

# Barrack Heights Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 4 Week 9

### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Swim Scheme, Yrs 2-6

Kindergarten Orientation, 2-3pm

YCDI Assemblies, K-2 9-10am/3-6 2-3pm

Class Party Day

Whole School Award Assembly, 9.30am

Year 6 Farewell, Shellharbour Surf Club

Students last day of school

Dear parents, carers and community members,

### Industrial Action – Thursday 8 December

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced it will hold a stop work meeting of school teachers and non-school based Teaching Service (OCAA) members on Thursday 8 December 2016. The purpose of the stop work meeting is for Federation member's to debate and vote on the proposed Crown Employees (Teachers in Schools and Related Employees) Salaries and Conditions Award 2016. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8.30am, with a televised broadcast from 8.45am. Staff should be back in schools by 10.30am, to continue a regular school day.

All Barrack Heights Public School teaching staff, including specialist Department of Education Swimming Scheme staff, have indicated that they will be attending the meeting. This means that there will be minimum supervision at the school until 10.30am. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### 2017 Kindergarten Orientation

During the last 9 weeks, we have welcomed many 2017 Kindergarten enrolments into our pre-school program. I would like to thank Mrs Jo Collins and Mrs Vanessa Brown, our respective Instructional Leader and Interventionist, for their organisation and dedication to the Barrack Heights Public School readiness program. Today, we officially held Kindergarten Orientation, with a parent session 2-3pm. Whilst I welcomed these new students and their families to our school during the meeting, I would like to extend that welcome on behalf of the rest of our school (parents, students and community members).

### 2017 Organisation

Beginning next year, our school will host an additional Multi-Categorical class for students with additional needs. This will bring us to three Special Education classes, therefore our school is entitled to an Assistant Principal - Special Education. This position is currently being advertised, and should be known by the end of this year. Across the school K-6, 2017 should see Barrack Heights Public School with 9 mainstream classes and 3 Special Education classes – 12 in total. These classes will be supported by Instructional Leaders, Learning and Support Teachers, School Learning Support Officers and Aboriginal Education Workers. We will also be employing a Speech Therapist (Jessica Buchelin) up to 3 days per week, Kindness on Purpose creator, Katrina Cavanough, one day per week and have an additional School Counsellor one day per week. Our Child Protection Worker – Education, Rene Perry will also join us again in 2017 on Thursdays.

### Police Youth Liaison Officer visit

Last Wednesday afternoon our new police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Lori Hanley, came to speak with students in Years 3 to 6 about the increase in local community violence. Her clear message was

that violence in any form cannot and should not be tolerated in our community. When asked, 100% of our students said that “inside the gates” (school) they felt safe and that any bullying or violence is dealt with by staff, but “outside the gates” this was not the case, and they felt unsafe. I encourage you, as parents and carers, to support your children in feeling and being able to play in safe, supported environments. Supervise your children and know where they are, and who they are with during the school holiday break.

### **Ngargin Doctors graduation**

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, extended family members and carers attending our last Ngargin Doctors Graduation for 2016! We also were joined by Aunty Patty, Malpa CEO Don Palmer, and local AECG President Trish Gaffney who spoke highly of the students presenting their learning to the group. We will continue this program next year and look forward to many more Ngargin Doctors graduating into the future.

### **AECG**

The final Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group meeting will be held this Wednesday 7 December at Killalea from 4pm. All parent and community members are welcome to attend.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

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<b>Lake Illawarra Police</b>	4232 5599
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	1800 333 000

### **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.

### **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.

### **TAFE Illawarra Shellharbour Tertiary Preparation Course**

This is designed for people who did not complete their HSC and wanting to improve their skills for success in work and/or study. There will be an info screening session held at Shellharbour TAFE on Tuesday 6 December and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am- 1pm in Building D, Room DG24, 11 College Avenue, Oak Flats and again on 19 January 3-6pm in Building G, Room GG08. Alternatively call 4295 2105 or email [helen.wood4@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:helen.wood4@tafensw.edu.au)

### **School Holiday Tennis Camp**

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club, Jason Avenue, Warilla

- Tuesday 3rd , Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- 9.00am-12 noon
- Games and prizes
- Ball machine
- Special family rates

All enquiries call Brett and Michelle Edwards  
0403 289 974 or 0413 064 298

# DEC-JAN SUMMER

## School Holiday Program



Highlight Event | Tik Tocs Playland

<p><b>MONDAY 19 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Water Day</b> Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore. Extras: <b>Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Go Karts</b> Get set... Go! Ride a battery powered Go Kart around the inflatable track to get your driver's license. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$15.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b> <b>Activity starts 11am.</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>PJs, Movies &amp; Christmas Art</b> Come dressed in your Christmas PJs and watch your favourite Christmas movies on the Fun Club big screen. Christmas arts and crafts too! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Rollerskating</b> We'll roll on down to Oak Flats roller dome for some skatin' fun including roller limbo and the card game. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$15.</b> <b>Lunch provided. Bring socks.</b> Excursion: <b>9am-1pm</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Let It Snow!</b> Join us for a white Christmas party extraordinaire! We will have snow, bubbles, a jumping castle and lots of festive fun! Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$5.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>
<p><b>CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR BREAK</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 3 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Camp Out</b> It's back! Come and pitch your tents and build your cubbies for a day of camping fun. Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Movies + Pizza</b> Head off to Event Cinemas Shellharbour to watch one of the latest children's movies (G or PG only). Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$15.</b> <b>Movie snacks + pizza lunch provided.</b> Excursion: <b>9am-1pm</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 5 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Hunger Games</b> Hunger game battles like never before. Archery training, sword fighting, boxing, hiding, catching, finding, searching and so much more. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$10.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b> <b>Activity runs 1-3pm.</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 6 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Water Day</b> Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore. Extras: <b>Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>

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<p><b>MONDAY 9 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Integral Energy Park</b> Explore, climb, jump and slide! Play some team games and have a picnic lunch with our friends. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$5.</b> <b>Bring picnic lunch.</b> Excursion: <b>11am-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 10 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Bowling</b> Get your bowling shoes on, we're heading to Shellharbour Bowl for some ten-pin bowling action! Lunch provided at the alley. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$15.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b> Excursion: <b>10am-1pm</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Luau!</b> Come dressed in your favourite Hawaiian clothes. Big Fat Smile musician Shabnam will teach us to play ukeleles and limbo! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 12 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Water Day</b> Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore. Extras: <b>Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 13 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Things That Make You Go Eww!</b> If it's creepy and it's kooky, mysterious and spooky, or altogether ooky it's showing up today! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY 16 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Reverse Garbage</b> Today is about the creative reuse and re-purposing of recycled materials, all in the name of sustainable art! This afternoon we'll have a visit from Big Fat Smile musician Penny. Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 17 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>China Calling</b> We will explore and celebrate the culture of China through traditional creative arts, food and don't forget Kung Fu and Tai Chi! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Botanic Gardens</b> Travel to Wollongong to walk through the botanic gardens, enjoy a picnic lunch and play in the park. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$5.</b> <b>Bring picnic lunch.</b> Excursion: <b>11am-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 19 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Tie Dye</b> Add a touch of colour to your life! Join us for a tie dyeing workshop - all items supplied! Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$20.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 20 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Wanted - Whiz Kids!</b> Form a team with your friends and challenge each other in trivia, brain benders, scavenger hunts and more! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY 23 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Blackbutt Reserve</b> Today we will head up to Blackbutt Reserve where we will enjoy a picnic lunch and play in the park. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$5.</b> <b>Bring picnic lunch.</b> Excursion: <b>11am-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 24 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Water Day</b> Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore. Extras: <b>Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Aussie Aussie Aussie! Oi Oi Oi!</b> Join us for a sausage sanga and some lamingtons as we celebrate Australia Day. Traditional games, craft and special FX makeup too! Extras: <b>Lunch provided.</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 26 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p><b>FRIDAY 27 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Tik Tocs Playland</b> Jump, tumble, swing and slide in the three level climbing gym and massive indoor slides. Try the teacup ride, laser skirmish and rock climbing wall. Extras: <b>Daily fee + \$30.</b> <b>Lunch provided.</b> Excursion: <b>8am-6pm</b></p>

**DEC-JAN** School Holiday Program

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<p><b>Monday 14.12.16</b></p> <p><b>KIDS IN THE KITCHEN Christmas</b></p> <p>Let's get cooking! We get prepare for Santa's arrival as we make and create some tasty Christmas treats!</p> <p>Craft: Christmas Crafts Sport: Soccer Additional Cost: \$2.00</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 20.12.16</b></p> <p><b>battleBLAST LASER TAG</b></p> <p>Bring your A game as you battle your friends in an action packed day of Laser Tag! The ultimate bite awaits.</p> <p>Craft: Paint Splatters Sport: Touch Football Additional Cost: \$1.00</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 21.12.16</b></p> <p><b>POOL Party</b></p> <p>We are off to Kama Leisure centre today for some swimming, gymastics, games and sports! Pack a change of clothes, enclosed shoes, swimmers, rash vest &amp; towel.</p> <p>Craft: Shark Attack Sport: Gymnast Ice Additional Cost: \$12.00</p>	<p><b>Thursday 22.12.16</b></p> <p><b>SURVIVOR</b></p> <p>Can you outlast the Peak staff and your friends in the ultimate team challenge?</p> <p>Craft: Nat ure Names Sport: Ath let Ice Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Friday 23.12.16</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Party</b></p> <p>The countdown is on until Christmas! Let's celebrate with everything Christmas today! Cooking, craft, games - we have it all today.</p> <p>Craft: Reindeer Hats Sport: Base ket ball Additional Cost: NIL</p>
<p><b>Monday 2.1.17</b></p> <p><b>CLOSED- Public Holiday</b></p> <p><b>Merry Christmas and happy new year!</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 3.1.17</b></p> <p><b>THE KID'S CANCER PROJECT</b></p> <p>Can you handle the heat? We are having a danceathon to raise money for the Kids Cancer Project. Who will be the ultimate dance champion?</p> <p>Craft: Puffy Paints Sport: Mini r Games Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 4.1.17</b></p> <p><b>GAME ZONE</b></p> <p>It's gaming day! BYOD or board game, and put your game face on as you battle your friends and the Peak staff!</p> <p>Craft: Boardgame Fun Sport: Oz Tag Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Thursday 5.1.17</b></p> <p><b>Splash</b></p> <p>Get splashed in the water gauntlet and water ski race game. Bring along your own water pistol. Don't forget your rash vest, swimmers &amp; towel!</p> <p>Craft: Water Pistol Painting Sport: Base ket ball Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Friday 6.1.17</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE MAGIC</b></p> <p>We are off to Hoyts to see "Sing 1" (4.08 on the day for popcorn meal deal - optional)</p> <p>Craft: Puppet Fun Sport: Tennis Additional Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p><b>Monday 9.1.17</b></p> <p><b>FLIP OUT</b></p> <p>Jump, bounce, twist and flip as we go to Flip Out Warzone today! BYO socks as we jump the day away!</p> <p>Craft: Flippy Frogs Sport: League Tag Additional Cost: \$12.00</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 10.1.17</b></p> <p><b>PEAK'S 7th BIRTHDAY</b></p> <p>It's our 7th birthday! Come and celebrate with us as we party the day away with a jumping castle, party games and more.</p> <p>Hip Hip Hoory!</p> <p>Craft: Crazy Crowns Sport: Mini r Games Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 11.1.17</b></p> <p><b>KOOL WHEELS</b></p> <p>Bring along your bike, scooter or anything with wheels and ride the day away! Don't forget your helmet.</p> <p>Craft: A it by Car Sport: Relay Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Thursday 12.1.17</b></p> <p><b>SNACKER HUNT</b></p> <p>Race against your friends in the ultimate scavenger hunt! Can you follow the clues and find the secret items?</p> <p>Craft: Snake Chains Sport: Dodgeball Additional Cost: NIL</p>	<p><b>Friday 13.1.17</b></p> <p><b>IT'S FREAKY FRIDAY, 13th!</b></p> <p>Dress up Halloween style as we make creepy treats and play crazy games. Prizes for best dressed!</p> <p>Craft: Ghastly Ghosts Sport: Dance/ Hip Ho p Additional Cost: NIL</p>

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