



# BARINGA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Baringa School acknowledges the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to sky, land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and extend that to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.  
Our school is located on Gunaikurnai land.



## New team members

This year we have welcomed a number of new teachers and education support staff to our Baringa team. We know that you will make everyone feel welcome and look forward to introducing you to our new staff at our athletics day and SSG days. You may also notice a new voice answering the school phones! This is our new administration team member Sharyn. We appreciate your patience and support whilst Sharyn learns everyone's name and routines.

## School Council elections

I'd like to encourage you to read the School Council election information in this newsletter and encourage anyone interested to contact the school for further information.

## Annual Implementation Plan

This week we would like to draw your attention to Baringa Schools 2025 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The Annual Implementation Plan outlines the goals we as a school community aim to achieve over the next year and the strategies we will use to do so. This year we are looking at how we can improve our student's independence skills by developing, documenting, and implementing a whole school approach to teaching functional life skills and drawing connections between our programs and the curriculum. At Baringa we believe developing students independence through life skills programming is of great importance so that our students can live life to the fullest, when they are adults.

Another goal for 2025 is to improve student outcomes in literacy. We know that the literacy skills of our students are a significant indicator for post school success, so this is another important goal as we want our students to reach their full potential, both now and after they complete school.

A copy of the plan can be found on the school's website at <https://www.baringass.vic.edu.au/strategic-documents> or in paper copy from the school administration office.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 5127 1744.



**Kelly Mether**  
Principal



## Upcoming Events

### February

**25th** School Photos

### March

**7th** Student Free Day

**10th** Labour Day (No school)

**14th** Athletics Day

### April

**3rd** SSG Day (Secondary & SLC)

**4th** SSG Day (Lower & Upper Primary)

**4th** Last day of Term 1

# Meet our new staff!



**Sharyn Gazzola**  
Assistant Business Manager



**Ashley Kersten**  
Teacher



**Richard Frade**  
Teacher



**Cheryl Ryan**  
Teacher



**Carol Sheppard**  
Teacher



**Leonarda Friguglietti**  
Teacher



**Steph Buchan**  
Speech Therapist



**Claire Lovassy**  
Education Support



**Kylie Mann**  
Education Support

# Every School Day Counts!



If your child is absent from school, please remember to let us know why. Please call the Baringa office on (03) 5127 1744 or send an SMS to 0407 880 630 explaining why your child will be absent and how long you expect them to be away.

## Our Commitment to Child Safety

Baringa School is committed to providing an environment where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect. Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, International students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as LGBTIQ+. Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and reporting any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

We are committed to making decisions that support our young people.

We want to encourage everyone to read our Child Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy found on our website at <https://www.baringass.vic.edu.au/policies>. If you have any questions about the policies or suggestions for improvement, please contact the school on 51271744. We welcome your feedback.

# SLC: Horticulture Studies

Every Thursday, some of our SLC students travel to Community College Gippsland to complete their VDSS Horticulture course. They have already had the most amazing time and look forward to the rest of the year!



# Secondary: Advance Program

On Friday 14th of February, our secondary students that are part of the Advance program, travelled to Hyland Lake in Churchill to participate in fishing and walking activities!



# School Council Election 2025

All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council which is comprised of parent members, school employees and community members. Each year an election is held for any vacant positions on Council, with the term of office being 2 years.

This year Baringa School Council has the following vacancies:

Parent representatives - 3 positions  
School employees - 1 position  
Community member - 1 position

To nominate for a position or for more information, please contact Jackie at the school office. A nomination form will either be sent home or emailed to you. If more nominations than positions vacant are received a ballot will be held.

## **Timeline for School Council Election:**

Monday, February 24th: Nominations open

Monday, March 3rd: Nominations close

## **If a ballot is needed:**

Wednesday, March 5th: The list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Tuesday, March 11th: Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

Tuesday, March 18th: Close of ballot



# Talking to Children About Consent

If you would like to learn more about consent education for our young people, please visit the link below.

<https://www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au/news/talking-children-about-consent>

"Children who understand consent become adults who understand consent."

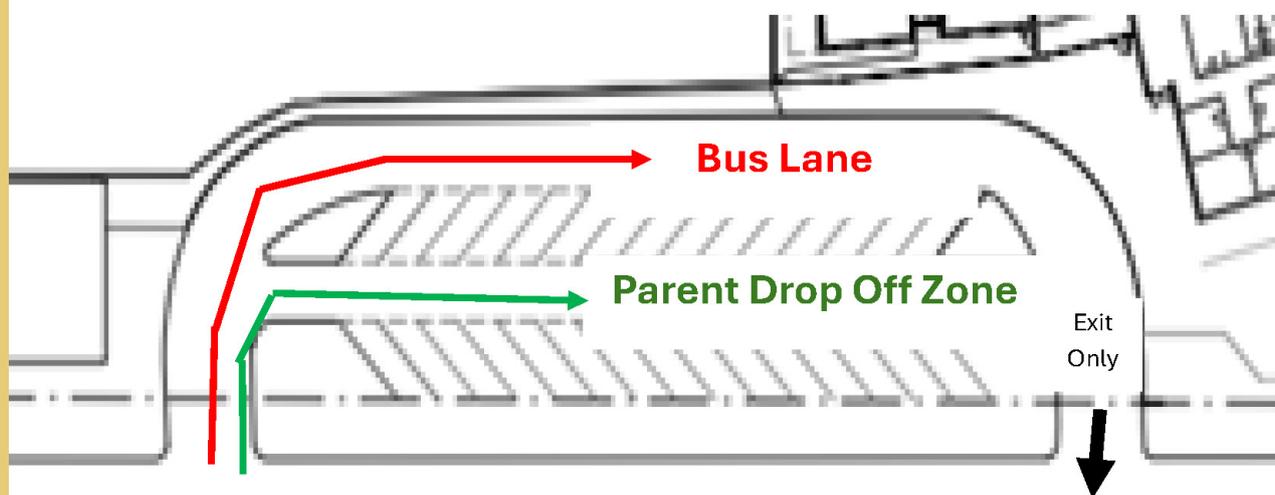
**A VIOLENCE-  
FREE VICTORIA.**

It all starts with respect.

**RESPECT VICTORIA**  
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# Drop Off & Pick Up Plan

**Baringa School**  
**School Drop Off and Pickup**  
**Traffic Management Plan**



**Carpark speed limit**  
**Maximum speed in the carpark is to be 10kph**

**Bus Lane**

**Bus Lane must be kept clear between**

**9 am and 9 30 am**

**2 30 pm and 3 15pm**

**Drop off zone**

**Drop off zone is for parents and carers who are doing a quick drop off or pick up of their child,(2 minute max) If your drop off/ pickup takes longer, or you wish to speak with a teacher, please park out the front of the school**

# Second-Hand Uniform



We have some second hand jumpers, polo t-shirts and tracksuit pants available at the school.

Please contact us on (03) 5127 1744 or come in to see what sizes we have available.



Gold coin donation per item



# February

Matilda

Mark

Abbigail

Tyrell

Harley

Jett B

Liam M

Willow

Theo

Jammy

Ashten

## Bus Awards



Georgia

Brayden

Daniel B

Ashten

Jammy

Kobie

Axel

Levi

# Baringa's Friday Canteen List

## Term 1 2025



**NAME.....**

**ROOM .....**

	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Chicken nuggets ( 3 per serve )</b> Tomato sauce    BBQ Sauce    No Sauce 	\$2.00		\$
<b>Meat Pie</b> Tomato sauce    BBQ Sauce    No Sauce 	\$3.50		\$
<b>Sausage Roll</b> Tomato sauce    BBQ Sauce    No Sauce 	\$3.50		\$
<b>Steamed Dim Sims</b> Soy sauce    BBQ Sauce    No Sauce	\$2.50		\$
<b>Nachos</b> Sour cream    Cheese    Salsa 	\$4.00		\$
<b>Two Fruits</b> 	\$1.50		\$
<b>Popcorn</b> 	\$1.00		\$
Bottle water	\$2.00		\$
Chocolate milk	\$2.50		\$
Strawberry milk	\$2.50		\$
Apple Juice Prima	\$2.00		\$
Orange Juice Prima	\$2.00		\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$		\$
<b>CHANGE</b>	\$		\$