Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back

I’d like to welcome everyone back from your summer holidays to another wonderful year of learning. A special welcome goes to our new students and their families - thank you for choosing Bayles Regional Primary School for your children.

It has been fantastic to see how well the Foundation students have started school and settled in to a routine. They all look very happy and have been working hard with Mrs Harris to learn about reading skills, letter sounds, counting, days of the week, and just getting to know each other.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Bastin to our teaching team this year. Most of you would know that Mrs Bastin left to have a baby at the beginning of 2016, and she missed us so much that she couldn’t wait to get back into teaching again. All our staff have enjoyed the holiday break and have had a terrific start to the school year, once again excited to be working at Bayles.

Getting to Know You interviews

Next Monday afternoon our teachers will be having “Getting to Know You” meetings. The idea is that you can have a casual chat with the teacher to talk about what’s important for your child and what they might need help with. It’s a great way of communicating between school and home, so please go to the Parent Portal at https://sentral.baylesps.vic.edu.au/portal to book your interview time if you haven’t done it yet.

Captains

Last Tuesday afternoon all kids and teachers met in their house groups to hear from some passionate and dedicated future leaders in grade 6 in their quest to become a house captain. It is with great pleasure that I announce the following students as school captains, house captains, vice house captains, JSC captain and Environment captain for 2017:

School Captains – Shannon H and Travis B
Kookaburra (Yellow) – Declan M (captain) and Jade H (vice-captain)
Ti-tree (Green) – Brooke P (captain) and Travis B (vice-captain)
Blackfish (Red) – Ella T (captain) and Kayla I (vice-captain)
Swamp (Blue) – Cooper (captain) and Nicholas (vice-captain)
Junior School Council Captain – Peyton D
Environmental Captain – Shak B

Congratulations to all these students on their momentous achievement.

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Principal's Report (Continued)

Lunch Orders & Healthy Eating
From next week lunch orders from the Bayles Store will be limited to items listed on the Lunch Order sheet only (sent home to all families today). It was alarming to see the number of lollies and fizzy drinks ordered this week, which does not align with the school’s encouragement of healthy eating. This has been introduced with the full support of the Bayles General Store, and we hope parents will support this as well.

Life Skills
As part of our commitment to the wellbeing of all children, we are working with the Life Skills Group to deliver a 5-week social and emotional learning program to all students called “Healthy Skills for Life”. The core themes for this program are being respectful and calm, active listening, honesty, sportsmanship, fairness, sharing and being grateful for the things that we have. This is a curriculum related program and is therefore compulsory for all students as it is part of the Personal and Social Capabilities domain, which you can find more information about by going to [http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/](http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/).

Given that it is a compulsory curriculum program the school is covering the cost. I’d like to thank school council for supporting this worthwhile program.

Prior to the program starting, a parent information session is being held at the school on Tuesday 21st February at 5pm. More information will be provided to you on Tiqbiz and Facebook.

Kind regards

Mr Mat Anderton

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Yakkerboo Festival
During Term 2 our school will be involved in the 2017 Yakkerboo Festival which will be held on Saturday 23rd April. The theme for the festival this year is Disney and our school theme is ‘Alice In Wonderland’. For our school to be able to decorate our truck we need our students to make many different decorations. In order to create these decorations, we would be grateful if you are able to donate any of the following items so we start to make them:

- Large cardboard pieces and tubes
- Ply wood or MDF
- Disposable plates and bowls paper
- Paint
- Empty pringle tubes, etc
- Empty cereal boxes
- Coloured tissues

We hope to be able to set our float up on the back of a truck (possibly a tautliner/curtainsider?) so if any families have access to something similar to the picture shown that we could use, please contact the school.

We are also looking for some parents be on the committee. So If you would like to help, come and see me. I will be sending out a form later on in the term asking who would like to be involved on the day.

Thank you, Christine
**Student of the Week**

**Congratulations to these children for their efforts during the last fortnight**

| Grade 00A | 03.02.17 | Skye F | For settling into school beautifully and always trying her best. Keep up the great work Skye! |
| Grade 1/2A | 03.02.17 | Tayla P | Congratulations on a great start in Year 2 and for being such a helpful and enthusiastic class member. |
| Grade 1/2B | 03.02.17 | Bison C | For having such a successful start to the year. We are all so proud of you. Well done. |
| Grade 3/4A | 03.02.17 | Mia H | For settling quickly into her new school. We are extremely excited to welcome you to Grade 3/4A! |
| Grade 3/4B | 03.02.17 | Archie T | For his great start to the year and positive attitude. |
| Grade 5A | 03.02.17 | Ethan B | For having a wonderful start to the year by completing set tasks, having a go and being polite. Great start to the year!! |
| Grade 6A | 03.02.17 | Brooke P | For kicking goals and using the Growth mindset strategies to remain positive! |

**Bayles Music Festival**
The Bayles Music Festival is on again this year on Saturday 4th of March and the school choir has once again been invited to sing.

This is a free community event from 2.00 - 9.00 with performances, market stalls, food and drink (see flyer at the end of the newsletter).

The school choir will be performing a repertoire of songs in the community hall at 3:55 pm. A notice will be sent home soon for choristers.

*Please come and support them whilst enjoying the festivities - we would love to see you there!*

**Scholastic Book Club**

**Due Back**

**Wednesday 15th February**

*Don’t forget to get your order in!!*

**Staff Carpark**

Please be reminded that there are strict restrictions on the use of the Staff Carpark for parents. As staff numbers have increased, we would appreciate it if parents please adhere to the time restrictions indicated at the entrance of the carpark. Parents are not permitted to park in the staff carpark between the hours of 8.00am - 10.00am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm. There are also No Parking areas, and a Disabled park that can only be used by a person displaying a disabled sticker.

**Parents Entering Classrooms**

Just a reminder to all parents to please NOT enter your child’s classroom during the day. If you need something delivered to your child, please leave it at the office and we will make sure they receive it.
Health Care Cards and CSEF
If you are the holder of a current Health Care Card (HCC), you are entitled to claim the Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF). The amount of $125.00 per child will be credited to your family financial account. Funds can only be used on the mentioned activities. Any funds remaining on your financial account will roll over in to the new year. If your child leaves the school, the funds will be forwarded to the new school.

If you did not fill claim forms in at book collection day and you are eligible, please come in to the office with your HCC, no later than Friday 17th February. Payments are expected to be made to schools in early March. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Tiqbiz
There are still a few families that have not connected to Tiqbiz. This is an important method of communication between the school and our community, so please try and connect if you have not already done so. If you have any difficulties come in and see us and we will do our best to help you!!

At Bayles Regional Primary School we participate in KIDSMATTER. KidsMatter is an initiative that provides practical strategies to staff, students and families regarding positive mental health.

Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow.

One of the many strategies that Bayles Regional Primary School use that support positive mental health include The Respectful Relationships program. This program is part of the Victorian Curriculum and covers eight topics of social and emotional learning throughout primary and secondary schools including:

- Emotional literacy;
- Personal strengths;
- Positive coping;
- Stress management; and
- Help-seeking.
Welcome back to all our families, and a special welcome to all our new families joining Bayles RPS for the first time. Parents' Club is a group of volunteers who get together most months and work at supporting the school through fundraising, and by assisting with Grandparents Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and other events that arise throughout the year.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 7th February with the following people elected onto the executive committee for the coming year: Belinda – President; Andrea – Secretary; and Nicole – Treasurer. If you have any questions at all in relation to joining, helping or with any of the activities run by Parents’ Club, please do not hesitate to see one of us.

The Hot Lunches program will be running again this year, with a similar emphasis as last year on “home style” lunches. Support for the program last year was wonderful, and we hope that this will continue. These lunches are being offered every second Wednesday. Please keep an eye out for the forms coming home, as orders cannot be accepted after the cut off date.

Fresh Fruit Friday: Last year we were very fortunate that Woolworths agreed to provide us with a mixed box of fruit each week, which was then shared amongst the class rooms. Late last year they changed their approach, and are now only providing 1 type of fruit per week. In recognition of the popularity of the program and the importance given to our Healthy Eating Schools program, Parents’ Club has agreed to fund the weekly purchase of additional fruit to ensure that a mixed platter of fruit and veges still appears in the classroom each Friday.

Op Shop: Our school will continue to cover shifts at the Koo Wee Rup Op Shop this year, and hopefully everyone received a note home last week with our shifts for the year and a request for volunteers. Last year we received just over $4,500 for the year for doing these shifts, which is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. It is a lot of fun and very easy, so please consider if you or a family member may be able to help us out by covering even one shift during the year. Please see Stacey or Andrea if you have any questions or can help us out - see below for the current roster.

Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal: A note and family “Piggy” money box will be coming home to the eldest child in relation to the Spare Change Appeal that we will be running to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Our school captains and vice captains will be going to the appeal to present a cheque for the money raised. Bendigo Bank have kindly donated the money boxes and will also be topping up the funds we raise, as well as lending us a “big cheque” for the presentation. A collection cylinder will be at the office for people to bring in their box if it is full so you can empty into it and then take the box back home to continue collecting. This could be a good way to get the kids to help clean up, checking under the couch or the car to see what small coins are hiding!

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**KOOWEERUP & DISTRICT OP SHOP**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS:

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If you are able to help with shifts at the op shop, please contact Stacey Rouse on 0418 316 204 or Andrea Pickering on 0409 023699
Two Stages
Community Involvement
Local Schools
Market Stalls
Food & Drink
Free Parking

2pm - 9pm
Saturday
4th March

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COOLGRASS

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email: badfolkclub@gmail.com
Interested artists/stall holders contact BAD Folk above