

# Barrack Heights Public School

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**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

## 2016 Term 4 Week 1

### **TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Students return for Term 4  
Mufti Day for Bronze and Silver Award winners  
Sausage sizzle for Silver Award winners  
Assembly  
Year 6 Warilla High School visit  
P&C Meeting, 6pm in the staffroom  
World Teachers day  
Assembly

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome back to our favourite and most busy Term of the school year! Today has begun beautifully, with many students eager to get stuck into new learning in preparation for Semester Two reporting to parents and carers. We have had a steady stream of visitors to the office, and many new items added to our school calendar to round out the year. Please take note of the many activities and payments that will require your attention during the next few weeks including Swimming Scheme, Year 6/7 Transition, Excursions and Class Parties.

### **School Holiday Works**

During the school holiday period, our school had many facelifts including painting and carpeting, air conditioning in the library, pest spraying, gutter cleaning, furniture delivery, chemical deep cleans in toilet areas and installation of new Interactive Whiteboards in 2 classrooms and the library. While this work was planned to cause minimal disruption to the teaching and learning, it has come at a cost to the school. Yesterday, two teenagers were spotted inside the school grounds by a quick thinking neighbour who called police. We are grateful to the quick response of both the police and school security, who were able to attend and minimise the damage. It appears that these teenagers have been regularly visiting the school, getting “locked in” on purpose overnight. We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for security cameras to be installed around the school. If you notice any unusual activity in or around our school grounds, at any time, please phone School Security on 1300 880 021.

### **Warilla Community of Schools Public Speaking Final**

I would like to congratulate Samara W for her win at the Warilla Community of Schools Public Speaking Final. Samara was joined by Sammy F, Isabella S and Gideon B competing against students from our local primary schools. This is Samara’s second major public speaking title, and Ms Prior and the entire school community are very proud of her talents in this area! Well done!

### **Kindness on Purpose Assembly**

Our Term 3 Kindness on Purpose Assembly was an absolutely fantastic afternoon, celebrating the wonderful knowledge, understandings and actions of our students when it comes to showing empathy and being kind to others. Class 4/6P took out the competition title with their “Kindness Rap”, closely followed by 1D’s Kindness Corner and 3/4H’s Kindness Artwork. A huge thank you to Mr Nesbit and Katrina Cavanough for their leadership and support within our school.

Student Declan F was also inducted as our inaugural “Kindness Champion”, and will assist Mr Nesbit in inducting the next round of Kindness Ambassadors for Term 4. Declan was nominated by several staff

members for his continued, endless acts of kindness to both staff and students. Well done Declan, you are a fabulous member of our school community!

### **You Can Do It – Celebration day**

Students receiving their Bronze and Silver Awards will have mufti-day this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, with Silver Award winners also having a hot dog lunch provided. If your child is unable to participate in the lunch provided, please contact Mrs Broomham tomorrow!

### **Absence from BHPS**

Next week, I will be absent from the school as I am travelling to New Zealand (2 days) and also attending a State Principals Conference in Sydney (3 days). Mrs Denise Broomham will relieve as Principal with other executive assisting her throughout the week. If your child has an Assistant Principal as a teacher, please understand that they may be off class at times during this week.

### **School P&C**

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the staffroom. Please consider joining us to find out more about our school and to assist in planning and decision making for 2017.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800  
**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000  
**School Security** 1300 880 021

## **YOU CAN DO IT RESILIENCE**

**What is resilience?**

**Resilience is the capacity to withstand stress and catastrophe.**

**How we bounce back from situations to face and solve problems**



### **Kindness Competition Results.**

In the last week of term three our kindness competition was held. What a fantastic afternoon of entertainment and kindness. All the acts that performed were outstanding and the variety was amazing. There can only be one winner and the winners were 4/6P with their Kindness Rap. They have chosen to celebrate their win with a special luncheon. Second place went to 1D with their 'Kindness Corner' and third place was a tie between Victoria, the Kill it with kindness dance group and 3H with their kindness mural. Well done and thank you to everyone for making Barrack Heights an even better Kindness on Purpose School.

