# **Barrack Heights Public School**

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### **WORKING TOGETHER'**

### NEWSLETTER

## 2014 Term 4 Week 9

#### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Swimming Scheme continues Elections for 2015 Front Bench Lake Illawarra High School & Oak Flats High School Orientation Assembly 2pm in hall P&C Disco Ngargin Doctors Major Graduation 10.15am Class party day at Killalea Assembly Presentation day Year 6 Farewell Last day of school for students

Dear parents, carers and students,

Welcome to Week 9 - where the end of year craziness for schools begins!

#### Reminder.....End of Year Class Parties

ALL students at Barrack Heights Public School will travel by bus to Killalea State Park on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December for a combined Christmas party. Students will rotate around different activities, run by the staff at the Education Centre. Teachers will stay with their classes, and all of the school will enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch. Once again, the school will subsidise the cost of this excursion, with parents asked to contribute \$10 towards the day. If you have not already received a permission note from your child, please contact the front office.

#### 2015 Parliament Elections

Today, we will hear from the Year 4 and 5 students who are campaigning for a position on the Front Bench for 2015. Tomorrow, all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will vote for their top 3 choices. These votes will be tallied and the Front Bench, Shadow Prime Ministers and Prime Ministers announced at a special assembly next Monday afternoon. I wish all our candidates the very best and look forward to another productive year of strong student leadership in our school.

#### Presentation Day Assembly

Our school end of year Presentation Assembly will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We would ask all parents, carers and family members to be seated by 9.15am in the hall. There will be reserved seating in the front row for special guests and award presenters. All other seating is on a first come basis. Parents will be contacted by post or phone if their child is receiving an award – but the reason will be a surprise! We look forward to a fantastic morning of celebration and achievement.

#### **Ngargin Doctors Major Graduation**

Our new Ngargin Doctors will graduate from their program on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Parents of these students are invited to attend the graduation at 10.15am. This will go until the lunch break at 11am and will be followed by a luncheon for all students and parents who attend.

#### What Works Meeting – Aboriginal Education

All parents of Aboriginal students are invited to attend a What Works meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm. This meeting will be hosted by Veronica Archibald and Troy Tungai. We hope to see everyone there!

#### **Attendance**

Congratulations to KH who have won the weekly attendance award! They are the class who had the least absences for Week 8, and will be given a free ice block this week as a reward!

#### Sarah Rudling Principal

#### P&C News

#### **Christmas Raffle**

The P&C are holding a Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each. Books were handed out to all students last week and prizes will be drawn at the school on Presentation Day, Monday 15th December 2014. We would like to thank Wilsons Bike Hub Warrawong and Woolworths who have also donated prizes in addition to those shown on the raffle books.

All books and money should be returned to the school by Friday 12th December 2014. There will be student representatives outside the canteen each morning until 9am to collect tickets & money. Additional books are also available.

Please write your family or child's name and class on the ticket book cover in the space provided, as there is a \$30 Smiggle voucher prize for the child who raises the most money!

#### P&C Disco

The disco will be held this week, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm to 6pm for all students to celebrate the end of another fantastic year. The cost will be a gold coin donation and this year's theme is to come dressed as your favourite character.

You will need to sign your child in and out of the disco so please make sure you see the P&C representatives to have your child's name marked off.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the P&C and our fundraising this year. We have been able to contribute to the upgrade of audio visual equipment for the hall which will benefit the students for many years to come. We have also supported some of our talented students in their sporting achievements throughout the year.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 17th February 2015 at 6pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

Narelle Adams P&C Treasurer

#### Kid's Fishing Workshop

The Department of Primary Industries is holding a kid's fishing workshop in the school holidays on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The day runs from 10am-2pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits and fish handling tips for catch and release. The cost is \$40 which includes a rod, reel, shirt, hat, tackle box and a show bag to take home! Bookings are essential. Call Stephen Thurstan, primary Industries NSW. Ph 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or email <u>stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au</u>. Go to <u>www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop</u> for more information or see our school noticeboard for flyer.

#### <u>Library</u>

There is a large number of books that have not been returned to our school library. Please check around your house, in your child's bedroom, on your home bookshelves, in the toy box or even at grandma or grandpa's house. If these books are not returned, it will cost our school a lot of money for replacements. We would really appreciate your assistance in the prompt return of all these books by **Thursday 11th** December.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Mrs Debnam and Mrs Kolevski







Illawarra Sports High School Talented Sports and Development Program

> Information Open Night for Year 7 2016 Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

> > Year 6 Trials for Year 7 2016 Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015