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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 2 Week 1

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th April

Wednesday 4th May

Thursday 5th May

Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th May

Talking Tactics Together Program- Drug Education, Stage 3

Mother's Day Stall

Talking Tactics Together, parent and family evening, 6pm

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Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

Welcome back to Term 2.

As the colder weather approaches, students will need to wear royal blue track pants and jumpers/jackets. These can be purchased from the School Canteen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am. We have a small selection of used uniforms for \$2 a piece available from the school office between 8.30am and 9.00am. Royal blue tracksuits can also be purchased from retailers such as Best & Less, K-mart etc.

Students must continue to wear their royal blue school hat in the playground. Remember "No Hat No Play". There will be no spare hats available from the office to borrow.

Canteen

We will continue to provide a \$2 lunch pack (sandwich, fruit, water) from the Canteen between 8.40am and 9.00am each day.

P&C Mother's Day Stall

The P & C will hold a Mother's Day stall on Wednesday, 4th May. We have some wonderful gifts for the students to buy ranging in price from \$2 to \$10. The gifts include candles, incense oils, travel mugs, cup & saucer, photo frames, caps, bath lotions, memo pads, bookmarks, pens, cards and more. Buy for mum, nana or grandma or for anyone special.

Kinder parents – please place money in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount enclosed, but DO NOT POST in the black money box in the Administration corridor. Please have your child give the envelope to their teacher.

If any parents are available to help with the staff on the day for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Meet in the hall at 8.45am.

Kindness Ambassadors Term 2

The following students have applied for the role of Kindness Ambassadors and have been successful:

5/6W Denzie, Trent, Chelsea, Emma, Reanna, Jack, Jade

5/6S Ethan, Sam, Tayn, Aleksia, Catherine

4/6P Max, Wyatt, Declan, Brandon, Jai

4R Samara, Shaya, Brook

3/4M Cohen, Letiesha, Angela, Ava, Blake, Reece

3H Carla, Latrell, Hayley, Dante

Parents as Teachers and Community Helpers (PaTCH)

As part of the Early Action for Success strategy, Barrack Height PS is offering PaTCH training. PaTCH provides parents and community volunteers with the skills needed to support the teaching of reading, writing and early number at school and at home.

Volunteers learn to:

- Develop their understanding of how children learn
- Consider how children learn to talk, read and write

- Understand the importance of speaking and listening in developing literacy and numeracy
- Assist children by listening to and talking with them about books being read and stories being written
- Understand the need for children to be able to talk about numbers and quantity with words and symbols

Volunteers undertake a 10 week training course involving:

- Participation in 5 fortnightly training sessions totalling 10 hours of tuition with a small group of volunteers and Mrs Collins
- At least 15 hours practicum in K-2 classrooms, completing between training sessions tasks, with observations and feedback from the class teacher and Mrs Collins
- Collection of work samples, resources, photos and reflections using a learning journal
- Accreditation upon completion of all aspects of the course which can be recognised as prior learning when undertaking further studies at TAFE.

Interested parents and community members, please contact Mrs Collins at the school or leave your name and contact phone number at the office.

Jo Collins

