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30th August 2018

We received a letter during the week from C-Bay which contained the following –

On behalf of our teachers, we found your children well behaved and a pleasure to teach which showed through their progress made in their sessions. A big thankyou to the teachers who helped with the organisation of the children, this helped to make everything run quickly and smoothly.

It's always great to hear back after we have been out there in the community – confirms what we already know about our children and teachers!

See you at assembly tomorrow

Kate

Garth Poland's music lesson on Tuesday morning.
Sweet sounds floating out from the hall!




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| 31 st August | Assembly - hosted by Room 4 |
| 9 th September | Spring Fair |
| 12 th September | School Photos - please note date change. |
| 14 th September | HPV follow-up vaccinations. |
| 14 th September | Assembly - hosted by Room 3 |
| 17 th September | Year 3&4 Basketball begins |
| 18 th September | Year 5&6 Basketball begins |
| 24 th September | South Canterbury Anniversary |
| 28 th September | Assembly - hosted by Rooms 1&2 |
| 28 th September | Term 3 ends |
| 15 th October | Term 4 begins |
| 22 nd October | Labour Day Holiday |
| 23 rd -26 th October | Year 3, 4 & 5 Outdoor Education Week |

Assembly tomorrow afternoon

2:15 in the Hall

Hosted by Room 4

Thank you to everyone for the support for Mufti Day last Friday. We raised \$ 180 to help fund the prizes for our class-run games at the fair next weekend.

Classes 2019

We are beginning to organise class placements for next year. This is always a complex task as we seek to make the very best decisions for all of our children. We have large numbers in some year groups, which means that a simple 'move through' from class to class is not going to be possible. It always concerns us when we hear the comment 'my child is being held back'. This is never the case, but is a decision made on each child's age, social connections & where in our professional opinion we see each child best flourishing next year. If a child is in the oldest year group within a room, they have a unique chance of developing leadership skills, sharing and modelling key learning behaviours, connecting with new friends and re-connecting with former classmates.

If you would like to discuss your child's class for next year, please come and talk to the current classroom teacher &/or Kate in the office. Many thanks.

Bus Vests

It's time again! We have no bus vests in the basket in the office. Please can you have a search around home and return any spare vests to the office.

We do not put any children on the bus without a bus vest. Thank you for your support ensuring that children leave home in the morning wearing this important safety gear.

Reminder to Year 5&6...

A note has been sent home in the last few school days regarding Technology Day. This is on Tuesday 11th September at Cannington. All children must return a permission slip and we are in need of parent help for transport. Many thanks

Barton's Got Talent...

Entries need to be in to our Home & School by the 4th of September - thanks!



Nikau, Nathan & George at their Old Boys Black Rugby prize giving. The team was coached by Malcolm Coles. Nikau was awarded the most improved player.



Across our senior classes this term, Accelerated Literacy Learning (A.L.L) Groups are running. These groups have a unique writing focus as teachers and participants 'hone in on' the essentials of quality writing. A key message the teachers are communicating is 'quality over quantity' - powerful writing is often short and sharp. Enjoy these pieces, describing the Trunchbull of Matilda fame from Room 6.....

Miss Trunchbull strides through the kids like an unstoppable menacing tank. Snorting like a pig, she pounds up and down the corridors making the wall shake and rumble. She is hazardous and a colossal threat, treating everyone like a clump of muddy dirt.
By Mac

Miss Trunchbull stomps up and down the hall, barging through clumps of children, her bulky movements sending children flying. Pounds of muscle thundering within the corridor as she slams her way by. The threat drools with horror, as kids wait vulnerably, hoping she doesn't pick them.
By Jayden

Miss Trunchbull drives through the young kids with her gigantic, bulky, movements, leaving a wake of destruction behind her. Thumping along the dusty ground snorting, she slams the doors behind her as the bolts rattle out of the sockets. Insulting people and treating them like the scum on the top of an old stagnant pond, she is a hazard to everyone!
By Will

Miss Trunchbull marches like a tank as the children scatter before her. She stomps through everything snorting and spitting like a massive warthog. She treats children and teachers alike, ruling with fear and terror.
By Alex

SPRING FAIR UPDATE...

Sunday 9th September

School fair is only a week and a bit away! Thank you for all the responses so far. Keep sending in your scarecrow competition forms & photos. Giggles the cow is getting ready...have you bought a square yet? The 'Barton's Got Talent' entry list is growing and we can't wait to see what our talented kids come up with.

Some more ideas for items to contribute to the produce table: Lemons, Honey & Preserves (along with other veggies, fruit, and eggs)

When & where to bring things:

Books & Kids clothes - please bring these to the school hall from Wednesday 5th. We are now also including puzzles & board games, if you have any.

Plants - please bring potted plants to school from Friday 7th up until Sunday morning 9am. They can be left on the wooden verandah "The Box" between the library and room 4.

Produce - Please bring to school from Friday 7th up until Sunday morning 9am.

Flowers - please bring these to the fair on the morning of Sunday 9th.

Home baking - please bring these to school on Friday 7th.

Items can also be brought to school on Saturday 8th between 1pm - 4pm.

Detailed updates have been sent to parents by email. If you have not received these emails please contact the H&S Committee at homeandschool@bartonrural.school.nz