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Barnawartha Primary School

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Welcome to Barnawartha Primary School.

We're very pleased to be able to present to you an insight into our dynamic school through the information contained in this package.

Barnawartha Primary School has a proud tradition of serving the educational needs of the Barnawartha township and its surrounds for over 130 years. Early in 2006 our school was honoured to receive a National Quality in Schooling award for curriculum innovation. This was an outstanding achievement for our small rural school.

Making the right choice about your child's schooling is very important. A school is much more than just the programs that it runs, or the facilities that it has; a school is also about the people that are connected with it and the care and nurturing that the environment provides. At Barnawartha Primary School we take pride in the fact that we have an environment in which the individual needs of each child are an important consideration for everyone.

We welcome you to our school and invite you to visit and view for yourself the surrounds and to feel the atmosphere that exists in our school. Too often people judge by the exterior, and don't ever get to the heart. I urge you to come and experience 'the heart' of our school.

Please ring today and arrange a personal visit to the school in which I can expand on the information that you have received, or answer any questions that you may have.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind Regards

Clint Eckhardt
Principal

Barnawartha Primary School



Information Booklet
2008

2008 STAFF

Principal:	Mr Clint Eckhardt
Teaching Staff:	Mrs Tammy Zuber Mrs Jo Hawkesworth Danni Castagna Miss Allison Pritchard
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School Information

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INTRODUCTION

This information booklet has been produced to help parents understand some of the routine operations of the school.

Parents are asked to put this booklet in a safe place.

AIMS FOR BARNAWARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We aim to:

- Provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment for learning.
- Provide all students with high quality learning experiences which develop competence, independence and confidence
- Foster citizenship skills in responsibility, sound judgement, self-discipline and healthy relationships.

FEATURES OF OUR SCHOOL

- A school wide computer network with internet access to all classrooms including a computer ratio of 1:2 students
- A Student Council that takes responsibility throughout the school
- A 'Buddy' system where new students are supported by Year 6 peers.
- Intervention programs, including one to one Primary Welfare Support
- Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Program
- Before school, after school and vacation care
- A music specialist and Instrumental Music
- Junior and Senior Choir
- School Wide Physical Education and Sport Program
- Snow skiing Program for Grade 5/6
- Swimming Program
- Camps & Excursions
- School and Mobile Library
- Mobile Art Van
- Interschool Activities

SCHOOL HOURS

9.00 am to 11.00 am	First Session
11.00am to 11.30 am	Morning Recess
11.30 am to 1.00 pm	Second Session
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm	Third Session

Term Dates for 2009

Teachers resume on Wednesday 28th January, 2009.

1 st Term	Monday 2nd February – Friday 3rd April
2 nd Term	Monday 20th April– Friday 26th June
3 rd Term	Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September
4 th Term	Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY FOR PREP PARENTS.

SCHOOL NURSE—ASSESSMENT

All Preps will be assessed during their first year of school by our School Nurse, Christine Hill. The School Nurse will undertake a basic hearing, sight. Language and physical development assessment. There would also be the opportunity to discuss any other health related issues after the initial assessment of your child. Please make sure that any concerns that you have about your child's health are discussed with the classroom teacher or school nurse for help and support.

4 DAY WEEK FOR FEBRUARY

During the first month of school and especially in the hotter weather, children in their first year of schooling often become quite tired. In recognition of this, the policy of the Department of Education

PREP ENTRY ASSESSMENT

During the month of February all children in Prep will undertake an assessment in literacy and numeracy. This information is vital to ensure the classroom teacher has a clear understanding of the stages of development that each child is at and is therefore able to tailor the classroom program to accommodate the individual needs of students. Parent participation in this process is extremely important, as you will have knowledge and information about your child and their development progress. It also provides an opportunity for you to view the assessment and become aware of the aspects of literacy and numeracy that you can promote with your child in the home environment. These assessments are held each Wednesday during February and are booked in at the beginning of the year. We ask that you bring your child to the school for this appointment.

SCHOOL HATS

During the first school assembly for the year, Prep children will be presented at no cost, with a broad brimmed or bucket hat. Please advise your child's teacher of your preference for either hat. Hats are an essential part of our school uniform and current Sun Smart policy.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

If at any stage, you are unable to pick up or drop off your child at the required times please contact the school and let your child's teacher know. If you cannot make it to school by 3:30pm to pick up your child, please ring Out of School Care to book your child in. Supervision of children by teachers in the playground occurs 15 minutes before the commencement of the day and 15 minutes at the conclusion of the day.

ENROLMENT

Children can be enrolled from Term 4 in the year prior to their attendance. Proof of age (Birth Certificate or extract), must be produced at the time of enrolment. Children should be at least 5 years old by the 30th April. An Enrolment Form is to be filled in for each child. This form is available in several languages.

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

Please ensure that during the first weeks of school that your child gets plenty of sleep, as this initial period, especially with the hot weather, will be an exhausting experience for all children.

Preps will take Wednesday off each week until the end of February.

Make sure that your child wears suitable clothing and has an appropriate amount of food and cold drinks. Lunches are available from the school on Fridays. It would be appreciated if a change of clothes, especially underclothes (clearly named) could be carried to school each day in a school bag in case of emergencies.

MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

During February, on a Wednesday your child's teacher will organise a formal time for the both of you to get together and get to know one another. This is a great time to discuss your child's strengths and areas of concern.

A - Z of School Information

ABSENCE

All students between the ages of 6 and 15 years of age are legally required to attend a school or an approved home tuition or correspondence education program. The only reason for pupil absence is illness or attendance for medical or dental treatment. Occasionally family trips away from Barnawartha make it necessary for children to be absent from school. A note, telephone call or message, must be forwarded to explain every absence. Absence data during the year is used by the Department to evaluate the performance of the school, hence the need to explain all absences.

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless they have a note from their parents. If this is to be a regular occurrence one note is sufficient. If parents come to school to pick up their child/ children and they have not previously notified the teacher it is essential that such notification is made prior to the child leaving the school grounds.

ACCIDENTS AND SICKNESS

If a child becomes ill or has an accident while at school, we try to contact the parents or Emergency Contacts. In an emergency situation an ambulance will be called and then parents notified. It is essential that you ensure your family is covered for the use of an ambulance.

ADDRESSES

It is important that the school records are accurate and current. Please advise the office promptly of any change of address, telephone number, or emergency telephone number immediately.

AMBULANCE COVER

It is strongly advised that families take out Ambulance cover in the event of an accident at school requiring ambulance service. If in an emergency situation the First Aider deems an ambulance appropriate, then one will be called without consultation with you. Parents will then be notified.

ART PROGRAM

Mr David Godkin visits our school on a fortnightly basis to provide a sequential visual Arts program from Prep to Year 6 with the Mobile Art and Craft (MAAC) Van.

At times many and varied items of materials and equipment are needed including – scrap paper, material, wool, leather, foam, ice cream/margarine containers, newspapers/magazines, rolls, (not toilet) and other household items you may consider “rubbish” which can be used in the art room. Requests are frequently made through the school newsletter. An amount from your voluntary contribution is put toward the purchase of other Art supplies.

ART SMOCKS

It is strongly recommended that long sleeved art smocks be provided for all students. These will be kept at school.

ASSEMBLY

A whole school assembly is held every Monday morning in the outdoor shelter area (library in inclement weather). Parents are welcome and are encouraged to attend. The anthem and weekly news items are presented. Junior School Councillors organize assembly as part of their leadership responsibilities.

BICYCLES

If your child intends to ride a bicycle to school, please note the following points:

1. See that the child receives careful instruction in road rules including correct hand signals
2. Carry out regular checks on the bicycles, particularly the condition of tyres, brakes, bell etc
3. Children must wheel the bike through the school ground to the racks
4. A bicycle helmet must be worn to and from school.

Advice given by traffic safety educators is that children 8 years and below are not capable of consistently following road rules.

BOOK CLUB

Children are invited to purchase books through Ashton Scholastic Book Club. At regular intervals throughout the year order forms, with a brief description of the publications on offer, are sent home with children. If children wish to order books, the order form with money is returned to the locked box at school by the designated time.

BOOK LEVY AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Our school implements the following levies:

Voluntary contribution— .

Total per child. Currently \$55.00

This amount is set by School Council and reviewed annually.

This can be dropped into the Locked Box located in the library at all times.

Mowing levy – Our school charges a \$25.00 mowing levy per family. This assists the school in maintaining our large school grounds.

BUS TRAVELLING RULES

Our students are sometimes required to travel by bus when we attend excursions and camps. Our school's bus travelling rules are:

Remain in your allocated seats.

Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.

No eating or drinking is permitted on any of the buses.

Do not throw rubbish out the windows. Put it in your case or bag and take it home.

Keep feet and other items off seats.

Sit and read or talk quietly so as not to distract the driver.

CAMPS

A school camp is offered to all children in Years 4, 5 & 6. These camps are designed to enhance children's experiences and broaden students understanding of the wider world.

*Future expansions to our camping program may include school sleep overs and one night camps.

CAR PARK

The school car park is out of bounds to all children and parents during the school day. Parents may park along Stanhope Street or in the service road area opposite the school with children using the school crossing to safely cross the road.

CHANGES OF CLOTHING

We have a small supply of clothing on hand to lend children when this becomes necessary. Please note that this clothing should then be laundered and returned to us as soon as possible. We would appreciate further donations of clothing for this purpose.

COMMITTEES

The School Council operates a number of sub-committees. Parents are invited to attend any or all of these meetings should they desire:-

Physical Environment Sub Committee

Management Sub Committee

Learning Environment Sub Committee

Publicity Sub Committee

Fundraising Sub Committee

CONTACT WITH SCHOOL

Should the need arise, please feel free to contact the school by phone on 60267 227 at any time. Our Business Manager will relay such messages to teachers who are generally only able to attend to phone calls during recess or lunch times throughout the day. If parents wish to meet with the Principal or class teacher they should ring and make an appointment at a suitable time. If the office is unattended please leave a message on the answering machine. Someone will check messages during a break.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Any parents who transport their children more than 4.8kms from their place of residence to the school may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. Please see the Principal for relevant forms.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

During Term 3 grade 5/6 students are given the opportunity to attend up to 3 Cross Country snow skiing trips. These excursions give the students the chance to learn a new skill and experience the Alpine environment.

CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

- Early Years Literacy
 - reading
 - writing
 - speaking
 - listening

LOTE

- Indonesian

MATHEMATICS

- Early Years Numeracy
 - measurement
 - activity based problem solving
 - space

HEALTH & PHYSICAL

EDUCATION

- Phys ed program
 - health
 - outdoor education including camps
 - interschool sport
 - Life Education Van

THE ARTS

- Performing arts
 - visual arts

SCIENCE

- Environmental science
 - physical sciences

SOCIAL EDUCATION

- Sequential 7 year program including cultural and social studies

TECHNOLOGY

- designing
- making
- Testing
- Using computers across the curriculum

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Children are dismissed from school at 3.30pm. Please make sure that your child understands who will pick him / her up or where he / she is to go. This is important when there is a change in normal arrangements. Children may exit the school via the front gate, memorial gate or the Burrows Road gates. For safety reasons, we would encourage parents to park in the service lane opposite the school and for children to use the school crossing.

DISCIPLINE/SCHOOL RULES

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Our school believes that a positive approach to behaviour fosters a school climate in which personal responsibility and self-discipline can be developed.

Basic Belief

Barnawartha Primary School priority is to foster positive behaviour, responsibility and encourage self-discipline.

Students, staff and parents are consistently valued and supported in their right to work and learn.

All members of the school shall enjoy a safe and friendly environment.

All students shall have the opportunity to learn without interference.

All students should be encouraged to be polite, well mannered and courteous and to display pride in the school

Parents have an obligation to support both the student and the school in developing acceptable safe behaviours and implementation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Guidelines

- The student code of conduct is applicable whilst students are in the classroom and in the playground, while they are travelling to and from school and during camps and excursions.
- Students must accept responsibility for their actions and for the appropriate, positive and negative consequences, which may follow.
- Staff and students will foster cooperative practises in the classroom and playground.
- Teachers will apply all school discipline consequences fairly and consistently.
- At the beginning of each school year teachers will revise school rules with all students and develop a classroom management plan, to develop awareness and understanding.
- School rules are to be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each year and school rules are to be displayed around school in appropriate and prominent positions.
- Positive reinforcement will be used to improve self-esteem and foster goodwill and student achievements will be acknowledged
- Students will be encouraged to show tolerance, friendship and to share.
- Students who are experiencing problems will be supported.
- Individual Behaviour management plans will be developed through Principal/Teacher and Parent consultation where necessary.
- The school grounds will be adequately supervised at all times.

Parents will be notified if their child deliberately hurts or tries to hurt another child or if child continuously exhibits disruptive behaviour

All members of the school community are expected to be familiar with the school Discipline and Welfare Policy.

[This policy details consequences for breaches of the Code of Conduct.](#)

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

This is an allowance available to any parent who is the holder of a current Health Care, Family Allowance or Pension Card. For 2007 the total payable per year per child is \$210.00. Two thirds is paid in semester 1 and the other 1/3 payment is made in semester 2. Half is paid to the parent and the other half is paid directly to the school to cover books, stationery and specific whole school extra curricular activities. Applications must be made at the beginning of the year. You will generally be notified via the newsletter when applications are to be filled in. An application cannot be given out unless a valid card is sighted, photocopied and verified with Centre link.

ENROLMENT

Children can be enrolled from Term 4 in the year prior to their attendance. Proof of age (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Health Centre Book, Newspaper Notice of Birth,) must be produced at the time of enrolment. Children should be at least 5 years old by the 30th April.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are arranged at reasonable intervals during the year to broaden and reinforce learning experiences undertaken in the classroom. We believe connection with our local and wider community is vital. Care is taken to make sure that there are viable educational objectives in the excursion and that there are preparatory and follow-up lessons.

Continuing regard is given to the cost to parents and any family suffering financial hardship is invited to discuss the matter with the Principal. Parents can expect to be notified in writing in advance of any proposed excursions. Written permission and authority to take emergency action in case of illness or accident is required from that child's parent before the child can participate in the excursion.

FOOTWEAR

Leather school shoes or sneakers are preferred footwear. If children are to wear other types of footwear, for safety reasons, they must be sturdy footwear that protects the feet and toes. Rubber boots may not be worn in the classrooms. Children should bring slippers if boots are worn to school.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising activities are held throughout the year. These extra funds go toward a project each year, which is of great benefit to the school. The fundraising Sub-committee will clearly advertise the project and report regularly to the school community on the result of Fundraising activities.

HEAD LICE

It is the school's policy that any child with head lice is to have their hair treated and the lice removed before the child is permitted to return to the school. Parents are asked to check their children's hair regularly and notify the school of a lice outbreak. This enables the school to carry out a check. The school compliments with a head lice check at least once a term.

HOMEWORK

Teachers use homework as a means of assisting a child's education outside the school setting. The Department of Education and Training has a policy on homework. The schools homework policy reflects the Departments policy and is available on request. The following points should be noted in considering the place of homework in the education process:-

HELP – BUT NOT TOO MUCH. Children, like adults naturally ask for help with difficult problems. Parents will find it rewarding to help with some homework problems – but they must resist the temptation to do it all for the child.

DO show interest in what your child is learning. Talk about it, ask questions, express belief in the importance of reading, writing, etc., and provide a place and a time to do homework.

DO praise what your child does. Accent the positive. Criticism, especially if long continued, can be dangerous, for many children lack confidence and they lag or fail for that reason. Remarkably a child who is thought well of and is told so acts up to expectations.

DON'T pressure your child's teacher for the same kinds of homework you remember doing in your school days. Have faith in the teacher's ability to prescribe appropriate work.

IMMUNISATION

All children starting school at prep level need to have an Immunisation Certificate. The Immunisation Certificate will indicate to the school whether a child has or has not been immunised against diphtheria, polio, tetanus, measles and mumps.

The Immunisation Certificate may be obtained from the Health Officer at the Indigo Shire Council Office. Children who are not immunised will be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of measles, mumps, diphtheria or polio. This will reduce the chance of these diseases spreading throughout the community.

Please attach the Immunisation Certificate for your child to your enrolment form or send to the school as soon as possible.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following information sets out the times of exclusion from school in relation to infectious diseases:-

CHICKEN POX:	Until fully recovered
DIPHTHERIA:	Until Medical Certificate of recovery is produced
HEPATITUS:	Until Medical Certificate of recovery is produced
MEASLES:	For at least 4 days from the appearance of the rash.
MENGOCCAL INFECTION:	Until Medical Certificate of recovery is produced.
MUMPS:	Until fully recovered.

POLIOMYELITIS:	Until 14 days from the onset of disease and also until a Medical Certificate of recovery is produced.
GERMAN MEASLES:	Until fully recovered and at least 4 days from the onset of the rash.
SCARLET FEVER:	Until the child has received antibiotic treatment for a least 24 hours and the child feels well.
WHOOPING COUGH:	For 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment.

INFORMATION / OPEN NIGHTS – PARENTS

Generally early each year the school holds an information night for parents. Teachers will outline the organisation and program for the year. There is a mutual exchange of information between teachers and parents.

LUNCHES

Children are always supervised closely when eating lunches with a teacher present for the first 10 minutes of lunch hour and parents are asked to be realistic regarding quantity of food provided. If play lunch is supplied please wrap it separately and ensure that your child knows which is which. (Prefer not to use cling wrap.) Drinks are also recommended.

As we are a Waste Wise school we encourage you to think about the amount of wrapping, packaging and non recyclable rubbish that is included in Lunch boxes.

LUNCH ORDERS

Volunteer parents organise lunch on Fridays. A list of available items with prices is included with the weekly newsletter.

The canteen is open on Friday mornings at recess time for children to purchase over the counter items. Lunch orders should be sent to school in a brown paper bag with the order written on and money included.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label all clothing clearly as we like to avoid lost property. We don't have a Lost Property container as all clearly labelled clothing and property is immediately returned to the owner.

MEDICATION

Teachers are not expected to administer medications to children. Medications needed by children must be authorised by their parents. Information on medication must include child's name, dosage required and time to be taken. The Principal (or delegated member of staff) may supervise such administration. The school has staff who are First Aid Trained, however all teachers may give first aid treatment for minor injuries such as cuts and abrasions at their discretion. A record of first aid treatment is kept at the school.

MONEY

When money is sent to school it should be placed in a money envelope, which bears:

the child's name

the amount enclosed

the purpose for which the money is intended

Spare money envelopes are available on request from the office. Any money sent to school should be placed in the locked box.

NEWSLETTERS

The school publishes a weekly newsletter, which is distributed every Monday. Included in the newsletter are weekly events for each class and other important information eg. Permission forms, etc. If you miss the weekly newsletter please call into the office as we have spares available.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Barnawartha Primary School offers Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) between 7.30am and 8.45am and 3.30pm and 6.00pm daily. It is operated through Glenview Community Care. A vacation program is also offered. For further information contact the Out of School Care program directly on 0413 121 795.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parent participation in all aspects of school life is encouraged. When parents express confidence in the school and are involved in some way, their children are likely to be happier and perform better in the classroom. There are many ways in which parents can become involved:-

Our Early Years co-ordinator will conduct a "Parents As Classroom Helpers" training session early in Term 1. If you wish to be involved in the classroom we strongly urge you to undertake this program prior to helping in the classroom.

Classroom	Story writing, reading, typing, computer, library, maths etc; These can be arranged in
Working Bees	We encourage each family to attend at least once a year. Please help to maintain and
School Council	Meets monthly in the staffroom. Day and date is advertised in the newsletter.
Sub Committee of School Council	You don't have to be a school councillor to be on a sub committee. This enables you to
Other	Parents also have the opportunity to attend and participate in school special activities

SAFETY

To assist your child to be safe the following may be helpful:

- (1) Train your child to know his/her full name, address, phone number and birth date.
- (2) Show him/her the safest way to walk to and from school.
- (3) Teach him/her the basic road rule for crossing a road.
- (4) Warn him/her against strangers.
- (5) Don't let him/her bring dangerous toys to school, especially guns or knives.
- (6) Train him/her in the proper toilet routine.

Pupils require their parents' permission for each of the following:-

- (1) to attend swimming classes,
- (2) to take part in snow activities, or bush walking,
- (3) to leave the school grounds,
- (4) to go on excursions beyond the town boundaries,
- (5) to take part in overnight activities or activities which extend the normal school day.

MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Early in the year:

Introduce yourself

Make a time to have a "chat" with the classroom teacher at a mutually convenient time (i.e. not 5 minutes before the bell when you both have to rush).

Remember you don't have to wait until the Parent-Teacher interview.

Talk about

- the things your child likes about the school.
- any concerns your child has about going to school

Remember your child's teacher is concerned about your child's learning and development. If your child has a problem in a particular area, talk to your child's teacher and find out the approach that is used and how you can best help at home.

SOME WAYS OF KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING THE YEAR

Write notes to your child's teacher - not just about concerns BUT ALSO about the things you and your child are pleased about (this will help your child's teacher).

Let the teacher know when major changes have happened at home or in their lives, which may affect their schooling.

Let your child's teacher know when your child is going to be, or has been, absent. You can arrange for work to be sent home, if appropriate.

If you have any spare time, offer to help the teacher. Let the teacher know if you have any particular skills - e.g. typing sewing, gardening, music.

Offer to be a support to other parents in your child's class.

PHOTOGRAPHS

School group and individual photographs are taken annually. Ample warning is provided through the newsletter. There is no obligation to purchase any of the photographs.

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Policies and Programs are constantly under review and development by staff, Learning Environment sub committee and school council. Current policy and program documents are available for perusal from the Principal. Parents may have input into the review and development of policies and programs by participating in Learning Environment sub committee meetings or attending school council open forum sessions.

READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS

Classroom teachers will generally send "readers" home on a regular basis in reader covers supplied by the school. Parents are often asked to check these off a list when completed. Children are actively encouraged to borrow books from our school library. Library bags are required to protect these books whilst they are in transit.

The Regional Library Van visits our school fortnightly and students are encouraged to use this additional resource.

REGIONAL LIBRARY

The mobile library calls at the school fortnightly. The schedule is advertised by the Regional Library and also appears in our school newsletter – at present the van calls every second Tuesday from 9.45am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This is optional and is conducted for a half hour session once per week. The program is taken from the Approved Syllabus Course. Please indicate your choice on the admission form. If you do not indicate a choice then your child will attend RE until the school is advised otherwise.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Throughout the year there are opportunities provided for parent / teacher interviews. A brief parent 'chat' interview is scheduled early in term 1 followed by a formal Parent Teacher Interview scheduled for the beginning of term 3. At any other time throughout the year parents are welcome to come along to school to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher or school principal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the school council include:-

- Developing and implementing School Charter
- Developing the educational policy of the school
- Promoting parent and community participation and interest in the school.
- Conducting education activities for the benefit of the community
- Allowing use by outside bodies of the school buildings and grounds under its control
- Annual reporting to the school community
- Holding property on behalf of the Minister
- Purchasing equipment for the school
- Overseeing the canteen for use of students or staff and forming sub-committees.

School Council meets once each month for general meetings. Sub-committees meet as required on advertised nights between general meetings. Parents are welcome to sit in on all council proceedings or join a sub-committee.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

There are many services available to us to call on when special problems are encountered. Please do not hesitate to talk to the Principal if you have problems in any of the following areas:

1. Specific Learning Problems
2. Emotional problems
3. Social problems
4. Physical Problems
 - Deafness
 - Vision
 - Speech

Additionally a nurse from the School Medical Service is available for regular screening of sight, hearing and other medical problems.

SPORT

Participation in sporting activities is actively encouraged through the Health and Physical Education Program. Children are introduced to as wide a variety of sports as is possible during their time at our school. Interschool swimming, athletics and major games are provided for.

SUNSMART

Our school has a current Sun Smart policy and encourages all pupils to be aware of and practice "Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap." We trust that parents will assist our encouragement by providing the necessary items for their child to use. A hat is required as part of this policy and is clearly stipulated in the Dress Code. Prep children are given an approved hat on their first day.

SUPPLIES

Our school receives a Global Budget from the Department of Education. This together with a portion of the voluntary contribution is used to purchase all necessary pupil requisites in bulk. This ensures that all children receive similar supplies of a satisfactory standard.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

During term 4 the whole school participates in a swimming program. It is advisable to encourage all children including non-swimmers, to participate in every lesson. Children need to bring bathers and a towel daily. Please make sure that your child can dress / undress him /herself and that all clothing is clearly named (including undies and socks!). Parents are encouraged to assist with the running of the program. This program takes place at Wodonga Leisure centre.

TRANSFERS

Children who move to another school need a transfer note. If a parent intends to move elsewhere please notify the Principal. Not only will a transfer note be provided, but also progress reports and relevant educational information. Generally during a Term, a transfer from one government school in the Wodonga Network to another government school will be refused unless agreed to by both Principals concerned.

UNIFORMS

The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory. It is practical, serviceable and gives the child an important sense of belonging to and pride in their school, especially on excursions outside the school grounds. The uniform consists of a red shirt and windcheater coupled with navy blue shorts, skirts or track pants. Printing of shirts and windcheaters with the school motif is arranged early each year. Children should be comfortably dressed. Singlets as external garments and thongs are not acceptable. It is school policy that all children wear an approved school hat during Term 1 and 4.

Appropriate attire is recommended to be worn on sports days and for Physical Education sessions.

We recommend that if school bags are being purchased, that these be of the back-pack variety. They distribute weight evenly on a child's body and help to avoid hip and back problems in later life.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED, including underwear during the swimming program.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/BUILDINGS

Facilities in the school and its ground may be used by groups and organisations on application to the school council. They are not to be used as "Public Facilities" out of school hours.

WET WEATHER

During periods of wet weather, children are supervised by teachers in classrooms. Children arriving at school prior to 8.45 am must take shelter under the veranda, as they are not allowed to be in classrooms unsupervised.

YARD SUPERVISION

During all recess and lunchtimes and before/after school, the school grounds are supervised by teachers on a roster basis. If children experience problems during these times, they are expected to enlist the assistance of the teachers on "yard duty" at that time. All yard incidents are recorded and the Principal closely monitors this situation.

'YOU CAN DO IT' PROGRAM

Our school implements the 'You Can Do It' program. This program is designed to help children of all ages achieve to the best of their ability and experience social-emotional-behavioural well-being. The 'You Can Do It' program assists children to think positively and develop the five foundations of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience.

YOU CAN HELP AT SCHOOL BY:

- Reading all school newsletters and notices.
- Attending Parent/Teacher meetings.
- Assisting with Literacy program.
- Hearing your child read.
- Assisting with excursion supervision.
- Supervision at school swimming sessions.
- Taking an active interest in your child's work. Read and display work.
- Helping at working bees.
- Visiting your child's classroom often and giving moral support to class teachers.

It is very important that you READ TO YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY (night) from a wide variety of sources eg. Books, magazines, papers, signs, etc. etc.

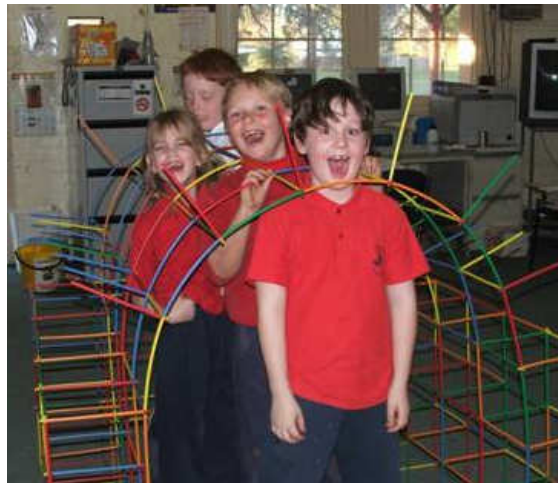
Barnawartha

Outside School Hours Care

Located at Barnawartha Primary School.

For bookings, enrolments or childcare assistance, Phone Sue:

0413 121 795



Hours: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm,
(2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on early dismissal days)



Active After School Sports 2 Days per Week

Costs: 3 –4:30 pm \$7.00 per child
3 --6:00 pm \$10.00 per child
Vacation and pupil free days \$30.00 per

Provider Numbers:
Glenview Barnawartha After School Care 407 126 951 J
Glenview Barnawartha Vacation Care 407 126 955 S
Cenrelink 136150

Afternoon tea
provided

