December

- 3rd Saturday: Bairnsdale Christmas Parade.
- 5th Monday: 56N, 6TB and some 45D students swimming. 34B & 4LB Waste Excursion.
- 6th Tuesday: Grade 6 Transition to Bairnsdale Secondary and Nagle. Grade 5 School Captain Speeches.
- 7th Wednesday: 5JM, 5JL, 6TB, 56N and some 45D students swimming.
- 8th Thursday: 3CD, 3CM & 45D (4only) Waste Excursion. 6CS & 6KE Swimming. Student Banking.
- 9th Friday: Junior School E.O.Y Family Christmas Carols.
- 13th Tuesday: Junior Athletics Day.

**Helpers for watering**

If any parents/guardians could donate some time with watering the school grounds over the Christmas break please place your name with Rocky at the office before Thursday 3rd December. It is really easy, just come in, move the sprinklers around and turn the timers on.

**Principal News**

**Timeline For Remainder Of Term 4**

Even for those of us who have seen many school years come and go, it still comes as a bit of a surprise that the year is nearly over. Staff have been putting in many hours after school and on weekends writing each student’s report, which will be given out on Friday 16th December. Class lists for 2017 are now being finalised as are staff allocations. The farewell assembly will be held at 2.30pm on Friday, 16th December. At this assembly the 2017 school captains and house captains will be announced. The 2016 student leadership team will also be recognized for the work they have done during the year. Our Scholarship awardees for 2016 will be announced as well.

Bairnsdale Secondary College and Nagle College Year 7 orientation is Tuesday 6th December. Our whole school transition program is scheduled for Thursday 15 December. The Year 6 graduation will be held in the Alfred Howitt Hall on Wednesday 14th December, starting with dinner for students and followed by the graduation ceremony for families and community members.

**Dala Mala Malung - Young Doctors Program**

The Young doctors program concludes next Tuesday 6th December with a graduation ceremony at the Monash School of Rural Health, commencing at 4:00pm. I would like to congratulate Latoya, Hayden and Declan for the leadership and commitment they have demonstrated throughout the program.

**Special Friends Picnic**

The weather is looking fantastic for our special friends picnic today. It will be great to celebrate everything that had been achieved during the year for the students and their special friend, who make this program possible. The great strength of the program is the nurturing of relationships, the trust that develops and the sense of connectedness and self-worth that comes from it. Have a great day everyone!

**Christmas Parade**

The students and parents are reminded that this Saturday, we are participating in the Christmas Parade in the main street of Bairnsdale. As one of the largest schools in Bairnsdale, we are encouraging all of our families to join the parade and represent our school. We meet at 10:30am at Bairnsdale Primary School oval.

**Marcus Batt - Principal**

**Classroom News**

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<td>Alex Berry – For his determination while reading. Well done Alex. Hannah Finn – for always trying her best when reading.</td>
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<td>P1H</td>
<td>Jai DeHoedt – for showing a positive attitude to your learning. Well done! Keep it up! Grace Hubbard – for showing more resilience in your learning by having a go at new things. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Donald Dinsdale - you’ve settled into your first week at Lucknow PS with ease.</td>
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<td>Molly Storer- Collins - for her excellent writing! You have worked very hard with excellent results.</td>
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<td>Ashton Marty - for his wonderful 'WOW' words he's been putting in his writing. Your narratives have been very captivating. Keep up the great work! Tahla Matthes- for her outstanding attitude towards all learning tasks. You have been very focussed and have seen some very pleasing results, especially with your handwriting! Well done Tahla!</td>
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Lily Reddick – she has made huge progress with her writing and spelling. Her recent story titled ‘Bob and the Puppy’ was spectacular. It had lots of wow words – well done Lily!

Billie-Ella Perkins-Cross and Amarni Keat for their respectful listening skills. You are always calm and respectful to others.

Taro Blachford - for working hard on being a respectful listener.

Karlee Richards - who always demonstrates our school values and handles tricky social situations with maturity and honesty, whilst always respecting others.

Caiden Young - for your awesome work this week telling the time. Well done!

Ava Mitchell - for trying so hard to work really well in class and show commitment to her schoolwork. Well done Ava.

Ebony Talty - for her excellent participation in our excursion this week. Ebony, your questions were excellent and thought provoking, it was clear you wanted a deeper understanding of what happens to our rubbish after we throw it away. Fantastic work Ebony!

Celeste Ellis – for being a friendly, kind and helpful student.

Alix Pearson-Young for working well on his Natural disaster project and presenting his work so neatly.

Riley Hood – for showing great resilience during lots of testing and really showing us what he knows!!

The whole class - for a fantastic and enjoyable day on Wednesday at Lakes Entrance for the Open Water Learning Experience.

Sam McVilly - you showed leadership by helping your partner in our recent boating adventures. Well done Sam.

Paige Tarling – for an amazing year.

Dylan Capobianco- for being a great friend on the lookout and always willing to step in and lend a hand.

Alyssa Butler - for her excellent maths story with lots of problems to solve! Great work.

The sportsmanship that all children demonstrated was commendable and we were very proud of the efforts and behaviour of all children involved in the competition.

A special thank you to all parents and family members who came and watched on the day and provided words of encouragement for our team and also transported children to and from Traralgon to catch the train to and from Melbourne.

We look forward to being involved in these fantastic competitions next year.

Debbie Dooley
(Well-Travelled Physical Education Co-ordinator)

Kanga 8’s Cricket State Finals

Yesterday our boys’ team competed in the Kanga 8’s Cricket State Finals competition at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). Our team consisted of Jai Nicholls, Jake Anderson, Sam Stewart, Jet Kellow, Nathan Roseman, Colby Montant, Daman O’Connor, Nate Somerville, Bryce Lind and Jake Ganci.

The standard of competition at the cricket was excellent and the boys’ all played exceptionally well.

The boys’ played Sacred Heart PS in the first game and lost 238 to 99. They won the second game against Quyen P-12 College, 189 to 157 and lost their third game against St Arnaud 167 to 139. The boys’ placed 2nd in their pool which meant that in the final game they were playing off for 3rd or 4th position.

The boys’ played Brighton PS in the final game and lost 175 to 141, which placed them 4th overall in the competition. This was certainly an outstanding achievement!!!

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Tree Of Life
Four Grade 6 students participated in the Tree of Life program. During this program students explored and spoke about their Aboriginal culture and family tree. Students also investigated feelings about themselves and others, in order to understand how they may affect one another. A big thank you to Belinda, Alana and Thomas for running the program.

Community New

Lindenow Football Netball Club
The Lindenow Football Netball Club is looking for Under 11 children to play in their development team on Thursday afternoons in the Bairnsdale Netball Association 2017 competition. Children need to be 9 or 10 years of age on 1st January 2017. A training session will take place on Tuesday 6th, 13th and 20th December at the Lindenow Sports Ground at the netball Court. For further information please contact Megan Overend 0403023715 or Amber Galati 0412270589

Flexible Respite Packages
Gippsland Lakes Community Health can offer short term Flexible Respite to carers of a person with a disability aged from 0 - 65 yrs. Carers have many demands placed on them; in order to continue the vital support they provide it is important they look after their own physical and emotional health needs. Respite is support provided to a carer so they can take a break while a trained worker supports the person with a disability. Flexible Respite Packages aim to provide a short term or time limited positive experience to both the person with a disability and their carer. This respite may take place in home or be an out of home activity. Group Activities are encouraged. Everyone’s circumstances are unique. Flexible Respite offers many options on how respite can be provided depending on carer needs. Carers are finding this support very helpful especially over the holiday periods when their loved ones are not attending childcare, kindergarten, schools, or day service activities. For further information please contact the Disability Care Coordinator at GLCH to discuss your Respite needs.
Disability Care Coordinator
Margie Budge - Ph 5155 8300
disabilities@glch.org.au

Christmas Craft Activity
The East Gippsland Shire Library will be running some free Christmas craft activity sessions open to children aged 5 – 12. Monday, 19 December 3.45pm – 4.45pm Bairnsdale Library Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning the library on 5152 4225.

One Millions Stars Project
East Gippsland Shire Libraries will be taking part in the One Million Stars to end Violence Project. One Million Stars to end Violence is an international weaving project creating beautiful stars as symbols of light, courage and solidarity to end all forms of violence, including violence against women, bullying and racism. Customers are invited to make a star for the project at one of our library branches at any time after 10.00am on the following dates:
Monday, 5 December
Bairnsdale Library
A workshop will be held at 10.00am demonstrating how to make the stars. Please register your interest by phoning 5152 4225. All stars will be sent to Brisbane in early 2017 to be part of a giant installation on display as part of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Arts and Cultural Precinct.

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Saturday December 10, 2016
2:30pm and 4:30pm, East Gippsland Shire Library Bairnsdale
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Win a $50 Bairnsdale Gift Card!
Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/k/RTYD9s8
Parnellie Neighborhood Centre (PNC) wants you to tell us what are your training requirements for 2017. Are you aware that Parnellie Neighborhood Centre offers Free Childcare with conditions.
*Pre-accreditation training and assignment learning.
You can do the course that you want it 2017 we want to know your thoughts. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ParnellieNeighborhoodCentre and complete survey online.
Deadline 13th December 2016

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Gippsland Libraries
E.G.D.L.A. (Estorage)
IMPORTANT L.P.S. INFORMATION FOR THE BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE (THIS SATURDAY!!)

- Our Parade Position Number is 24
- Students, staff and parents walking with our entry to arrive no later than 10:35am
- Meet on Bairnsdale Primary School Oval (look for the Blue Lucknow Banner)
- Participants to wear Christmas Colours/Christmas Costumes
- Current Senior Student Leaders to wear school uniform
- Year 5 students may choose to wear their mask that was made in Visual Arts
- There will be a Parade rehearsal on the school Basketball Court at school on Friday at 2:20pm for all students participating
- Please ensure you have completed the expression of interest below to ensure your child receives their balloon and icy pole.
- Please consider walking with our school so we can make this our most dazzling and fun entry yet
- Pick up at Bairnsdale Primary Oval at end of parade.

Contact Sharon Byrne for more information: byrne.sharon.76@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS PARADE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The ____________________________________________ family would like to walk in the Christmas Parade on December 3rd. The following members of our family will be walking. ____________________________________________

The best phone number to reach me on is____________________________________________

Signed________________________________ Date________________________________

7, 8 and 9 year old School Athletics Day
This year we have not been very lucky with trying to have our 7, 8 and 9 year old athletics day due to inclement weather conditions. Considering that the weather is warming up this term, we have decided to schedule our athletics day for the 7, 8 and 9 year old children on Tuesday the 13th of December. A child’s age is determined by what age they are by the 31st of December, 2016.

Each day will begin at approximately 9.30am and conclude at 2.00pm. Children will travel to and from Howitt Park by bus.

For maximum participation and fun on the day, we have decided to run standardised sports again, which is the same as last year. Each child will wear a card which will be in their house colour and it will also have their name, age group and events listed. Each event has a list of standards and children will be given an A, B or C rating according to their performance at each individual event. The standard the child receives determines how many house points they are awarded. A=3points, B=2points and C=1point. Therefore, all children who participate contribute towards their house points tally. At the end of the carnival the house points will be tallied and a trophy will be awarded to the Captains of the winning house.

Children, who place first, second or third in an event will receive a ribbon. Children who have not received a place ribbon by the end of the day will receive a well done ribbon to recognise the effort they have put in on the day. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours on the day to add to the house spirit.
In order for the day to run smoothly, it would be great to have as many helpers as possible. If you are able to assist on the day could you please fill out the form below and return to school by Monday the 5th of December.

Parents will not be required to send back a permission note because the athletics is classed as a local excursion and the $4.00, to cover the cost of the buses, will only need to be paid if it was not paid for the last athletics day.

We will keep our fingers crossed for fine weather conditions on the athletics day.

Debbie Dooley
(Physical Education Co-ordinator)

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**7, 8 and 9 year old Athletics Carnival**

I am able to assist with the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday the 13th of December

I would like to – assist with an event

(Please write down if you have a preference for a particular event)

- walk around with my child’s age group
  (Please list child’s age group next to box)

Name of parent _______________________________________________________

Name of child_________________________________________________________

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**Save the Date...**

Channel 7 broadcast of The Victorian State School Spectacular (VSSS) on Saturday 3 December at 7pm.
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