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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2016 Term 3 Week 9

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 14th September

Monday 19th September

Thursday 22nd September

Friday 23rd September

Monday 10th October

BHPS Public Speaking final

Clubs Open Day

YCDI Assembly, 2pm, hall

Last day of Term 3

Students return for Term 4

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Stewart House

Today, I farewelled 8 very special and lucky Barrack Heights Public School students who will be spending the next 12 days at Stewart House. Each year 1,800 public school children attend Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

During the program children:

- Receive free eye, dental and health screening and treatment
- Develop self-care and conflict resolutions skills
- Learn to relax and overcome anxiety
- Participate in excursions and activities to develop a broader outlook on life
- Establish friendships and routines in a safe community
- Increase their self-esteem

Many of our school staff make fortnightly financial contributions towards sustaining the programs run at Stewart House. During the next few weeks, Ms Scott and our school Parliament will be selling merchandise (\$3 bouncy balls) to raise money for this worthy cause. Please support a program that in turn supports our school by sending \$3 with your child to buy a ball.

South Coast Regional PSSA Athletics

Further to my report last week about the success of Alana M in moving forward to the State PSSA Athletics Carnival, it has been now confirmed that Alana came 3rd overall in the race to be Senior Girl Carnival champion. This is an amazing result, considering that the girls Alana was competing against came from schools all across the region. Well done again, Alana!

Public Speaking Stage Finals

On Wednesday, during the middle session, representatives from Toastmasters will attend our whole school Public Speaking Final. Students will compete in Stages (Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten; Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2; Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4; and Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6) and the winners of each Stage will represent our school at the Warilla Community of Schools Grand Final on Friday 23rd September. Parents of children who have made it into the final will receive an invitation to attend on Wednesday. If you are unsure of this, please contact the office.

Interrelate VS Protective Behaviours

It was fantastic to see so many parents bring their children to the Interrelate sessions run last Wednesday on Human Sexuality, Reproduction and Puberty. These topics are taught as part of our PDHPE curriculum, but joining your child in learning about these topics is a fantastic way to begin or continue discussions that are based on fact rather than playground, internet or “Chinese whisper” fiction.

It has been also brought to my attention by Safe4Kids creator Holly-ann Martin, how much negative and sexually explicit material is being “pushed” through the internet by way of seemingly innocent games and programs that your child may play. Holly-ann recently shared a clip she made about the graphic visual images your child can access by simply looking up MineCraft on YouTube. **PLEASE parents and carers, educate yourself about what is accessible to your child on their devices, put in safety nets and monitor your children while they are playing. The World Wide Web is the new “stranger danger” that we must educate ourselves and our children to be vigilant.** Please look at Holly-ann’s Facebook page “Safe4Kids” to find out more.

Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG) Meeting

This Wednesday at 4pm, our local AECG will meet at Berkley Public School. All community members are welcome. A light afternoon tea is provided, and many schools and community teams are represented.

Operation Christmas Child –Samaritan’s Purse

The world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to share happiness with impoverished kids.

Since 1993, Samaritan’s Purse has globally collected and delivered more than 130 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries. Scripture teacher, Mrs Irene Pickard, is organising these Christmas Boxes and has left several at the front office, if any family is interested. They need to be returned for collection by 1st October. Please see the office staff to collect your box and get further information on filling these.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Smile and Win! School Oral Health and Dental Care Program

Our school recently partnered with Australian Mobile Dental Care (AMDC) to offer an excellent preventative dental program at no cost to students who are eligible under the Federal Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

To support a healthier school community, students wishing to have their teeth checked for a healthy smile, as well as for a chance to win an iPad and gift voucher, should read and return the information and parental consent forms attached as soon as possible.

The large state-of-the-art clinic will be here in Term 3 Weeks 8, 9 and 10 to provide free assessments and one-one education to every student; they will also provide fully bulked billed services, including a scale and clean, fissure sealants, fluoride applications and further treatment as required. We also offer prevention packages to students in private health funds who do not qualify for the Medicare CDBS scheme with NO GAP payable.

The healthy program has been successfully established by AMDC for a number of years now in over 150 schools throughout NSW alone to encourage children to take care of their teeth and gums from an early age. Student eligibility is based upon the CDBS scheme, which we can check for you on completion of the consent form.

We are all very excited to be a part of this transforming opportunity for our students especially those who struggle to regularly visit the dentist. As we know, bad oral health also affects our students’ overall wellbeing including their eating habits, nutrition, classroom attentiveness, speech development and social confidence. Please fill out the form sent home and return to the office.

Kinder 2017 Starting Strong

The pre-school program for next year's Kinder students will commence next term and run on a Monday morning. Notes will be sent home to these families. Please return your application forms to the office as soon as possible if you have collected one. If you have a child starting Kinder next year and have not yet enrolled him/her please come to the office to collect an Application for Enrolment form.

YOU CAN DO IT

Behaviour Code for Students

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education. We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Our focus for weeks 9 and 10 is...

RESPECT

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care of property

The YCDI Bronze and Silver award presentation assembly will be held on Thursday the 22nd of September at 2pm in the hall. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified beforehand.



At Barrack Heights
Public School we:-

Have
feelings

Cooperate

Think
First

Care and
think of
others

Good
manners

Care for
property

Have
dignity

Value culture and
differences

Have courteous language

Who do we RESPECT?

'EVERYONE!'



School Holiday Tennis Camp

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club, Jason Avenue, Warilla

- Tuesday 27th , Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th 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

EXPO NIGHT

Wednesday 19th October, 2016

6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

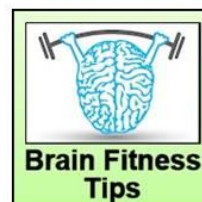
Smith's Hill High School
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500



Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Year 7 2018 close on November 14th 2016

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2018. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2017 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.



HOMEWORK HELP, GROUP GAMES & FITNESS

This is a free program for primary school aged children.
Come along for Homework help followed by group games
and fitness activities.

Each Wednesday throughout school term commencing 3.8.16
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INFORMATION FOR 2016 ILLAWARRA GIRLS NETBALL GALA DAY

Years 4 to 10



This is our fourth year of running the Illawarra Girls Netball Gala Day. The competition is open to girls in years 4 to 10. Please see below for information.

Venue –

- Fred Finch, Berkeley (outside courts)

Date –

- Term 4, Week 3
- **Friday, October 28th**
- *Alternate date if wet weather TBA*

Time –

- 9.00am registration and briefing.
- 9.30am first game, 2.15pm last game.
- Presentation at 2.20pm.