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NEWSLETTER

2013 Term 4 Week 6

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

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| Thursday 14 th November | Stage 1 Sydney Aquarium Excursion 34K & 34M Assembly 2pm |
| Tuesday 19 th November | P&C Meeting 6pm in the staffroom |
| Monday 25 th November | Swimming Scheme starts for Years 2 to 6 and runs for 2 weeks |
| Tuesday 26 th November | Kindergarten (2014) Orientation Parent Information session 2pm and 6pm childcare will be available for pre-schoolers during the 2pm session |
| Thursday 28 th November | 12H & ASPECT Assembly 2pm |
| Monday 9 th December | Stage 3 Mount Keira Excursion |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Scripture Presentation / Parent Helper Morning Tea |
| Friday 13 th December | Reports home |
| Monday 16 th December | Presentation Awards Assembly 9.15am - Invitation only |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Picnic / Party Day |
| Wednesday 18 th December | LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS |

Current Notes & Payments Due

1. *Swimming Scheme – all monies due by 15th November*
2. *Voluntary Contribution - \$20 per child or \$50 for more than 3 children in a family.*
3. *School Magazine Subscription – For students in years 3 to 6 - \$10 per student for 10 issues.*
4. *Year 6 Picnic Day @ Jamberoo – note (tickets ordered) and money (\$25) due by 28th November*

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Canberra Excursion

Congratulations to our senior students, who attended a 3 day excursion to Canberra last week. Ms Scott has reported that most students used their 5 Keys for School Success in promoting our school's commitment to manners and pride in our community. Thank you (again) to all our staff who organised and then attended this fabulous learning opportunity for our kids.

Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Aquarium

On Thursday, our Stage 1 students will travel to Sydney to visit the Aquarium. This is another exciting opportunity for our students to learn outside the classroom. Please make sure all students are dressed in their full school uniform (including hats) for the day.

AZARAK Experimental Kitchen – extravaganza!

This Wednesday, all students at Barrack Heights PS have the opportunity to participate in the gastronomical performance wonders of our residential chefs from Azarak Experimental Kitchen! Shane and his team will entertain us, with a show of disgustingly, delicious delicacies! There is no financial cost, just manners and thanks for our chefs!

Year 6 DOSH Day

On Thursday, Shellharbour City Council will be coming to our school to work with Year 6 on a Youth Transition Day. Students will participate in team building and confidence activities, to help prepare them for their transition to High School.

Principal Assessment Review

Also on Thursday, my school Director, Mrs Mary-Lou Barclay will be visiting the school to conduct the annual review on both myself and the school. I have spent the last week, talking to staff as part of their

annual Teacher and Executive Review. It has been extremely interesting and productive time, with many new ideas and plans for our school being suggested. In this new era of educational reform, I look forward to leading our school into the future with renewed purpose, ways of educating and engaging our children in learning. I would like to thank all of our staff, for their tenacity and commitment to doing their best. 2013 has been a massive year for teacher learning, and it will continue for the next 3 years at least!

Have a safe and happy week,
Sarah Rudling
Principal

Selective High School Placements 2015

Applications for students seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 will be available from 15 October 2013. Most parents are expected to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. However, if you would like a paper application, please make this request to Ms Elizabeth Scott, Stage 3 Supervisor.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test** on **Thursday 13 March 2014**. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply by **Friday 18 November 2013**.

Kindergarten 2014 enrolments

The school is now taking enrolments for next year's kindergarten students. If you have, or know of, a child who will be starting school next year at Barrack Heights Public School, then please contact our administration for further information. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the front office.

If you have any questions or concerns, or have a child with special needs who will be starting kindergarten in 2014, then please ask to speak to the Kindergarten coordinator, or contact the school office.

Miss Marianne Bunt

Breakfast

Come along and enjoy a healthy breakfast at our Breakfast Club every Tuesday morning.

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| Toast – vegemite and honey | 10c a slice |
| Fruit bread | 10c a slice |
| Fruit smoothie | \$1 a cup |
| Yoghurt | \$1 a cup |
| Pancakes | 20c each or two for 30c |

Parents, carers, grandparents come along every Tuesday morning and enjoy a healthy breakfast with your children. Mrs Southall

Entertainment Book

Last days to purchase Entertainment Book \$55.00 each.

- Buy one get one free at: Domino's pizza, Illawarra Golf Complex, Symbio, AMF Bowling and more
- 25% off the total bill at: Shelly's Café, Hog's Breath, High Seas, Little Missy and Moo, lands Edge Surf School (50% off) and more.
- Buy one main course and receive the 2nd for free at Jamberoo Pub, Relish, Vespa Pizzeria and more.

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