School this term.

Lessons in guitar and singing will be provided.

Instrumental Lessons are available for students in Grade 3-6.

'SoundCheck' teachers will come to school during the week, and in consultation with Mrs Macdonald, a timetable will be arranged for students to attend lessons during the school day. The schedule will be rotating, so students do not miss the same 30 mins of their classroom program each week.

Families will be engaging 'SoundCheck' privately. Information about booking and the fees are attached at the end of today's newsletter. All bookings and payments need to be arranged with 'SoundCheck' directly. When filling out the 'SoundCheck' registration form, be sure to select you are interested in the Primary School Program.

Mrs Macdonald is still investigating options for a keyboard teacher; more details will follow as they become available.

If you have further questions, please see Mrs Macdonald.

WE'RE BRINGING THE MUSIC LESSONS TO YOU!

SoundCheck Studios are excited to announce that we will be conducting singing and instrumental lessons in schools.

Solo Lessons:

One on one singing or instrumental lessons with one of our wonderful coaches. \$38.50 for 30 minutes.

Group Lessons:

Sing, play instruments, learn how to play in a band and work together as a team. \$12 per student. (Minimum 3 students required)

By signing up to lessons you are committing to one lesson each week on the agreed upon day.

How do payments work?

Invoices will be emailed through to you. You have the option to pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly or upfront for the term. Payments can be made by direct debit or online.

How do I sign up?

To enquire, please sign up using our online form and under what classes are you interested in, please select 'Primary School Program' <https://www.soundcheckstudios.com.au/book>



FROM FIRST AID



If your child requires any medication (other than Ventolin) during school hours, this must be stored in the First Aid room or staff fridge. The medication will be given by Lynda Stuttard or another staff member as per written consent by the parent/guardian or doctor. Please ensure your child's name, dose, time to be given and route (ie topical, oral etc) are clearly marked on the form supplied at the office. If medication from a script, we need to view packaging to ensure we are giving it to the correct child.

(A template is available at the office)

Children requiring Ventolin need to bring their own puffer to school each day. This can be kept in the classroom for easy access. It is now a requirement of the Asthma Foundation that students using a nebulizer should have their own and not be using a shared one.

We have a supply of disposable nebulizers at school, which will be used if required at a cost to parents of \$7.00.

Senior School Athletics

When: Monday 28th of February

Where: Llanberris - Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre

Who: Grade 3 – 6 students

Our senior school athletics are coming up quickly. Students will catch the bus to Llanberris from school on Monday the 28th of February.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with events and chauffeuring age groups between different events.

Due to the regulations in place at the moment any volunteers will need to have a Working With Children Check and be **triple** vaccinated.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me through Compass or let your child's teacher know that you are interested.

In order for this event to go ahead we will need to limit the amount of people moving in and out of the area meaning unfortunately spectators are not encouraged.

Kind regards,
Mr. Shaun Allen.



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Lighten The Load

with Dr Justin Coulson



It's Valentine's Day!

While rampant commercialism, demonstrated by overpriced flowers and expensive gift cards, are the symbols of the day, what our children really know is that *love is in the air*. (Or at least we hope they know that.)

In the Coulson home, our tradition is for Kylie to put together a special Valentine's lunch with lots of pink stuff: cupcake, strawberries, pink lady apple, chocolates wrapped in pink (usually the Lindt variety), and whatever else we can think of.

But the highlight is the celebration of love we share with little love notes for our kids. They love opening up that lunchbox and reading words that affirm and assure our kids we are crazy about them.

To make your family happier this week, try these ideas:

Make something special with them or for them

Spend meaningful time together

Write a note or letter that assures them of your love for them - and why you're so crazy about them

Tell your children why you love their other parent (or, if you're no longer with them, why you loved them once upon a time.)

Find ways to share the love more widely by baking, card making, or doing something nice for loved ones.

Dr Justin

NORTH STARS

Principal's Award

Annabella

For her outstanding leadership in the yard and classroom—a great start to 2022 as a Year 2 leader!



Principal's Award

Eli

For beginning 2022 with a positive outlook and being a kind and respectful role model during Yarning. Well done!

Art



Prep W

For your fabulous line sculptures! You all had a go and challenged yourselves to make spirals, zigzags and archers. Your sculptures look amazing! Well Done!

1/2M

For great cutting skills around your photo portraits. You all worked so well to paint colourful backgrounds.

3/4G

For the best start at Art! You guys were enthusiastic and focussed on our art work. I am proud of you all.

PE



1/2M

For the fantastic way they have started the term. 1/2M always look out for each other and are ready to listen to the start of each lesson. Keep up the wonderful work!

5/6F

For demonstrating our school values of respect and excellence. 5/6F have worked hard to give their best effort in PE during the first two weeks of term. Well Done!

Japanese



3/4H

For the way you listened to instructions and focused on your writing of hiragana.

Performing Arts



1/2L

For great acting with their faces, voices and bodies playing 'Chocolate Cake'

NORTH STARS



Prep L

Georgia

For showing care to her classmates when they're feeling upset by giving them a rub on the back or asking if they're ok.



Prep M

Amelie

For being a wonderful listener. She listens carefully to instructions and starts her work quickly.



Prep W

William

For being a kind and caring member of Prep W.

1/2B

Chase

For always being kind and thoughtful to others. You listen so carefully to everyone in our class.



1/2C

Maddie

For always showing the school values, trying her best and helping others.



1/2E

Nevaeh

For the way you always make connections when learning new information and skills



1/2L

Richmond

For being a respectful class member



1/2M

Ren

For being respectful and helpful in the classroom.



1/2R

Elliot

For his excellent listening skills when retelling a story in detail.

3/4C

Lola

For her excellent oral presentation this week! She was confident, spoke clearly and engaged her audience beautifully.



3/4G

Cash

For showing excellence and striving to achieve his personal best in all that he does.



3/4H

Logan

For a fantastic start to the year. Logan has demonstrated a wonderful work ethic and is striving hard to achieve his best.



3/4S

Eli

For being a polite and hardworking class member who always tries his best and makes excellent contributions to class discussions.



3/4T

Hannah

For doing her personal best when completing her learning tasks.



5/6B

Riley

For being a fantastic member of our class team.

5/6F

Hannah

For being a helpful and thoughtful student. Hannah is always looking for ways to help others.



5/6G

Charlotte

For being such an active and supportive member of our learning community.



5/6S

Seth

For showing Respect.

