



# 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.



## “ Friendship Games

Our annual Friendship Soccer Games was held on Friday September 5th, with two hundred Special School students from across Gippsland coming together with a focus on fun and inclusion. It was wonderful to see so many students supporting each other and demonstrating great sportsmanship. The way our Baringa students assisted other teams to have an opportunity to score made me so very proud!



A big thank you to all of our parents and school community members who attended on the day. Thank you also to Jarratt, Lisa and Jos for their terrific organisation.

### Primary dinner and sleep over

Yesterday saw some of our lower primary students have the opportunity to participate in some additional activities, including a disco and dinner, and for some, a sleepover at the school. Providing these opportunities helps students prepare for future school camps and excursions, and gives them the opportunity to build their independence skills. A big thank you to all of the staff involved in this sleepover, we hope you get a good sleep tonight!

### Term 4

Monday 6th October is a student free day at Baringa, to allow for staff professional learning.

### Term 4 starts for Baringa students on Tuesday 7th October.

We hope you all have wonderful school holidays and look forward to seeing you next term!

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## Upcoming Events

### September

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| 19th | Last Day of Term 3 |
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### October

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| 6th | Student Free Day |
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| 7th | First Day of Term 4 |
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### November

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| 4th | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
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| 25th | Student Free Day |
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| 26th | SLC Graduation |
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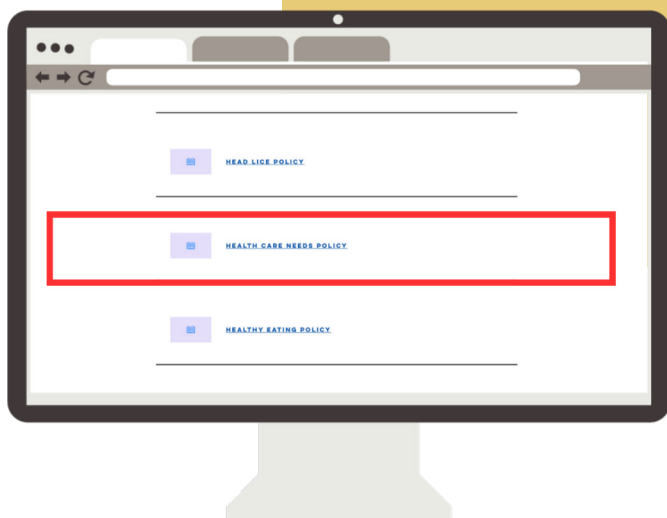


**Kelly Mether**  
Principal

# School Policy

## Health Care Needs Policy

This week we would like our families to read our Health Care Needs Policy. The policy explains to Baringa School parents, carers, staff, and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.



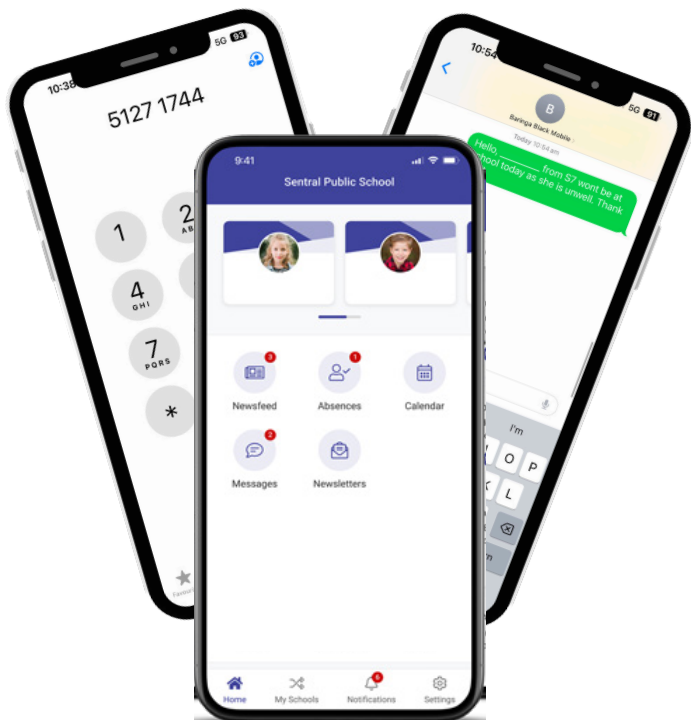
The policy can be found on the schools website <https://www.baringass.vic.edu.au/policies> or alternatively you can ask for a hard copy at the school office.

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# Every School Day Counts!



If your child is absent from school, please remember to let us know why. You can do this on the Parent Portal, or you can 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.



# Friendship Games





# Secondary Activity Day

On Wednesday the 17th of September, 2025, secondary students had an activity day where they participated in a variety of different activities such as visiting the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine in Walhalla and visiting the Moe Racing Club for a tour and viewing of the Melbourne Cup Trophy.





# Speech: AAC

## What is AAC?

AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. It includes all the different ways someone can communicate without or in addition to using speech.

Aided AAC can include:

- Low-tech tools like schedules or communication books
- High-tech devices like tablets or apps e.g. LAMP WFL, Proloquo2go, PODD systems

The use of AAC promotes a child's speech and language development, it will not hinder it! AAC is not a last resort — it's a powerful support that helps children be heard, take part in daily life and feel included.

If you would like to speak to us about how AAC may be able to support your child, please reach out to Steph and Bronte (the Speech Pathology team) at Baringa!



**Steph Buchan**  
Speech Pathologist



**Bronte Graham**  
Speech Pathologist





# Birthdays



September



Amelia

Jaxon

Luke G

Callum

Isla

Rakei

Alexis D

Zeth

Kayden

Saxon

Ty M

Sam G

Jayke

# Bus Awards



## Bus Awards

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| Willow B | Mark  | Zoe    |
| Sharnee  | Jemma | Hamish |
| Tahlia   | Tyson | Isla   |



# 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



## LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY' CRICKET PROGRAM 2025

All school aged children with additional needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during

Term 4, 2025 - 10 week program

Sessions will be held at

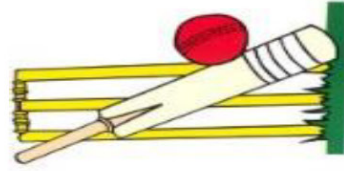
Traralgon West Cricket Club 'West-end Sports complex'- Jack Canavan Oval,

Douglas Parade, Traralgon

TUESDAYS from 5pm - 5.45pm

Starting October 14<sup>th</sup> and finishing on December 16<sup>th</sup>

(except Melbourne Cup Public holiday)



A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child if required

Cost is \$20 for the Term - siblings welcome to join in too!

Registration and payment will be organised at the sessions

For more information or questions, phone Sam (Coach) 0414516295

or Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or

find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley



**TRARALGON WEST**  
CRICKET CLUB



# THE DINO MANIACS

Award winning

Six dinosaurs

Interactive family show

Roarsome fun

## MOE RACING CLUB

Turfside Function Centre

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

SHOW ONE: DOORS OPEN 10:30AM | SHOW STARTS 11:00AM

SHOW TWO: DOORS OPEN 3:30PM | SHOW STARTS 4:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW - [COUNTRY.RACING.COM/MOE](http://COUNTRY.RACING.COM/MOE)





# Baringa's Friday Canteen List

## Term 4 2025



NAME.....

ROOM .....

|                                                                                                                                                                 | Price  | Quantity | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| <b>Chicken nuggets ( 3 per serve )</b><br>Tomato sauce   BBQ Sauce   No Sauce  | \$2.00 |          | \$    |
| <b>Meat Pie</b><br>Tomato sauce   BBQ Sauce   No Sauce                         | \$3.50 |          | \$    |
| <b>Sausage Roll</b><br>Tomato sauce   BBQ Sauce   No Sauce                    | \$3.50 |          | \$    |
| <b>Steamed Dim Sims</b><br>Soy sauce   BBQ Sauce   No Sauce                  | \$2.50 |          | \$    |
| <b>Nachos</b><br>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>                                                                                                                                                   | \$     |          | \$    |