

# Barrack Heights Public School

HUNTER STREET

BARRACK HEIGHTS 2528

Email: barrackht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (02) 42 964 222 Fax: (02) 42 972 818

**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

2015 Term 4 Week 8

### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November-4<sup>th</sup> December

Swimming Scheme

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Public Speaking Final

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Parliament Nominees assembly, 1.45pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Stage 2 Gosford camp

Police Cyber safety Talk, Oak Flats HS, 6-7.30pm

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

### NAIDOC Public Speaking State Final

Today, Ms Prior and I are at NSW State Parliament with Poppi R and Samara W as they compete in the NAIDOC Public Speaking State Final. We are so proud of our team who are representing the greater Illawarra against schools across regional and metropolitan NSW. The girls' speech is a fantastic, information filled, conversation between two friends - discussing Australia's complete history and acknowledging the importance of us all, as Australian citizens, standing on sacred ground together in reconciliation. Congratulations girls on your wonderful achievement! You make us proud!



### Library nightmare update

Thank you to all the parent, carers and students who have made an extra effort to find and return some of our 1000 missing library books. The cost of replacing these missing books is close to \$20 000 - the cost of new, modern classroom furniture for every student in our school! Please continue your search for any BHPS library book or home reader - on bookshelves, under beds and other furniture, in bags and classrooms. Our school cannot afford the loss!

### Swimming Scheme

Today all students in Years 2-6 will begin either the Department of Education Swimming Scheme or Surf Groms. There are still some students that have not brought in money or notes to attend during the next two weeks – please contact the school if you require additional time to pay the \$10 per student. All students will attend every day, as we are on a rotation across the school. Students should wear their swimmers under their normal school clothes and bring underwear to change into after lessons. Students also need a towel, plastic bag, hat, sunscreen and normal lunch and recess. A full water bottle will also be important.

### Parliament nominations and voting

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school will hear the maiden speeches from our 2016 School Parliament candidates. Candidates currently in years 4 and 5 have been working on their campaign posters and identifying their use of the 5 Keys to Success to prove they have what it takes to be leaders in our school. I would like to wish all candidates the best in their respective campaign pitches to their constituents. Parents are welcome to attend the speeches from 1.45pm on Wednesday. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will vote on Friday afternoon.

## **Police Cyber Safety talk**

This Thursday evening, 6-7.30pm, Oak Flats High School will host members of NSW police to discuss with parents the impacts of being "Cyber Safe". The invitation has been extended to all local schools and their communities, and I encourage you to attend.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800  
**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000

## **Information Evening for Warilla High School**

There will be an information evening for year 6 students and parents going into year 7 this Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> November at Warilla High School, commencing at 6pm. Please call the High School if you require more information.

## **Opal Cards for school bus passes**

From 2016, Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme. Parents and guardians will need to apply if the student:

- is just starting school and has not had a bus pass before
- is going from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to year 7
- is changing schools
- or, if the student's personal details have changed (e.g. address)

Also, students who are not eligible for Free Travel Opal Cards may purchase a term card by going to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or buy a Child/Youth Opal Card from Participating retailers, online at opal.com.au or calling 136725 (13 opal) or by paying a cash fare when boarding the bus.



## **RIDING THE WAVE - Surf Life Saving Program**

Families of children of all abilities are being introduced to the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch's Riding the Wave Nippers program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water based activities such as beach ball games, relays, flags, boards and wades.

### **Get involved and have some fun !**

Riding the Wave program aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Life Saving Club
- Provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in a non competitive, flexible Nippers program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner
- Have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.

The Riding the Wave initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs,

Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation.

Riding the wave is a four week program conducted mid February to mid March.



**Join your local  
Riding the  
Wave program  
TODAY!**



For further information and an application form please contact Catherine on 4228 5355 or email [catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au)

Supported by the

Your Local Clubs are: Towradgi, Bellambi, Woonona, Bulli and Coledale



**ILLAWARRA**  
NEW SOUTH WALES



# AST SURF SCHOOL PRESENTS



1800 711 189



**NORTH GONG  
THE FARM  
BULLI**



## THE SUMMER SESSIONS BEGIN

Programs starting from the **16th of November**  
Available **AFTER SCHOOL** and on **WEEKENDS**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

**[WWW.SURFGROMS.COM.AU](http://WWW.SURFGROMS.COM.AU)**



TO FIND OUT MORE:  
**1800 711 189**  
[INFO@AUSTRALIANSURFTOURS.COM.AU](mailto:INFO@AUSTRALIANSURFTOURS.COM.AU)





2014 White Ribbon Day walk

# Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk



**Not violent. Not silent.**

## 25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk>

You can also visit the walk's Facebook page at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB>

Organised by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence in support of the White Ribbon Campaign