

# Barrack Heights Public School

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**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 4 Week 7

### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 6 In2Uni excursion
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	P&C Meeting, 6pm in the staffroom
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov- Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim Scheme, Yrs 2-6
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Assembly, 10am
	Kindergarten Orientation, 2-3pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	YCDI Assemblies, K-2 9-10am/3-6 2-3pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Party Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Award Assembly, 9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell, Shellharbour Surf Club
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Students last day of school

Dear parents, carers and community members,

### Parliament Speeches

It was an inspiring and proud moment last Friday to sit in the audience and listen to the 39 students in Years 4 and 5 make their election pitches for 2017 Parliament. Every single candidate deserved to be there, demonstrating confidence and an ability to speak publically about what makes them a great leader. Although only 14 of these students will fill formal positions as part of the Front Bench, each one should be so proud of their commitment of the vision of our school – a place where everyone has the right to feel safe, learn and participate equally. Congratulations kids! You make the teachers, parents, carers and Principal in your life proud!

### Parent Focus Groups

I would like to thank the parents who attended and gave feedback to Mr Steve Galbraith as part of our whole school evaluation for 2016. Your understanding and insight into our school, along with suggestions for the future have been invaluable. I would also like to thank the four parents who gave us feedback through the Tell Them From Me Survey last term. These thoughts and ideas allow us to plan more effectively from a community perspective. I also invite any other parents, carers or community members to email me directly with any additional comments or feedback you would like known about Barrack Heights Public School. Also, our next P&C meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November will provide a forum for any parent or carer who would like to make comment. Please come and have your say or clarify your understanding of our school's aims and strategic directions moving into the future.

### School canteen

Whilst 2016 has not brought us any closer to finding a new canteen operator, I would like to thank the staff for their voluntary assistance in providing both breakfast and lunch to students each day. Our sponsor, the Denny Foundation, has continued to assist us with bread and fruit donations. These are used throughout the school each day. We still provide the \$2 lunch service, which includes a sandwich, piece of fruit and bottle of water. I would also like to commend the Parliamentary Canteen Committee, who continue to sell ice-creams and ice-blocks at lunch and recess to raise money for additional playground equipment in our school. The new cars and other toys have been well received!

### **Behaviour and suspension procedures**

During the last few weeks, there has been a decline in the behaviour of some students, leading to withdrawal of these students from mainstream learning and social aspects at school. The school executive and I will always work with students displaying negative behaviour choices - providing time for reflection, understanding other choices that could have been made and resolution of the issue. Many times, Mrs Broomham or myself will make contact with parents or carers to explain what has occurred at school, and to ask for support in resolving the negative behaviour.

*If the negative action or behaviour of the student compromises the safety of themselves, other students or staff within our school, the student may be considered for suspension from the school.* Suspension allows the staff involved with the student to create a plan that may include a Risk Assessment, Behaviour Management Plan, Individual Learning Plan or combination of these to re-engage the student and reduce the chance of the negative behaviour reoccurring. *Suspension is not a punishment*, and will not be utilised as such at this school. If you have any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, please contact the school.

### **Parent support for our school**

Once again, I would ask ALL parents who pick up and drop off their children outside our school to assist us in taking care of your children's safety. We have again had several near misses, with parents unwilling to drive or park in a safe manner. **It is unacceptable that several staff members have been verbally abused by parents while trying to keep our kids safe.** You cannot pick your child up from the middle of the road, whilst on the pedestrian crossing, illegally parked or in our driveway.

In addition to this, can I remind parents and carers that all students continue with their learning until 3pm. If you are waiting for your children, please be mindful of the noise of conversations around the hall, as it can be a distraction.

### **End of year events and excursions**

This week, we begin the "end of year run" of events and excursions. Please keep on top of any payments or permission notes that your child requires to participate in these activities. Thursday, Year 6 will participate in DOSH Day (High School Transition) here at the school. On Friday, we have Year 6 and some Year 5 students visiting Wollongong University. 40 other students are participating in the "Get Hooked with Fishing" workshop down at Lake Illawarra, Windang. Next week, all students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will walk to Warilla pool each day to attend the Special Swimming Scheme. Only students with permission to swim will get into the water, all other students will watch from the side of the pool. Please ensure that your child has returned their note and \$10 or \$20 per family (max). If payment is a problem, please contact Ms Rudling at the school.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

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**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000

### **K Mart Kindness Awards –Week 7**

This week the K Mart Kindness Award winners are Lilly KB, Jaxon K/1P and Mila 1D. The major award of the \$20 K Mart voucher goes to Lilly. These recipients are great examples of kindness and their attitude and actions are appreciated by all at Barrack Heights School. We thank K Mart for their generous support of our Kindness program. These awards were presented at our Monday assembly.

### **Cartridges for Planet Ark**

Our school now has a recycling facility for all used printing cartridges. The box is located in the office foyer near the black collection box.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Book club orders from Issue 8 are due in by this Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

### **Lunches**

Lunches are available from the canteen before 9am, Monday to Friday. For \$2.00 you can choose from a jam, honey or vegemite sandwich, a bottle of water and a piece of fruit.

### **Swimming Scheme**

The swimming scheme starts in week 8, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and finishes in week 9, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. All students from Year 2 to Year 6 will be participating.

### **New Outlook Celebration Day**

New Outlook invites you to join them in celebrating Australian Aboriginal culture. This includes food, art, activities and music. It will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 2pm at 3 Station Street Wollongong. Phone 9393 9156 for more information.

### **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.

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