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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

2016 Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday 28th June

Wednesday 29th June

Thursday 30th June

Thursday 30th June - Friday 1st July

Tuesday 19th July

School Athletics Carnival

Stage 2 Sydney Rocks excursion

Stage 3 Legally Blonde performance, Wollongong HS

Reports sent home

NAICOC Day celebrations

Students return back school for Term 3

Dear parents, carers and community members,

End of Term

Yet again, we have reached the end of another busy term at Barrack Heights Public School. I would like to thank my entire staff for their hard work and dedication to our school. Your children are in great hands each day they come to school. It has been a pleasure reading every child's report, particularly their own "Student Reflection". Next term, all teachers will be available for individual interviews during Week 2. Booking sheets for these interviews will come home and be on School Stream during Week 1.

Partnerships in our school

As I discussed at today's You Can Do It Assembly, it's been a busy term! In addition to teaching, learning and running the day to day functions of the school, I have been encouraging partnerships between local businesses, non-for-profit groups and organisations with Barrack Heights Public School. This term these include:

- Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District – "Talking Tactics" Stage 3 drug education program – Di Wood
- Illawarra Police Principal's Forum Illawarra - Youth Liaison Police – Scott Burgess and ACLO Glenn Sutherland. Glenn attended our Ngargin Doctors session last week and did a fantastic job!
- Kindness on Purpose with Katrina Cavanough
- Stewart House – 7 students from our school attending later this year
- Network meetings with Principals and Directors from Wollongong North, Wollongong and the South Coast as well as Community of Schools meeting with schools in Warilla and Oak Flats to ensure that we are delivering high quality education across our region
- Warilla Eye Store - Vision Screening Years 1-4
- St George Dragons NRL team – The Best You Can Be – organisation and self-esteem program
- Department of Education – sending our own staff to present at the Beginning Teachers Conference, passing on best practice to the new generation of educators
- Shellharbour City Council – Reconciliation Walk – working across our community with Aboriginal Elders and Community members to acknowledge and show our respect for our school's place in Shellharbour
- Beyond Empathy – Gemma Parsons and Phil Crawford – not only working with our students out of school, but filming inside BHPS to "tell the story of our school". Next year this program will expand to include a pilot project in "Creative Schools" with other schools in Moree and Armidale.
- Life Education supported every student to attend Healthy Harold and the Life Ed van, with the partnership sponsorship worth over \$1400 to the school

- Our own Aboriginal Community members to help celebrate NAIDOC week. This is a proud and strong connection that ensures all children attending BHPS thrive and learn about the importance of our heritage both historically and presently.

Finally, we are so pleased to share our newest partnership with the Denny Foundation. Lauren and Margaret; we are so grateful for your kindness for including our school in your donation of food for families needing assistance in the Illawarra.

Kindness on Purpose

Today, KOP founder Katrina Cavanough spent time with all classes K-6. She spoke with the students about “taking care of their feelings”, and managing “heavy” feelings of sadness, anger, disappointment and loss. You can find out more about Katrina’s work on her website - <http://www.kindnessonpurpose.com/> or on her Facebook page – Kindness on Purpose. Next term, Katrina will host a parent session at our school on the importance of teaching and supporting growth in your children to develop empathy.

School Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in our annual Athletics Carnival at Myrimbar Oval. **It is a “normal” school day and all students are expected to attend.** The \$5 payment is to cover the costs of buses, annual PSSA fees and the hire of the field and the equipment we use on the day. Even if you are transporting your child to and from the carnival, this fee will need to be paid to the school. This amount has already been subsidised by the school, and families with 2 or more students will only pay for the first 2 students (\$10 in total). Please contact Mrs Broomham in the office if you need financial assistance for your child to attend. Thank you for your assistance and prompt return of both permission slip and money. **If the weather looks poor, there will be an announcement on i98FM and School Stream.** Thank you to Miss Kelly Broomham who has worked hard in organising the day for both junior and senior students.

Stage 2 and 3 Excursions - Wednesday

There are 3 separate excursions happening this Wednesday!

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) are going to the Rocks in Sydney to do a walking tour. They should be at Oak Flats Train Station by 7.10am as the train departs at 7.20am. Pick up time is 5.15pm from Oak Flats Station.

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) are also travelling by train to Wollongong and then walking to Wollongong Performing Arts High School to see the production “Legally Blonde”. Students should be dropped at the station by 8.30am and will walk back to school from the station, ready for home by 3pm.

4/6P and students not attending the Stage 3 excursion, will be walking to Warilla High School to participate in the NAIDOC Indigenous Games with other schools in our Community of Schools. No money or permission note is required, as all students have completed the “Annual Permission to” note.

All students attending excursions outside of the school should be dressed in their best FULL school uniform. This includes hat and appropriate lunch and snacks in a bag that can be worn all day.

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week

NAIDOC’s origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. Our school will celebrate on Thursday and Friday, with many local Elders and Community members helping our staff make this both a meaningful and fun event! Many thanks to Mrs Chris Mangos for her hard work in organising what looks to be a fantastic two days!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

YOU CAN DO IT Bronze Awards 2016

Congratulations to the following Bronze Award recipients!

KB- Bryson B, Dominic B, Aimee B, Ebony D, Sammy F, Blake F, Logan H, Saed K and Olivia T.

K/1P- Paytience H, Delta K, Qing L, Olivia R, Shontai D-M, Roxy D, Blake H, Izak Q, Jaxon V and Aaliyah W.

1D- Mila B, Tyler C, Chelsie Mc, Nicole P, Liam S, Kiani S, Jacinta T and Sabrina W.

1/2M- Layla F, Shreya L, Aiden M, Lochlain W, Isabella A, Alysse B, Nicholas D, Kara L, Ember Mc, Angel P, Sarah R-P, Gabriel W and Kobe W.

2B- Lachlan A, Amirah H, Gina K, Lexie Mac, Aleisha Mc, Cooper M, Chanelle S, Isabella S and Tyler W

3H- Hayley B, Cooper C, Lahni C, Jeremy F, Chloe F, Nate J, Carla K, Dante L, Isabelle M and Tim Mc.

3/4M- Alex B, Ava D, Hermoine B, Reece C and Kirra P.

4R- Kaylie A, Jake B, Thomas D, Joshua F, Danish H, Jovana I, Rivah J, Demee K, Shylow M-J, Modesty M, Mishaylee V, Samara W and Brooke W.

4/6P- Caleb F, Brandon C, Max F-K and Ryan H.

5/6S- Harvey D, Luke D, Marlee F, Connor H, Tenielle L-W, Cory M-J, Haley N, Kane V, Porsha W, Zoe-Lee J, Haiden M, Sam S and Dakota T.

5/6W- Gideon B, Dakoda C, Victoria C, Sean D, Jade K, Alana Mc, Kya N, Jorja R, Emma S, Angel T, Victor C, Brayden C, Bodhi F, Chelsea F, Jeremy J, Cristina R and James T.

K/6C- Thomas R and Kyle G

K/6L- Justin C and Tyler W.

Kindness at Barrack Heights

Week 10 Kindness Ambassador of the week...



K Mart Kindness Awards

This week the K Mart Kindness Award winners are Luke D 5/6S, Reece C 3/4M and The Denny Foundation. Unfortunately Reece was unable to receive his award today as he is ill. We will acknowledge his award next term. The major award of the \$20 K Mart voucher goes to Reece C 3/4M. 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 by Katrina Cavanough at our Monday assembly.

School Holiday Tennis Camp

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club, Jason Avenue, Warilla

- Tuesday 5th , Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July 2016
- 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

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

2B Book order form

At the end of last term, 2B wrote and illustrated a book called *Sometimes my heart feels...* Miss Bunt used a printing service to turn the students' work into a hardcover, coloured photobook. The book was shown at this Term's You Can Do It assembly, and a copy will be on display in the office foyer if you would like to have a look.

If you would like to purchase a copy (\$30), please fill out this note and return it with the money by this **Thursday 30th June 2016**.

Promotional codes sometimes become available that give significant discounts. One such code gives a \$10 discount, but ends this Thursday (hence the short notice). The order usually takes about 3 weeks to have printed and delivered.

Another opportunity to purchase the book will be made available in Term 3.

Book order form for *Sometimes my heart feels like...* by 2B

Your name: _____

Name of student to collect order: _____ Class: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$30 = TOTAL \$ _____

