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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 4 Week 2

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 17th October

2017 Kinder Starting Strong program begins

Wednesday 26th October

Assembly, 10am in the hall

Year 6 Warilla High School visit

Friday 28th October

P&C Meeting, 6pm in the staffroom

Monday 31st October

World Teacher's day

Assembly, 10am in the hall

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Professional Learning

This week, many of our staff (including myself) will be attending professional learning days. Whilst these opportunities are of huge benefit to our teachers, executive and administration staff, they do interrupt the “usual” running of the school. We are fortunate to have excellent casual support staff who can maintain quality teaching and learning opportunities for all of our students, as well as support staff that know our school and the students well. Please support these staff members, and speak with your child/ren to maintain high quality and expected behaviour and conduct during the week. If you have any concerns, please contact your Stage Assistant Principal or Mrs Broomham in the office.

I will be on leave from Friday 14th October to Tuesday 18th October. I am then in attendance at the NSW Primary Principal's Conference from Wednesday 19th October to Friday 21st October. Please contact Mrs Denise Broomham- Relieving Principal, Barrack Heights PS (denise.broomham@det.nsw.edu.au) for any assistance.

LMBR “Go Live!”

Today, our school joined 50% of NSW in the new Learning Management; Business Reform administration system. Our Senior Administration Manager, Mrs Wendy Dowling will be extremely busy this week, completing tasks to set up the new system in our school. It will affect payments and receipting during the next few weeks, but our team have been very competently completing pre-tasks, and should have most of the “bugs” ironed out before any excursion payments are due. This has been a mammoth workload and stressful time for our office team, and I congratulate and thank them for their excellent use of the YCDI Keys – Resilience, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence and Getting Along! Well done Ms Collins and Mrs Dowling!

Starting Strong – Pre-school program

Today we also welcomed some of our 2017 Kindergarten to Barrack Heights Public School for the first time! These students will complete a pre-school program each Monday prior to Kindergarten Orientation in Week 9. Mrs Jo Collins (Instructional Leader) and Mrs Vanessa Brown (K-2 Interventionist) have been preparing and will run this program, which was a fabulous success last year! If you know of any children who are in area to attend BHPS next year, please encourage parents to come and enrol them asap!

Stupidity in the community

It brings me great sadness to hear of extremely poor and unsafe behaviour in our community, particularly when students of ours are injured, bullied, victimised or treated with disrespect. It has come to my attention, that a group of young people between 10-15 years of age have been causing conflict in some streets of Barrack Heights. Please know, that the school will not tolerate bullying or violence of any kind, and should

information come to our attention, police will be notified. I encourage you all, for the safety of our children and our neighbourhood to do the same. One of our students was hit on the back with a metal bar on Thursday afternoon, just because he was riding his bike to a mate's place! This is unacceptable behaviour and I hope that you are as outraged as our staff and students are. Please, ensure that your child is playing responsibly and that you know the types of children that they associate with at the park or in the street. Secondly, help us to educate these children that this type of behaviour is NOT ok! If you have any concerns or information about unruly and disrespectful behaviour in our community, and would like any assistance, please contact us at the school.

School P&C

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 26th 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



Swimming Scheme

The swimming scheme starts in week 8 and finishes in week 9. All students from Year 2 to Year 6 will be participating. The permission note is attached to this newsletter.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement for 2018

For students currently in Year 5 who are thinking or applying for a selective high school placement in 2018 there is information booklets available from the office.

The Denny Foundation Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Denny Foundation supports the students and families of our school with weekly donations of food to keep our breakfast program running. They in turn have asked us to help them this Christmas with donations of non-perishable items (tinned, bottled & packet food etc) for their Christmas Hampers which go to very needy families.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to the office. All items, big or small, will be greatly appreciated by the Denny Foundation and will help to make Christmas a little easier for some needy families.

The Denny Foundation Christmas Lunch

The Denny Foundation invites families to join them for Christmas lunch on December 25 from 10am to 2pm at Warilla/Barrack Point Surf Club. A full Christmas Buffet will be served promptly at 11am. There will be a visit from Santa & Elf and a present for every child under 12 as well as hampers and door prizes. This is a free event organised by The Denny Foundation and it is alcohol free. Please RSVP by December 13 to 4297 2220 to reserve your place as numbers are limited to 150.

Smith's Hill High School Expo Night

Smith's Hill High School Expo night will be this Wednesday night 19th October from 6.00 till 8.30pm. SHHS, located on Gipps Street, Wollongong, is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students. The canteen will be open from 5pm as well as a sausage sizzle for \$2.50. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2018. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2017 admission and their parents are invited to attend the Expo to view the facilities and programs. Applications for Year 7 2018 close on 14th November 2016. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

0427 439 234

lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Is your child starting school next year? Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

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**Dyslexia
Empowerment
Week** 16-22
Oct 2016



Welcome to a Screening of Outside the Square Film 2 Community Event



Empowering Students with Dyslexia in Australian Schools

TARGETED TEACHING FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

- ✓ Appropriate teaching strategies ✓ Building self-esteem and developing resilience
- ✓ Classroom accommodations ✓ Assistive technology ✓ Intervention
- ✓ Adjustments for exams and assessments ✓ Multisensory techniques

With Special Guest Speakers

Jeanette Davies

Inclusive Technologies Specialist, Apple
Distinguished Education And Accessibility
Ambassador, Information Communication
Learning Technologies Catholic Education

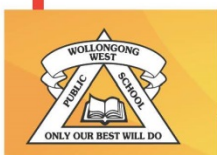
Amanda Parker

Representative from SPELD NSW,
Teacher at UOW in Learners with Special
Needs for pre-service teachers, Secondary
Learning Support Teacher, Member of AASE

WHEN: Thursday, 20 October 2016
From: 6pm (for a 6.15pm screening)

WHERE: Wollongong West Public School Hall
Phillips Avenue, West Wollongong

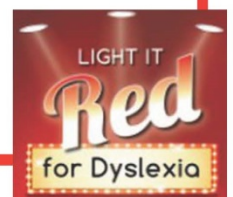
RSVP: 17.10.16 wollongongdyslexia@gmail.com



Specific Learning Difficulties



Information on Disability
Education and Awareness Services



SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM



Education

Message to Parents / Caregivers

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum.

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Program. The Program focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities. If there are places available more able swimmers will be able to participate also.

Instruction will take place at Warilla pool.

The Scheme will continue daily for two weeks from 28/11 to 9/12. There will be no charge for instruction.

Transport will cost \$ walking per day. Pool entry will cost \$ 1.00 per day.

The total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$ 10 Maximum of \$20 per family.

Each child should bring a swimming costume, a towel, blouse or shirt, hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. an SPF 50+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen reapplied regularly. A T-shirt or rash suit is also recommended (pool facility permitting).

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming Program for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the Program, please complete and sign the form below and return it to your child's class teacher.

Principal: _____

Date: _____

of

Return this section to the school by: (Day) _____ Date _____

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter _____ at the School Swimming Scheme classes to be held at Warilla pool from 28/11 to 9/12.

Travel will be by walking (bus, walking). Total cost for 10 day program is \$ _____

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

TO BE RETAINED AT THE SCHOOL