

Barrack Heights Public School

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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 1 Week 6

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 1 st March	Meet the Teacher and sausage sizzle, 3pm
Thursday 2 nd March	P&C Meeting, 2pm
Friday 3 rd March	Clean Up Australia Day
Thursday 30 th March	School Photo Day
Wednesday 5 th April	Easter hat Parade
Thursday 6 th April	BHPS X-Country Carnival

Dear parents, carers, community members and students,

Welcome BBQ – meet the teacher

On Wednesday 1st 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: Kindergarten and Special Ed classes open (informal)

Stage 1 – 3.10-3.30pm

Stage 2 – 3.40-4.00pm

Stage 3 – 4.10-4.30pm

Parents and Citizens Meeting

This Thursday at 2pm, the BHPS P&C will meet for the first time in 2017. We welcome all new parents to attend and learn about our school. Ms Rudling (Principal) will be in attendance, as well as our Instructional Leadership Team to discuss their role for the year. Please sign in at the office, and you will be escorted to the meeting venue.

Clean Up Australia Day

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. So far 2,223 primary schools and 1,119 youth groups have removed rubbish from locations right across the country. This year, Mrs Wheeler has registered Barrack Heights Public School for the Schools Clean Up Day. On Friday, all classes will participate in activities to tidy up in and around our school. Students should bring a pair of gloves. *“Because when the rubbish is gone, nature can carry on.”*

Young Leaders Day

This Friday, Mrs Wheeler and Ms Scott will take our Parliament Leadership team to Homebush to the Halogen Foundation Student Leadership Conference. Each session will have one or two speakers, question times, short videos, learning exercises, student involvement, music and student interaction. The program is designed to benefit any student who shows an interest in developing their leadership potential. Over 23,000 students along with their teachers/principals attend this event around Australia annually. All students in attendance will have access to a Certificate of Participation following the event. We hope they have a fantastic day of learning!

Emergency response at BHPS

Emergency planning is a requirement under the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. The welfare of staff, students and visitors is the key focus of emergency planning in the Department of Education. The extent of the response required will depend on the nature of the emergency and its impact on the workplace as a whole and on individual members of staff and students. Whatever the scale, emergencies often occur suddenly and unexpectedly. Effective planning and preparation will ensure that the workplace is able to respond appropriately to events.

We often practice drills including lock down, lock out and evacuation, so that staff and students are familiar with routines and know what to do in a real emergency. All students are debriefed after the event to help them understand these processes. Emergency services and local police are always aware of our rehearsal evacuations. During the next few weeks, we will again practice some of these drills.

If a real evacuation occurs during school hours, please be patient. Your children's safety will always take first priority in any decision we make. A number of schools in Sydney have recently needed to conduct evacuation drills due to bomb threats. These schools have reported difficulties in ensuring procedures are followed, as concerned parents have not known the appropriate response when these evacuations have occurred – sometimes causing additional problems for staff and emergency services

Barrack Heights Public School staff will communicate with parents and carers *as appropriate* through the School Stream App. *This will occur once the school is secure and emergency services agree that communication is allowed.*

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please make an appointment to speak with me as soon as possible.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

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



Oscar Organisation



ORGANISATION

This term Barrack Heights' students will focus on Organisation as their first Key to Success for 2017. **The Positive Habit of the Mind** for this week is '**Setting Goals**'. **Organisation** means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignments' due dates.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person's Organisation include:

- **Setting Goals**- thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- **Planning My Time**- thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

Examples of Organised Behaviour

- Making sure I understand my teacher's instructions before I begin work
- Having all my school supplies ready
- Having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
- Planning when I'm going to do my homework so I have enough time

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 for more information.



The Fun Starts Here!

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

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LAKE ILLAWARRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

ALL FUTURE STUDENTS, THEIR
FAMILIES AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND OPEN NIGHT ON

Thursday 16th March
3:00pm – 6:00pm

3:00pm-3:30pm - Brief information
session in the library. Meet the Year 7
2018 Student Adviser and School Leaders,
including the Principal Mr Hicks.

3:30pm-5:30pm - Visit various faculties,
displays and classrooms.

5:30pm-6:00pm - Q&A with light
refreshments.

