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, 23rd February.
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
### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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**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 21st and Wednesday the 22nd, 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
I have an exciting announcement. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school for one week from **Tuesday, 21\textsuperscript{st} to Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{st} February, the Book Fair will be open until 8.00 p.m. and on Wednesday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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**

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<td>For being Caring by being kind and thoughtful in the classroom and playground. Good job!</td>
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<td>FS</td>
<td>Tysha Abrol</td>
<td>For being a Risk-taker by beginning school at BNPS with courage and a smile!</td>
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<td>FT</td>
<td>Howard Zhang</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by being excited when learning the sounds of the day. A great start to Foundation!</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Mika Hutagalung</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by coming to school every day with a smile and a positive attitude J</td>
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<td>Isabella Pham</td>
<td>For being Caring by listening to her friends and being kind.</td>
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<td>1N</td>
<td>Cassidy Browne</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by always approaching activities with excitement and positivity.</td>
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<td>Inaaya Mishra</td>
<td>For demonstrating independence by settling into BNPS with great “gusto”, showing knowledge and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Malia Moodley</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by starting Year 2G with a happy, helpful and “amazeballs” approach!</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Zacca Lee</td>
<td>For demonstrating Respect by thinking of his peers and teachers when in the classroom! What a super star!</td>
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<td>Xander Bakopoulos</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by positively contributing lots of great ideas to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Bridie Denman</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Violet Gan</td>
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<td>Vito Lin</td>
<td>For demonstrating Confidence by making his first week at BNPS filled with great choices. Great choices.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Eugene Kim</td>
<td>For demonstrating Confidence by settling into his new school with confidence and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Arian Asadpour</td>
<td>For being Caring and demonstrating Empathy by being a fantastic friend and helper to others in the class.</td>
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<td>Clarence Bee</td>
<td>For being Open-minded by forming new friendships and embracing the opportunities in Year 5.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by having a positive and hard-working attitude towards learning. Great start Josh!</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Ngodinhson</td>
<td>For being a Communicator by carefully and precisely creating a statement for our Essential Agreement.</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>Zac Miritis</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Lea Fuller</td>
<td>For demonstrating Creativity by being imaginative in demonstrating understanding in numerous pieces of work.</td>
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<td>Dinethsa Aberathena</td>
<td>For being Balanced and Caring by demonstrating scare for her fellow classmates and a balanced, positive attitude to her learning.</td>
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<td>PERFORMING ARTS</td>
<td>Anhad Marhala</td>
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<td>L.O.T.E</td>
<td>Jerry Wu</td>
<td>For demonstrating Enthusiasm by enthusiastically participating in the Dragon Dance Celebration.</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Eleanor Thomson</td>
<td>For being a Risk-Taker by doing her very best at the swimming sports and fun day. J</td>
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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 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
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Classes commence Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017

For Enrolment and further details
email plombardo@netspace.net.au
OR Call 0438 199 359

Annual performance in late November
(no sewing - all costumes provided)
Fun lessons at a reduced cost,
with no driving tired children after school!

*Hurry limited places available
After-school Graduate classes for Year 7-12 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

Crafting with Jean a TFF community event

19th 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 Bialyn North close to or at the school.

RSVP here by 16th February or to Janet jwhe1@hotmail.com

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*

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* 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.

To book your ticket visit
spoonfedgenerationparents.eventbrite.com.au

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Internet: www.thewingeddragon.com.au
Applications must be at the office prior to Friday 3rd March 2017
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 up to 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 slip 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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call customer service on 1300 105 343 or for last minute booking or cancellation call our service phone: 0402 350 478.