

# Barrack Heights Public School

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**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

**2017 Term 1 Week 5**

### TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Assembly, 10am in the hall
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter hat Parade
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	BHPS X-Country Carnival

Dear parents, carers, community members and students,

### Sports Report – Mr Mark Ellsmore

Well done to the children from Barrack Heights who attended the District Swimming Carnival last Friday. Although we had no qualifiers for the Regional Carnival, our swimmers tried their hardest and did us proud. The ribbons from the school swimming carnival will be handed out at next weeks assembly. Congratulations to Gideon B (Year 6) who has been chosen to represent our school and Mid South District at the Zone football trials at Kiama on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### Voluntary School Contribution 2017

Single child payment - \$20
Family payment (more than 3 children) - \$50

**The students of Barrack Heights Public School, benefit directly from the financial contributions made by parents during the beginning of each school year.** Every dollar received is used to provide additional resources for our student learning programs – in classrooms, during out of school experiences and throughout the school. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds.

We are encouraging parents to support learning programs during 2016 by sending a single, double or family contribution. We have again kept the price low - \$20 per student with a maximum of \$50 per family. This equates to 10 cents a day per child – exceptionally reasonable!

We use school contribution funds to support existing programs in the school including Breakfast Club, annual PSSA fees, science experiments, Clubs, additional stationary and classroom items, playground equipment, teaching aides and visual arts supplies.

**Payments can be made at the front office, or by sending in an envelope with your child/ren's names and classes.**

### Welcome BBQ – meet the teacher

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, all parents and carers will be invited to attend a welcome BBQ and classroom visit from 3pm. This year, we are staggering the “teacher talks” so that parents can move between classes. A free sausage sizzle BBQ will run during the afternoon. Teachers will be speaking about their respective classes at the following times:

Stage 1 – 3.10-3.30pm
Stage 2 – 3.40-4.00pm
Stage 3 – 4.10-4.30pm

### Scripture at BHPS

Today, we began scripture classes for 2017. If you have indicated that you wish for your child to participate in Special Religious Education, they have been placed in an age appropriate group within that religion. Unfortunately, we have been unable to access the number of scripture teachers (voluntary job) for the classes so far. This means that there are many children sitting for 45 minutes on a Monday morning without a teacher. The NSW Department of Education Religious Education Implementation Procedures require me (as the Principal) to inform you of the “meaningful activities” we will be providing that are not “lessons in the

curriculum". Therefore, during scripture time 9.00-9.45am each Monday morning, students without a scripture teacher or attending non-scripture (K-6) will be encouraged to engage with activities that reflect our wellbeing focus including Positive Habits of the Mind. If you have any questions, please contact me for clarification.

### **Term 1 Clubs**

'Clubs' are one of the most popular activities we run at Barrack Heights Public School. Every second Monday, from 9.45 am to 11.00 am, teachers run a club of their choosing with students selecting one club to go in for a term. The aim of Clubs is to actively engage students in school, while developing their social skills, interests and life experiences. Below is a brief description of all clubs that will be running this term. Clubs commenced today, Monday, 20 February.

#### **Art Club – Mrs Munro**

The Art Club provides an opportunity for students to experience a range of art media and techniques. Students will usually complete an artwork each week to bring home.

#### **Board Games Club – Mrs Maranesi**

Board games can teach important social skills, such as communicating, sharing, taking turns and enjoying interactions with others. Board games can also foster the ability to focus, and lengthen a child's attention span by encouraging the completion of an enjoyable game.

#### **Coding – Mr Kusa & Ms Harris**

The Coding Club allows students to be exposed to the skills needed to develop basic computer applications, whilst improving their problem solving and team work skills. Students will have opportunities to create and animate characters, make a melody or create a simple online game!

#### **Cooking Club – Mrs Shajnoski & Mrs Mangos**

Students will be super busy in the kitchen stirring, chopping, blending and mixing up tasty, glorious food. They will read recipes, look at cook books, view cooking shows, design our own menus and hold a Master Chef class.

#### **Dance Club – Miss Pfeiffer**

Dance Club allows students to experience the wonder of dance and the joy of performing. They will learn to see dance as an art, a way of expression. Sometimes it is just the simple expression of fun and joy and other times there is a message to be relayed.

#### **Drawing Club – Miss Dunn**

The drawing club will provide students with the opportunity to use their creativity! Students will experiment with pencil and charcoal media to create different shapes and learn how shading can create improved visual effects. The focus will be on the creation of 3D shapes.

#### **Lego Club – Miss Bunt & Mrs Roughan**

Playing with Lego has many benefits for children, including improving their creativity, fine motor skills and teamwork skills. Students will build with and learn about LEGO while in this club. They will have opportunities to construct their own designs, as well as complete pre-purchased sets.

#### **Movie Making Club – Ms Parsons**

Students will be working towards Literacy and Creative Arts outcomes during Movie Making Clubs. Students must jointly create a script that focuses on a central theme and is directed at a specific audience. Students must also act out characters and convey emotions to an audience.

#### **Out of School Experiences – Miss Broomham, Miss Condran & Mrs Scott**

Out of School Experiences will engage students in opportunities within the local community. Students will explore behind the scenes of local businesses and how they operate, café experiences and opportunities to visit and enjoy local attractions.

#### **Sports Club – Mr Ellsmore**

Sports Club allows students to develop the gross-motor skills needed to play several popular team sports. Playing as team member will also develop social skills in a fun environment.

#### **Street Art Club – Mrs Lewis**

The Street Art Club will explore the rich history of street art in Melbourne and analyse the variety of techniques and skills used, which makes it a truly unique form of art and different to graffiti. We will be using templates of these art works to create our own, including creating a small school mural.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800  
**Lake Illawarra Police** 4232 5599  
**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000



### **Congratulations Declan!**

Declan F was this week presented with his Kindness Champion badge by Katrina Cavanough, the Kindness on Purpose founder. Last year Declan was selected as Barrack Heights' first Kindness Champion. He received this honour as recognition for the kind and thoughtful attitude that he displayed throughout the year. During the coming year Declan will be heavily involved in our kindness program. Again this year children will have the opportunity to be Kindness Ambassadors and continue to make Barrack Heights a wonderful, kind and friendly school.



## **OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Year 6 Expo Night**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Dear Future Students, Parents/ Carers,

Oak Flats High School believes that familiarity in a high school setting is an integral part of your child's transition from primary school. It is also important that parents become confident in the school's facilities, policies and procedures that take place at Oak Flats High School.

Oak Flats High School would like to invite you to an afternoon "Expo" that will give you the opportunity to visit our school and find out about the programs we offer. We feel that Oak Flats High School is a first rate choice as the local school for your child's secondary education.

The afternoon will provide you the opportunity to meet the Relieving Principal Angela Byron and 2018 Year Adviser Steven Ayrton, and to inspect the facilities and watch demonstrations and displays at your leisure.

The school will be buzzing with activities from each faculty and the Student Representative Council will be providing a complimentary barbecue. Our Hospitality students will also have their cafe 'Froth on Top' open for finger food, coffee and cold drinks.

Year 6 Students/Parents/Carers are to meet in the school hall at 4.00pm, where students will be given Oak Flats High School sample bags including information on the 2018 enrolment process.

We look forward to meeting our future students and parents.

Angela Byron  
*Relieving Principal*

Steven Ayrton  
*Year Adviser*

### Learning for Life Scholarship

#### ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

The Learning for Life scholarship can provide parents with two payments a year which can be spent on uniforms, school shoes, stationary, BYOD, excursions and all other costs related to school.

(Payments are to be used for school expenses only!)

**You may be eligible for the scholarship if your family:**

- ✓ holds a Pension or Health Care card
- ✓ attends one of our partner schools
- ✓ demonstrates a commitment to education (children attend school regularly)

Please call **Alisha** on **0466 745 454** or email  
[alisha.mcluckie@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:alisha.mcluckie@thesmithfamily.com.au)  
 for more information.



## The Fun Starts Here!

Before School (6.30-9am),  
 After School (3-6pm)  
 and School Holidays  
 at Balarang  
 Public School

**Big Fat Smile CLUB**  
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SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION



## YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHT MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

Illawarra Sports High School Hall  
 Information session and a tour of the school

Contact the school for more information



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\* eligibility criteria apply





Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

# Expo Evening

*Is your child interested in the arts? Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your secondary school for 2018? If so, come and meet us at our **Expo Evening**. You will see that we offer a quality comprehensive education as well as unparalleled opportunities and experiences in the performing arts.*

**Date: 23 February 2017 WHSPAC**  
**Session 1 - 5.30pm (Surnames A - L)**  
**Session 2 - 6:30pm (Surnames M - Z)**



**AST SURF SCHOOL**  
PRESENTS  
**SURF GROMS**

**5 WEEK SURF PROGRAMS**

## SUMMER PROGRAMS STARTING 18TH OCT- 20 TH NOV

- Surf groms is a FUN, HEALTHY, EDUCATIONAL surf program for kids. Focusing on beach awareness and on beach safety.
- Boards & wetsuits provided, all Coaches are certified by Surfing Australia. All coaches are Surfing Australia level 1 qualified, hold current first aid certificates and working with children's checks certificates & Working with children's checks.

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