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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 1 Week 7

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 8 th March	International Woman's 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,

Parents and Citizens Meeting

Thank you to the four parents who came to the P&C meeting last Thursday. It was decided at this meeting, that P&C meetings for 2017 will occur twice per term, one during the day and one during the evening. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th April at 6pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Clean Up Australia Day

Due to the weather last Friday, all classes participated in activities to tidy up in and around our school today. Thank you to Mrs Wheeler and Ms Parsons for organising this for our school. *"Because when the rubbish is gone, nature can carry on."*

Young Leaders Day - report

Mrs Wheeler and Ms Scott took our Parliament Leadership team to Homebush to the Halogen Foundation Student Leadership Conference last Friday. The report back from the team was as follows:

The highlight of the day was Dr Jordan Nguyen. We learnt about his work last year on Catalyst and Behind The News (BTN), so Year 6 including teachers, were really excited when he came on to speak. We will be doing a presentation about our day to Parliament and also for the whole school assembly in Week 10.

International Women's Day

This Tuesday, all of our Stage 3 girls will attend a special morning tea to Celebrate International Women's Day. Our guest speaker this year is a member of our staff, Mrs Karen Parkes. Karen Lord (maiden name) is an ex-Olympian, having represented Australia in Swimming at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, swimming in the 100m and 200m backstroke. Karen also represented Australia in the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, winning a Bronze medal in the 200m backstroke.

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia. International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911. The United Nations International Women's Day 2014 theme is Inspiring Change. This year UN Women Australia has chosen a focus of Ending Poverty for Women and Girls. Recognition of International Women's Day supports the promotion of respectful relationships in schools. We look forward to this special event!

Road Safety

Congratulations and generous thanks must go to the members of our community who are ensuring that they drive with safety during school hours. It is particularly helpful when drivers and pedestrians work with

both school staff and our crossing supervisor, Elka, to minimise the risk of an accident occurring when school is finished at 3pm. Local Rangers will be present during the next few weeks to assist our management and commitment to school safety zones.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club catalogue is now out! Orders are due in on the 22nd March.

ICAS University Tests

This is the final week for ICAS test entry forms.

Photo Day

School photos are going to be taken on Thursday the 30th March. If you require sibling photos envelopes they are available from the office.

Stewart House Donation Drive

Donation envelopes are being sent home. Please return envelopes with \$2, your name, address and telephone number to the black collection box in the foyer for a chance to win a \$4,000 family holiday!



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 that helps develop a young person's Organisation is '**Planning My Time**'.

• **Planning My Time**- thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and to achieve my short and long term goals, 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 and jobs at home 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)
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at Balarang
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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.

