

# Barrack Heights Public School

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**‘WORKING TOGETHER’**

## NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 2 Week 8

### TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	K/6B, K/6D, 1L, 2BK and 2/3P Wollongong Excursion
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KC, K/1M & K/6B Sydney Aquarium Excursion
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Clubs Open Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	YCDI Bronze Award Ceremony Reports sent home
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher meetings 3-6pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School Athletics Carnival

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome back after a lovely long weekend! Wasn't it nice to see the sun again? We look forward to an action packed (short) week in preparation for the mid-year break.

### News Flash.....Debating Champions!



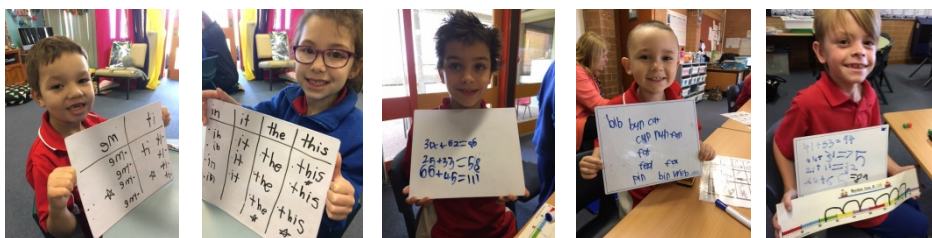
This morning our debating team travelled to Shellharbour PS to compete in Round 1 of the Premiers Debating Challenge. Today's topic was "Children Should Wear School Uniform" and our team represented the affirmative viewpoint (agree). Our team, pictured here, won the debate! They were (rightly) very proud of their efforts! Congratulations, girls!

### Semester 1 Reports and Interviews

This week, teachers will be finalising student reports for Semester 1. These are then passed onto supervisors for editing and finally to me. Teachers have handed out parent/teacher interview request forms, and they can also be accessed on Schoolstream (under the 'events' tab). Spare notes are near the black money box in the Administration Block hall. Interviews are scheduled between 3-6pm on Tuesday 27 June.

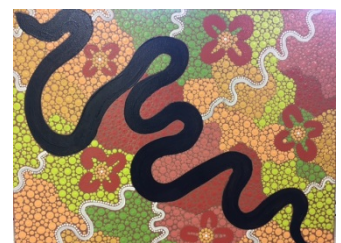
### Classroom visits

It was my pleasure during Week 6, to visit many of the K-2 classrooms to see the engaging lessons and learning experiences our students participate in each day. Everyone was keen to share their knowledge, with some students really proud of their developments so far this year!



### Ex-Student Koori Minto

Last week, we were visited by a talented ex-student Koori Minto, who has painted this beautiful artwork for our school library. Koori attended Barrack Heights PS from Year 4 and is now in Year 9 at Oak Flats High School. It is an honour to have past students return to the school, and show their gratitude and respect for the staff. Thank you, Koori!





### **Black and Deadly, On Ya Feet Program**

This Term, we have engaged Aboriginal artist Daren Dunn to work with students in Years 3-6. Daren's program focuses on discipline, respect and reconciliation, with students learning these skills through art and music. So far, we have had 35 children attend one of Daren's sessions, with more opportunities on offer next Term. This program is attended by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

### **Stage 3 Excursion**

Last Friday, most of our Stage 3 students travelled to Wollongong Performing Arts High School to watch their production of Les Miserables. Both students and teachers described this as "absolutely amazing" with all "blown away by the experience". I would like to thank Stage 3 teachers, Elizabeth Scott, Dimi Wheeler and Becky Parsons for making a commitment to educating our students both within and outside of the classroom.



### **Happy Harold**

Once again, we would like to thank the Sharon O'Connor and Life Education team for their fabulous visit to our school during the last two weeks. It is really obvious, that the yearly lessons presented by the team are complimenting the work done by our teachers in drug education. On behalf of parents and community members, Barrack Heights staff would like to thank both Life Education and the University of Wollongong for their sponsorship, making our kids visits to Happy Harold free!

### **Talking Tactics Together**

Much drug education is about encouraging and promoting good communication between parents and their children. When it comes to talking about drugs, extensive research conducted with Australian parents and their children tell us that young people appreciate parental guidance and look to their parents for their views. Open communication with parents is an essential element in helping to reduce young people's substance use and can protect them from difficult life events. Research has found young people agreed that 'for parents to have maximum influence on young people, they need to discuss issues in an open way and start during the early school years'. Research has also shown that parents who are actively involved in their children's education make a significant contribution to their academic success and overall development. Education strategies have evolved around providing parents with information so that they can raise issues and discuss drug use with their children. Talking Tactics Together provides an opportunity for parents and children to learn together through appropriate interactive activities. The program can be modified to respond to local community issues, and Stage 3 at Barrack Heights Public School has participated in this program during the last 3 years.

Next week, all Stage 3 students will begin this important program, and we thank Di Woods from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District for presenting this in our school each year.

### **Dave (the cleaner)**

Ex Menzies cleaner Dave, who worked at our school for many years, has been on Wave FM trying to raise money for a new scooter which he rides to Windang Bridge to pick up rubbish each day. Dave has left a donation tin at the front office if any community members would like to assist him in this quest.

### **You Can Do It – Bronze Awards assembly**

On Monday 26 June, we will be holding the first You Can Do It award assembly of 2017. Students who *consistently* demonstrate the 5 Keys to Success – Organisation, Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along and Persistence are nominated by their class teachers to receive this award. Not all students will receive their Bronze Award this Term, but can continue working towards this during the rest of the year. It is important to acknowledge other systems that class teachers use, including Dojo points, positive action slips and class awards, that reinforce positive behaviours on a local (class based) level.

### **Sport Representation**

Over the weekend, Charlie and Manny Austin represented the Junior Illawarriors in State Championship Rugby Union. This involved 6 games over Saturday and Sunday – a big effort by the boys! Well done!

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

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**DAPTO MYTIME**  
Horsley Community Centre  
82 Bong Bong Rd,  
Horsley NSW, 2530

**Thursday 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Please call Playgroup NSW on 1800 171 882 to register your interest



# Time for you with friends who understand



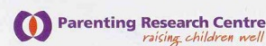
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**The Fun Starts Here!**

## July

School Holiday Program | 6.30am – 6pm

**Highlight Event:**  
Bowling



**Monday 3 July**

### NAIDOC Celebration

Let's celebrate NAIDOC week by heading over to Fun Club Albion Park to learn about Indigenous culture in a fun and creative way.

Fee range\*: \$17 to \$71  
Excursion and extras: 10am-3pm  
Sausage sizzle.

**Tuesday 4 July**

### Camp Out

Pitch your tent and join in some camping fun and games. Toast some marshmallows on the camp fire!

Fee range\*: \$14.15 to \$66  
Extras: Lunch provided.

**Wednesday 5 July**

### Movies & Hot Chips in the Park

Let's chill out by watching the latest children's movie at Event Cinemas Shellharbour (G or PG movies only). We'll walk over to ANZAC Memorial Park for some hot chips!

Fee range\*: \$25.65 to \$86  
Excursion and extras: 9am-3pm  
Lunch provided.

**Thursday 6 July**

### Winter Wonderland

Do you want to build a snowman? Wear your Pjs or winter woolies for a day of 'cool' crafts and games!

Fee range\*: \$14.15 to \$66  
Extras: Lunch provided.

**Friday 7 July**

### Roller Skating

Join our friends from Flinders and Albion Park Fun Clubs to show off our skating skills.

Fee range\*: \$25.65 to \$86  
Excursion and extras: 11am-3pm  
Lunch provided.

**Monday 10 July**

### Amazing Race

We will race as a team through a Mini Marathon, hoop shooting, blind fold challenge, soccer striker goal shooting, basketball, running races and much much more...

Fee range\*: \$19.90 to \$76  
Activity time and extras: 1pm-3pm  
Lunch provided.

**Tuesday 11 July**

### Xmas in July

Santa is coming early! Let's get Christmassy with art, craft and cooking creations!

Fee range\*: \$14.15 to \$66  
Extras: Lunch provided.

**Wednesday 12 July**

### Disco @ Fun Club Albion Park

We'll be joining Albion Park and Flinders for an awesome disco! DJ, lights and all the latest hits, it's time to bop 'til you drop!

Fee range\*: \$19.90 to \$76  
Excursion and extras: 9am-3pm  
Lunch provided.

**Thursday 13 July**

### Up, Up & Away!

Today is all about things that go up! Rockets, balloons and erupting volcanoes, just to name a few of the exciting things we will be exploring today!

Fee range\*: \$14.15 to \$66

**Friday 14 July**

### Bastille Day

Croissant anyone? Let's indulge in all things French as we celebrate Bastille Day!

Fee range\*: \$14.15 to \$66  
Extras: Lunch provided.

**Monday 17 July**

### Bowling

We're headed to Shellharbour Bowl for some ten pin bowling action, followed by nuggets and chips for lunch!

Fee range\*: \$25.65 to \$86  
Excursion and extras: 9am-1pm  
Lunch provided.

**Tuesday 18 July**

### Start of Term 3

During the school term we offer...

**Before school care:** 6.30am-9am  
**After school care:** 3pm-6pm



## Balarang

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\*Fee range indicates the out-of-pocket expenses which vary according to CCB & CCR. For your individual fee please contact your fee manager.