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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 2 Week 4

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 19 th May	Walk Safely to School Day
Wednesday 24 th May	P&C meeting, 9am in the office
Friday 9 th June	Stage 3 “Les Miserables” Excursion to WHSPA
Friday 16 th June	KC, K/1M & K/6B Sydney Aquarium Excursion
Monday 26 th June	YCDI Bronze Award Ceremony
Tuesday 27 th June	Parent Teacher meetings 3-6pm
Wednesday 28 th June	School Athletics Carnival

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Professional Learning

As you would be aware, many of our teachers participate in Professional Learning before, during and after school. This week, we have many staff attending courses during school time. We appreciate your support of our staff when they are participating in these sessions, understanding that all teachers who work with our students are qualified and will continue with their learning program as much as possible.

Inquiry into the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in New South Wales

This Friday, I will be speaking to a committee of State Parliamentarians about the level of support offered to schools to cater for the needs of students with both diagnosed and undiagnosed disabilities or special needs. Our school spends most of its funds on employing additional staff and medical professionals to assist us to help our students learn to the very best of their potential. This area of school funding is currently inadequate, and I will be calling on the committee to send a strong and clear message to all Federal politicians that the 5th and 6th years (disability loading) of Gonski funding must be met, in order for schools to cater to the needs of ALL students in our care.

NAIDOC Public Speaking

Tomorrow, Mrs Maranesi will be taking eight of our senior students to the NAIDOC Public Speaking day. During the last few years, our students have made it to the State Finals, so we wish our team the best with their preparation and learning.

P&C Meeting

A reminder that the next Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting is on Wednesday 24th May at 9am. Please come along and share some time learning about our school.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline
Lake Illawarra Police
Crimestoppers

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This week in the **You Can Do It!** Program, all students will be learning about the
'Positive Habit of the Mind'

THINKING FIRST

Thinking First means ...

that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I
can react, the consequences of the way I think, and the impact of my
actions on the other person's feelings.

If I 'THINK FIRST' with my family, teachers, friends and community I will
always 'GET ALONG' and be acting with RESPECT



If I'm '**THINKING FIRST**' and being '**RESPECTFUL**' I will be paying attention in the classroom, listening attentively, playing by the rules, solving problems, walking away, finding a place to calm, sharing, being encouraging and co-operative.

National Walk Safely to School Day

This year 'Walk Safely to School Day' will be held on Friday, 19th of May. It is an annual event, now in its 18th year where Primary School students are encouraged to walk *safely* to school. To celebrate and promote safe pedestrian behaviour students at Barrack Heights Public School will participate in Road Safety lessons, a colouring competition and poster competition. Students in K-2 will take part in the colouring competition and students in 3-6 will design a poster.

This week's Safety Tips: Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP ! One step back from the kerb.

LOOK ! For traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN ! For the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK ! Whether it is safe to cross.

Remember to keep safe at all times in and around all road environments.

Mrs Shajnoski