



# News Update 14th February 2019

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**Billanook Primary School is committed to a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Late last week we selected our School Captains for 2019. They are Terenja Bork and Mitchell Buckland. These two students are excellent role models and excited and proud to take up this important position. They stepped up quickly to lead our Monday morning assembly with great confidence. This week our Level 6 students have been busy writing and presenting their leadership speech.

Leadership roles are popular at our school with more than two thirds of the students applying for the 16 positions. These positions will be announced once voting and counting is complete, with our badge presentation to be held next Monday morning. We will present the JSC and Sustainability badges at this assembly also. Our level 6 leaders will attend a leadership day in early March to help them in their new roles.

We have been so proud of the way our Foundation students have settled and adapted to school life. They are amazing listeners at whole school assemblies and most are quietly independent coming into school. I think more independent than their parents would like sometimes. It can be harder for a parent letting go than for the child who has an exciting day of new experiences to look forward to. If your child is in this category, be proud of yourself. It shows they are ready for this new independent step. As parents, our role constantly changes, depending on the needs, age and complexity of our children's lives. You will always be needed and important but this will look different for the different stages in life's journey.

**School plans 2019.** This year we have an extended leadership team. This consists of myself as Principal, Paul Lowe as Assistant Principal, Andrew Moore as our Leading Teacher and Liz Dohrman taking up the role of Learning Specialist. Both Andrew and Liz will have important roles in leading the teaching and learning within the school. Andrew will focus on Levels 3-6 while Liz will work with Foundation-2, to build a consistent approach to teaching and learning. All staff have been given the documents which will govern the expected practice in each class. They will meet regularly to plan, discussing the various learning and wellbeing needs of the students in our school. We believe this approach will strengthen the learning of all students and the communication among staff members. The expectation of Learning Specialists is they mentor colleagues, support their classroom practice and be comfortable in demonstrating a wide range of teaching strategies, building excellence and leading change.

Enjoy your week,  
Julie

## NOTICES DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY...

### February

- Thu 14 Student Details Forms
- Fri 15 Working Bee Reply
- Mon 18 School Council Election Nomination Forms due 4.00pm

## Diary Dates February

- Mon 18 Parent and Teacher Information Sharing Interviews for Level 1 to 6 commence  
Assembly 9.00am - Student Leaders Badge Presentations  
Nomination forms for School Council **must be lodged by 4.00pm**
- Tue 19 Internal Evacuation Drill  
Parents' Club AGM 7.00pm
- Fri 22 **Whole School Twilight Working Bee 3.30-6.00pm**
- Mon 25 Tribes Assembly 9.00am
- Tues 26 5/6 Civics Incursion  
**Community Welcome Evening and 'This Is Me' T-shirt Poster Display 5.00-6.30pm**
- Wed 27 Finance Committee Meeting 6.30pm  
School Council Meeting 7.00pm
- Feb 28 External Fire Drill



## March

- Mon 4 Assembly 9.00am German Schultuten presentation to Foundation students  
Foundation students commence fulltime 9.00am-3.30pm
- Mar 5 Lockdown
- Mar 11 Labor Day Public Holiday
- Mar 13 Young Leaders' day  
Grade 5 Exploration Day Yarra Hills
- Thu 14 Level 5 and 6 Athletics Day
- Wed 20 Finance Committee Meeting 6.30pm  
School Council AGM Meeting 7.00pm  
School Council Meeting 7.00pm
- Thurs 21 Level 3 and 4 Athletics Day



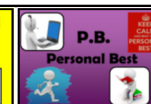
**Curriculum Day Thursday March 28th**  
-no school for students on this day  
On this day, staff will be attending professional learning with other schools in our network with a focus on Formative Assessment.

Please assist the traffic flow at the end of the school day by not arriving until after 3.30 and move into the spaces vacated. Cars waiting in line make Sheffield Rd congested and cause passing traffic to make dangerous decisions. We can all help out in this situation by moving to the parking spaces we see vacated and moving promptly along the Kiss and Go path.



**New system in place.**  
Visitors to school, please now log in to the ipad at the office.

# Tribes Agreements





Many hands make light work ...

## Whole School Twilight Working Bee

Friday 22nd February from 3.30pm until 6:00pm

Please help us clean up our school grounds ready for our  
upcoming Community Welcome Evening!

We would really appreciate your help.

## 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

### 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).

Parents that received funding under the program at the school in 2018 do not need to complete an application form in 2019, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances. Schools are able to copy parent applications from 2018 to 2019 on the CSEF system.

Where a family or sibling is new to the school in 2019, an application form must be completed.

## Personal Goods Brought To School At Owner's Risk

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore staff, students and parent/guardians are reminded not to bring any unnecessary or

### Use of Toilets At School

Any visitors to the school needing to access the toilets, please use the Disabled facility in the administration block. Young children should not use the staff toilets used by adults to comply with the Child Safe standards set.

## STAFF CAR PARK OUT OF BOUNDS

A reminder to all families that the staff car park is out of bounds for all students. The staff car park is not to be used for families and also not suitable to walk children through.

Education Support Staff work at varying hours so cars come and go from this area. OSHCare staff are leaving at school arrival time. We do not want any accidents or injuries.

Please support this safety request.

## Nominations for School Council Elections

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Billanook Primary School. Nomination forms became available from the school office last Monday, the 11th of February and must be lodged by **4.00pm on Monday, the 18th of February, 2019.**

The ballot (if required) will close at 4.00pm on Monday, the 4th of March, 2018.

There are three parent member positions and two DET employee member positions vacant with the term of office commencing from the day after the date of declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further

## Working With Children Checks For Volunteers

A Victorian Government Working With Children Check (WWC) will be required by all adults who undertake any voluntary work at Billanook. This means anyone working in the classroom, school camps, computer lab etc.

**Holding a Police Check is not enough.** WWC is ongoing monitoring of the criminal records of those who hold a WWC Card. Since the 30th June 2008 it is compulsory for all volunteers to provide a current WWC.

To obtain a Working With Children Check you must apply online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). To complete the application form you require:

- an email address, so you can be contacted
- the address of every place you have lived in the last 5 years in Australia
- the name, postal address and phone number in Australia for each organisation you will be doing paid or volunteer child-related work for
- a printer that will print a legible copy of the application summary.

After filling in the online form, finalise your application at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, by presenting your application summary, proof of identity documents and a passport quality photo.

A copy of the current WWC cards is kept on file in the office and approved by School Council annually.

## Parents' Club AGM

Tuesday 19th February 7.00pm

Billanook PS Staffroom

Nomination forms available at the office

Financial members \$1.00 per annum payable at the school office.

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