

# BLC YARNS

## Barwon Learning Centre

*"Some trees need more water than others."*

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to the Barwon Learning Centre for 2016. It was great to return to such well cared for grounds - thanks Damien Boland. All staff returned to our school for a School Development Day on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

The Department of Education has a number of mandatory training requirements for all their staff and we participated in training on the 'Code of Conduct'. The school then revisited our school structures and Barwon Learning Centre's 2015-2017 School Plan and Strategic Directions.

**Strategic Direction 1**  
Professional Practice

**Strategic Direction 2**  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning

**Strategic Direction 3**  
Healing for Successful Learning.

At Barwon Learning Centre we really value the partnership with our parents, caregivers and families. By working together with respect and honesty we have the best chance of getting it right for each child.

It is exciting to have stability of staff at Barwon Learning Centre. The team supporting your child this year is:

**Principal**  
Margie Hayes

**Assistant Principal**  
Steve Sampson

**School Administrative Manager**  
Mari Wikstrom

**Teaching Staff**  
Lauren Townsend  
Laura Barsby  
Lulu Bernard

**Aboriginal Education Officer**  
Von Duncan

**School Learning Support Officers**  
Norm Sampson  
Dawn Barlow  
Sam Russel  
Kim Sampson and Tanya Maybury (temporary 3 days per week)

Jenny Lee (technology support for Annual School Report)

**Groundsman**  
Damien Boland

**School Director**  
Rebecca Langdon



Thank you to all Barwon parents and grandparents who have made sure your children have returned to school ready to learn. Remember regular attendance is important to help each child reach their potential.

I am delighted to be entering my fourth year at Barwon Learning Centre and feel it is a privilege to be a member of this enthusiastic team, committed to making a positive difference in the lives and learning of all our students.

Please feel free to come into our school, or contact us, if we can be of assistance.

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Hayes*

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## Barwon is trying something different!

At Barwon Learning Centre we take pride in our ability to be flexible and critically evaluate our teaching and learning practises. The learning outcomes for our students are a top priority, so this year we have a new innovative structure relating to the teaching and learning of Literacy and Numeracy.

Teachers will be working in teams to maximize each child's learning potential.

The Literacy Team is made up of Lauren Townsend and Lulu Bernard.

The Numeracy Team consists of Steve Sampson and Laura Barsby.

Our support staff will be assisting with learning in the classrooms. Assessments of each student's learning are being done and parents and caregivers will be invited in to take part in the setting of personal, social and learning goals for their child.

## A new year a new shirt!

All staff have purchased new Barwon Learning Centre shirts. Thank you Lauren Townsend for organising this initiative. The students were so impressed with these shirts, that they are working towards earning one for themselves.



# 2015 End of Year Presentation

