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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 1 Week 9

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st March
Wednesday 23rd March
Thursday 24th March
Friday 25th March - Monday 28th March
Thursday 31st March
Friday 1st April
Monday 4th April

Assembly and Harmony Day
Launch of the Kindness On Purpose' Program, 9.15am
Stage 2 Bike Education Excursion
Easter Long Weekend
School Photo day
School Cross Country
Clubs Open Day

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

Kindness On Purpose – an invitation!

On Wednesday, all parents, relatives, carers and community members are invited into the school between 9am and 12pm. During this time, we will be launching our newest program – Kindness On Purpose. All classes have been learning about the importance of empathy by understanding the importance of kind acts and being kind to others. Program creator, Katrina Cavanough spoke about her vision and program on Channel 7's The Daily Edition last Friday. You can view it at: <https://au.tv.yahoo.com/the-daily-edition/video/watch/31135179/lowering-depression-and-anxiety-in-children-through-empathy/>

Our day will include:

9.00-9.45am Kindness On Purpose Launch Assembly
9.45-11.00am Open classrooms – lessons in kindness
11.00-11.50am Free sausage sizzle lunch for students and their families

Please join us for a great day of learning and understanding!

Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG) meeting

This Wednesday afternoon, the monthly AECG meeting will be held at Mount Warrigal Public School. The meeting begins at 4pm and is open to both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal community who would like to attend. There are several BHPS staff members who regularly attend.

Continued Professional Learning for staff at BHPS

I would like to thank our community for their understanding of limited Office staff last Monday and Tuesday. This will again be the case, today and tomorrow as 16 of our staff complete Basic Intensive Training – Internal Psychology, Reality Therapy and Lead Management. In addition to this, our K-2 staff will continue their yearly training in L3 (Language, Literacy and Learning) on Thursday. We will all be ready to relax over the Easter Long Weekend!

Stage 2 Bike Education Excursion

This Thursday, students in Years 3 and 4 will attend Bike Education lessons at the Lake Illawarra PCYC. All parents and carers are requested to have payment in to the office by Tuesday, so that final numbers can be arranged and payment to the PCYC finalised.

Cross Country Carnival - change of date

Due to the clash with School Photo Day, we have changed the school Cross Country Carnival to Friday 1st April, 2016. Races will begin at 11.30am and conclude at 1.15pm with the lunch and recess breaks being reversed. All students 8yrs and older will compete in age events, running laps around the school. While

teachers will begin some preparation for this at school, we encourage you to get your child active after school by running a few laps of an oval 2 or 3 times a week.

Students are required to wear their house colours and joggers. Please do not colour hair or allow your child to wear coloured zinc – it is not appropriate. Races will run in ages around the perimeter of the school. Your “Annual Permission Note to.....” covers students running outside our fence line, and school staff will be placed at points for supervision. Please ensure that if your child suffers from asthma, they have their asthma spray available and that their Health Care Plan has been given to Mrs Sonia Pasalic in the office.

School Photos

School Photo Day is on Thursday 31st March (next week). Students need to be dressed in their best school uniform. All money for school photos is to be brought in on or before the day, and will be handed directly to the photographers – the school does collect or count this money.

Japanese Exchange Students

During Weeks 10 and 11 (4 days in total) of this term, Barrack Heights Public School will welcome 25 students and 2 teachers from West Japan. The students will spend time in classes as well as taking lessons to improve their English language skills. I know that you will join with our students and staff in welcoming our visitors into the school and community.

Happy Easter

I would like to wish all families and community members a happy and safe Easter break.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kindness at Barrack Heights

This week's Kindness Ambassador of the week...

Name: Chelsea

Year: Six

What does kindness mean to me?

Kindness to me means to be able to do something nice for no reward.

How do I feel about being a Kindness Ambassador?

I feel very excited and happy being an ambassador

If I could make one kindness rule, what would it be?

My rule would be that no one should ever be aggressive to anyone else.

Nation Day against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday Barrack Heights Public School took part in 'National Day against Bullying and Violence'. Students took part in an activity planned by their classroom teacher to acknowledge the importance of the day and the message. Each student came home with a student and parent 'Bullying. No Way!' pocket card. I encourage you to take the time with your child/children to talk about bullying and the information provided on the cards. Together we can take a stand to say 'Bullying. No Way!'

Donation of Small Toys

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Years 5 and 6 are organising a play area under the trees for the junior students. If you have any toy cars, trucks, dolls, fairy dolls in good condition to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Playground/Tree Area Committee

Family and Student Information Forms (Blue)

Please keep sending in the blue Family and Student Information forms. We have decided to give each student/family that send in the form an ice block and as mentioned in last week's Newsletter, the first class to bring in all the forms will get a Pizza Party.

If you have misplaced your form and would like another one, please collect one from the office.

Stewart House Donations

Every Year Stewart House has a donation drive. These envelopes will be sent home with the school newsletter.

Library Donation

Oak Flats Lions Club has donated the book "Miss Mouse" by Di Morrissey. We thank them kindly for their generosity.



School Photo Day is
Thursday 31st March

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Online Ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer, sending it to school earlier will only create more work for your school administration staff.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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All Participants must be or become PCYC members
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Homework Hub

**Tuesdays 3:30pm – 5pm
(throughout school term)**

PCYC Lake Illawarra is proud to announce the arrival of the Homework Hub.

Homework Hub is a tutoring program assisting students from Kindergarten to Year 8 in their day-to-day homework tasks. This program will run from 3.30 – 5pm on Tuesday afternoons throughout the school term.

The program is funded by Clubs Grants NSW





Our school now has a free app to deliver school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.

How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** or **Play Store (Android)**, search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone.
 2. Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
 3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, **type your school name into the search** then select your school. For more detailed instructions go to **schoolstream.com.au/download**
 4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector,  select add a school, type the school name* into the search then add. Jump between your children's schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.
- *Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

Don't have a smartphone?

If you don't have access to a smartphone and require information to be delivered via traditional methods (printed notices, email and SMS), please fill out the form below and submit it to the office.

Family name: _____

Students Name	Class

Please indicate the reason:

- ☐ I don't have access to a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android, etc.)
- ☐ I prefer not to receive information from the school on my smartphone
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____