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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

2016 Term 2 Week 5

Monday 23rd May
Tuesday 24th May
Friday 27th May
Monday 30th May
Monday 30th May-Tuesday 7th June
Tuesday 31st May
Friday 3rd June

Clubs
Vision Screening, Yrs1, 2, 3 and 4
Premier's Debating Challenge
Assembly, 10am in the hall
Life Education
ICAS Science test
Regional Cross Country, Nowra

Dear parents, carers and community members,

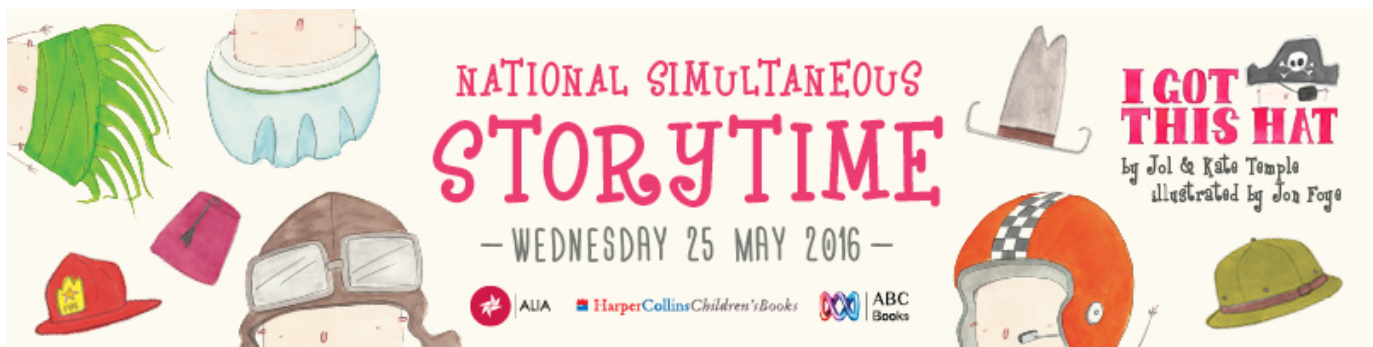
Learning and Support

Barrack Heights Public School staff pride themselves on individualising the learning of EVERY student in our school. Our Learning and Support Team, led by Jenny Miller provides practical and timely assistance to all teachers who may bring their concerns to the team during our weekly meetings. Our team includes School Counsellor Michelle McColl, Assistant Principal – Student Engagement Denise Broomham, Instructional Leader Jo Collins and myself. Sometimes, recommendations are made by the team that include contacting parents and carers to discuss concerns and investigate possible causes of impediments in behaviour or learning. It is really important that these recommendations are taken seriously, as our intention as high quality educators is to support parents at all times to get the best educational outcomes for their children. The staff of Barrack Heights Public School always work towards our school motto – “Parents, teachers and pupils – Working Together”. If you have any questions or concerns about recommendations made to you, please contact any member of the Learning and Support Team on 4296 4222.

Vision Screening

Tomorrow, all students in Years 1-4 will have the opportunity for a free vision screening assessment here at school. The screening looks at basic visual abilities, such as clarity of vision, the ability to coordinate both eyes as a team and eye movement proficiency. On the completion of this screening, a report will be forwarded to parents and carers with recommendations. If you have not completed a permission note for your child to be assessed, please contact the office tomorrow morning.

National Simultaneous Story Time – this Wednesday!



National Simultaneous Story time is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to

promote the value of reading and literacy. All students at BHPS will share in reading “I Got This Hat” by Jol and Kate Temple. By facilitating National Simultaneous Story time, we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote story time activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

Starting Out Strong Conference Presentations

It is my absolute pleasure to report that a large proportion of our staff have been accepted to present at a Beginning Teachers Conference this Friday in Wollongong. Our teachers work exceptionally hard to ensure that the teaching and learning opportunities for students attending Barrack Heights Public School are amongst the best in the State. We will share pedagogical practice in Aboriginal Education, Mindfulness, Differentiation, Student Engagement and Individualised Learning. This recognition of our staff’s capacity as high quality educators should be celebrated by our community. Congratulations!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Life Education – Healthy Happy Harold

Once again, all students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in the Life Education program. Our school has been lucky enough to be sponsored, so that the usual fee for participating has been paid by Illawarra Life Education, for Barrack Heights Public School students only. The K-6 program consists of [13 curriculum based modules](#) focusing on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education our modules help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. The Life Education van provides students the opportunity to [develop strategies, and practice the skills](#) required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle. A note and more information about the products will be sent home this Friday.

Mrs Holloway
Life Education Coordinator

YOU CAN DO IT Assembly Awards 2016 Term 2 Week 4

TEACHER	STUDENT	YCDI REASON FOR AWARD	CODE
Miss Broomham	Kobe F Bryson B	Working with persistence in writing Working “tough” with his writing and being a great friend	P P GA
Miss Prior	Jaylan W Aaliyah W	For working “tough” and with persistence in writing Caring for her friends in K/1P	P GA
Mrs Munro	Angel P	Socially responsible helping support peers with research online	GA
Ms Bunt	Lachlan A Gina K	Taking risks in all of his learning Getting along with her peers and showing kindness!	C GA
Mrs Harris	Cooper C Dante L	Being enthusiastic about all classroom activities Awesome effort in class everyday	C P
Mrs Roughan	Thomas D Shaya C	Showing confidence in the classroom, speaking and listening Persistence in class, working tough	C P
Mrs Cole	Thomas R	Being resilient in travelling to and from school	R
Mrs Lewis	Justin C	Working with persistence in maths	P
Ms Parsons	Caleb F Jayden P	Working with persistence in maths Working tough when working with angels	P P
Mrs Mangos	Rivah J Justice M	Sharing “Words of Wisdom” in Ngargin Doctors For being brave and confident in Ngargins Yarn Up	C C
Ms Scott	Harvey D Dakota T	Demonstrating his “Getting Along” skills Demonstrating confidence in her learning	GA C
Mrs Wheeler	Gideon B	Always working with persistence and showing tolerance	P, GA

	Emma S	towards others.	
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CODE

What 'key' does your award relate to this week?

O = Organisation (Orange)

G = Getting Along (Green)

C = Confidence (Yellow)

P = Persistence (Purple)

R = Resilience (Red)

Kindness at Barrack Heights

This weeks' Kindness Ambassador of the week..

Alana's Review on NADOC Public Speaking

I had fun. It was amazing to interact with all the other schools. We played some amazing games about public speaking. The food we had was cooked beautifully and was yum. We learnt to structure our speech. Thank you Miss Prior for taking us.

Alana Mc, 5/6W