

# Barrack Heights Public School

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**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

**2017 Term 2 Week 2**

### **TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	The Smith Family Clothing Appeal collection day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Mid South District X Country
Tue-Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Stage 3 “Les Miserables” Excursion to WHSPA
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School Athletics Carnival

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome to Winter! As we move into the colder months, I would like to re-promote items available from our Uniform Shop to help keep your children warm and in correct school uniform for 2017.

Polar fleece zip jacket	\$35
Polar fleece jumper	\$30
Microfibre tracksuit jacket	\$30
Microfibre tracksuit pant	\$25

In addition to this, students are welcome to wear royal blue tracksuits purchased from other retail outlets (KMart, Best’n’Less etc), royal blue parker, gloves and beanie. Second hand uniform items are also available for \$2 in the Uniform Shop.

### **Kids with Kindness**

It is always such great news to hear about BHPS students who think of others and represent our school with kindness. Tyrell D in 3/4H was one of the big Easter Raffle winners – taking home a HUGE washing basket of chocolate eggs and treats. In the school holidays, Tyrell asked his grandma to take him down to the Denny Foundation where he donated most of his win to be shared with children who may not have been able to have an Easter treat. Congratulations Tyrell, for being a champion of kindness and care in our community! You are fabulous!

### **Knock Out Soccer and District Cross Country**

On Wednesday, Mr Ellsmore and I will be taking both a boys and girls soccer team to compete in Round 1 of the NSW PSSA Knock Out Soccer competition at Myrimbarr Oval.

On Friday, over 50 students will represent our school at the District Cross Country Carnival at Blackbutt Reserve. We wish all competitors the best to do their best at each event, remembering that sportsmanship is always the mark of any great athlete!

### **School hours**

There are still many children (up to 50 each morning) arriving at school between 7.30-8.15am. Many staff arrive before 8.30am and leave well after 3pm, as they are fulfilling other responsibilities of teaching and school operation. If students arrive before or leave after these times, it is difficult for school staff to effectively engage with these other tasks, including lesson preparation and attendance at meetings.

**The opening (supervisory) hours of Barrack Heights Public School are from 8.30am - 3.00pm.** Please do not drop children off to school before 8.30am. There are two local Before and After School Care providers (Big Fat Smile and PEAK) who assist parents who cannot supervise their children due to work or other commitments. If you require information about these providers, please contact the school.

### **NAPLAN Tests**

During Week 3, all students in Years 3,5,7,and 9 in Australian schools will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. These tests are administered over 3 days and students will be encouraged to participate to the best of *their* ability. Parents are reminded, that the associated “test conditions” of NAPLAN do not mirror best teaching or learning practice, and this can cause concern, stress and anxiety for some students. Our teachers and support staff will always ensure that students are supported and comfortable in completing these tests. As always, your child’s class teacher is the best source of current, professional experience and examples of your child’s academic and social development at school. However, if you would like to have a look at some sample tests, the link is: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests).

## **YOU CAN DO IT Assembly Awards 2017 Term 2 Week 2**

<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>YCDI REASON FOR AWARD</b>	<b>COD E</b>
Miss Condran	Aisha K Ruby P	Trying her best in all tasks Always being kind in KC	P G
Ms Munro	Sammy F Will H	Being an independent worker who always tries her best Sharing fantastic ideas during discussions	C C
Miss Bunt/ Mr Kusa	Ashley F Nayte H	Persistence in keeping on track in her lessons Improved resilience in completing tasks	P R
Miss Pheiffer	David H-B Riley G	For having a go at all classroom activities For consistently showing kindness to all of your teachers and peers	P G
Mrs Harris	Chanelle S Chloe F	Outstanding effort at all times	P
Mrs Maranesi	Malakai W Amirah H	Always showing whole body listening Always being an independent worker	O O
Miss Parsons	Porsha W Jovana I	Being confident when making movies	C
Mrs Wheeler	Shylow M-J  Caleb F	For always being a happy and cooperative class member Displaying a positive mindset and for being a happy and cooperative class member	G  G
Mrs Cole	Matthew C Zach A	For working hard at all activities in class Participating in more classroom activities	P P
Ms Dunn	Anthony S  Dean B	Displaying leadership skills and respect during Anzac Day celebrations For improved getting along skills in the playground	C  G
Miss Broomham	Dominic L Mitchell Q	Giving his best effort in reading Using persistence and making improvements with his reading	P P
Mrs Mangos	Shane R Jayden P	Good work in “Get Black on Ya Feet”	

### **YCDI CODE**

What ‘key’ does your award relate to this week?

O = Organisation (Orange)

G = Getting Along (Green)

C = Confidence (Yellow)

P = Persistence (Purple)

R = Resilience (Red)

This term in the You Can Do It! Program, all students will be learning about

# Getting Along

**Getting Along** means ...

working well with my classmates,  
solving conflicts peacefully,  
being sensitive to the feelings of others,  
being respectful,  
helping to make my community a better place  
to live and learn



## Examples of Getting Along

- working well with my classmates
- listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking
- talking rather than fighting when someone treats me unfairly
- following important classroom rules
- helping others in need

**POSITIVE HABIT OF THE MIND: 'Playing By The Rules'**- thinking that by following important school and home rules, I will live in a better world where everyone's rights are protected.

## Headlice

Several cases of head lice have been reported throughout the school. Please be diligent with checking your child's hair for head lice and treat accordingly if seen.

## Lost Property

Whilst staff try to return all lost property with names on them to students, there is still a large collection of clothing without names. If your child is missing lunch containers, drink bottles or clothing please encourage them to look in the Lost Property bucket located outside the canteen or feel free to look yourself when dropping off or picking up your child.



## Homework Hub Kids Fitness



A helpful and friendly environment for children to complete homework tasks and enjoy some fun fitness activities.

**Commencing Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**(every Tuesday thereafter throughout school term)**

**3:30pm-5:00pm      Age 5-12 years**  
**FREE**