



# Barrack Heights Public School

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**2013 Term 4 Week 8**

## **TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Scheme starts for Years 2 to 6 and runs for 2 weeks
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten (2014) Orientation Parent Information session 2pm and 6pm childcare will be available for pre-schoolers during the 2pm session
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	12H & ASPECT Assembly 2pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming scheme ends today
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 3 Mount Keira Excursion
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 3 Christmas Fair Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Scripture Presentation / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports home
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Awards Assembly 9.15am - Invitation only
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Picnic Day / Classes Party Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

## **Current Notes & Payments Due**

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## **Archibull – We did it!**

Congratulations to Mrs Harris and the entire Archibull team, who have won 2 awards for their efforts. Last Monday, we were pleased to accept an award for the “Best Dairy Blog” as well as an Award of Excellence for our Powerpoint presentation/movie on the effects of rubbish on our environment. This is an outstanding achievement and a credit to all the hard work our Archibull team put in during the year!

## **2014 Parliament**

Last Friday, all students from Years K-6 listened to speeches from 24 candidates hoping to be elected into the 2014 BHPS Parliament. The presentations were of extremely high quality, and made voting for just 10 a difficult job for our staff and students. I would like to thank the parents and carers who helped their children at home to prepare for this milestone, and acknowledge the achievement for being part of this experience. 2014 Prime Ministers and Shadow Prime Ministers will be announced at our End of Year Awards Ceremony, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Swimming Scheme**

Today, all students in Years 2-6 will begin their two week Swimming Scheme Program. Although this program is held off site, it is part of the normal Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum that all students in NSW Public Schools must be taught. As I have explained in previous newsletters, the program is cost neutral (free), with pool entry costs the only additional payment. The school (along with a private donor) have subsidised this cost to ensure ALL students attend. Students will today be graded into different swimming groups (depending on their ability) and be given the appropriate instruction. Students should come to school every day, prepared to swim. The program will only be cancelled in extreme weather conditions. If for any reason, your child cannot get into the water on any day, please send in a note and they will attend and watch their class from the sideline, as most lessons involve water safety drills as well.

### **P&C Christmas Raffle**

The P&C are conducting a Christmas raffle, and tickets are being distributed to each child with this week's newsletter. We would like to thank all of the local businesses who have supported us and generously donated prizes. Tickets are \$1 each and prizes will be drawn at the school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 2.30pm.

Tickets and money should be returned to the school office. We ask that all tickets, whether sold or not, are returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Please write your child's name and class on the ticket book cover, as these will go into a special draw for some wonderful prizes. There will also be a prize for the child / family that raises the most money!

Thank you for your support.

### **Bronze and Silver Awards**

This Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am we will be having a special assembly to hand out our next round of Bronze and Silver School Achievement Awards. These are earned by the students for consistently demonstrating their use of the "Five Keys to School Success". If your child is receiving one of these awards, you will be notified by letter this week.

### **Parenting Ideas - Membership**

Our School P&C have recently purchased a year's subscription to the Parenting Ideas magazine. Parentingideas is Australia's leading provider of parenting education resources to schools. They offer an extensive range of learning resources to parents, articles and up-to-date content for school newsletters, as well as professional development for teachers and parents. If you would like to see more, please go to:

[www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) and follow the instructions in the parents section. You can download the Parenting Ideas Magazine here as well. Additional information will be included in our weekly newsletter – this week look for the article on children's inappropriate use of language (swearing).



Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers, P&C members and general visitors to our school who make Barrack Heights Public School a positive place to be!

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](http://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.*

*Toast – vegemite and honey 10c a slice*

*Fruit bread 10c a slice*

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

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