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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 3 Week 2

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 24 th July	Dental Screening
Thursday 27 th July	Dental Screening
Friday 28 th July	Dental Screening
31 st July – 4 th August	Public Education Week
31 st July	Clubs
7 th August	Assembly

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome back to Term 3! My apologies for not putting a newsletter out last week, the time just flew and it was Friday before I knew it! We have many exciting plans and experiences, as well as new learning opportunities for our fantastic students this term. I look forward to working with you all again this term, as always, growing our exceptional school!

Staff updates for Term 3

We would like to announce the birth of Lara Rose Kusa, who joined the world at the end of last term. Mr Kusa is on paternity leave for Weeks 1 and 2, with Miss Bunt teaching 2BK during this time. Congratulations to the Kusa family!

Mrs Harris continues to be on sick leave due to a nasty eye injury. During her absence, Ms Sally Purdy will be teaching 3/4H. We anticipate this to be for most of Term 3, with Mrs Harris scheduled to have an operation on her eye in the near future.

Also, Mrs Kea Hamer has taken over the full time role of 3/4M class teacher. Mrs Hamer is well known to the staff and students at BHPS and we warmly welcome her back as a full-time teacher at our school.

Mrs Stephanie Shajhoski has taken some leave to make an urgent trip to Macedonia to visit her (unwell) father-in-law. We expect Mrs S to be back in Week 4 to continue to teach 5/6W on Mondays.

We also welcome back Mrs Prior, who will be teaching 1L every Tuesday for this term!

Free Dental Clinic

Troy Tungai and Mrs Broomham have been working together with the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) to provide all of our students with a free dental check up. A permission note was sent home last week, and only parents who would like their children included will be seen. There is no obligation to participate or have any further treatment done by the AMS, however we believe that this is a great opportunity for parents and carers to access dental care. Additional permission notes can be accessed near the black (money) mail box inside the admin building. Dental checks will occur today, Thursday and Friday.

School Assemblies and Clubs

Today (Week 2), students will participate in a whole school assembly. These are scheduled every Monday in even weeks throughout the term from 10-11am. During assembly, each class teacher nominates students to receive Merit Awards, classes perform items and Mrs Broomham presents the You Can Do It – Habit of the Mind that teachers will be focussing on for the next fortnight.

On odd week Mondays, all students participate in Clubs from 9.45-11am. This will be the last term of Clubs, as it does not run during Term 4 due to the School Swimming Scheme.

Home Reading and Library Borrowing

Our Interventionist, Mrs Parkes, will again run a session for parents and carers interested in doing Home Reading with their children. The session begins at 2.30pm and outlines how to help support your child with nightly reading practice. Parents/carers will then be offered a contract to participate in this program. Mrs Holloway is also offering library borrowing to any student/parent who agrees with our new "Library Borrowing Contract". This does include a fully refundable (yearly) deposit. Please make enquiries about either of these new programs with class teachers or at the front office.

Police Youth Liaison Officer Visit

On Thursday 27 July, Senior Constable Lori Hanley will be speaking with our Stage 3 students on Cyberbullying and Cyber Safety. We appreciate to support our local Youth Liaison Police offer our school, and look forward to Senior Constable Hanley's visit.

Movie Stars at BHPS

Last night, I was privileged to be invited to a pre-film launch for a movie called "Protection". This movie has been created by students from Barrack Heights and Warrawong communities with the amazing assistance of Beyond Empathy Films. I would like to congratulate current students Jemiah W, Ray S, Jeremy G, Gideon B and past students Jai, Bronte, Lewis, Zoe as well as teachers Mrs Harris, Ms Dunn and Jake Harris on their fantastic performances! The completed movie will premier in February 2018.

Mrs Wheeler's Gardening Club

The students in the Gardening Club have worked tirelessly during their lunchtime and recess to establish a vegie garden.

Some of their produce (all organic) will be ready to sell this week.

We have lettuce, baby spinach and snow peas on offer.

The vegie stall will be set up outside the canteen in the afternoon.



Have a lovely week!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline
Lake Illawarra Police
Crimestoppers

1800 55 1800
4232 5599
1800 333 000

Head Lice

Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair for head lice and treat accordingly if necessary. There has been several outbreaks in the school community recently.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS)

Term 3 Week 2

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS) has offered to assess all students from K-6 at Barrack Heights Public School. The dental screening program is a method of identifying the oral health status of the children within the school. This is conducted by the oral health therapist in a classroom or allocated area. The procedure is non-invasive and is carried out by looking into the child's mouth to identify any obvious issues. It is not equivalent to a complete dental check-up as x-rays are needed to gain clarification for a diagnosis of the extent and severity of any conditions.

When the screening is complete the child will receive a note to take home to parents. This note will identify if any dental treatment or further investigations are required. On the note the appropriate service for the parent to contact will be provided, with Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS) details given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and Dental clinics operated by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District for all other students. Both clinics treat all children under the age of 18 free of charge and the AMS offers transport for the children to and from the clinic.

After these screenings are conducted there may be indication for an oral health promotion program or a tooth-brushing program within the school. However through developing a relationship with the school I hope that the screening is not just a once off event but we can actually have it as an annual assessment followed by other programs if they are indicated.

Permission notes and more information will be sent home next week.

Mrs Denise Broomham

Assistant Principal Student Engagement

PARKSOUNDFACTORY

MUSIC School

1. GUITAR/BASS
2. DRUMS
3. VOCALS
4. PIANO/KEYBOARD
5. VIOLIN
6. ROCK BAND WORKSHOPS
7. DJEMBE / PERCUSSION
8. SONG WRITING CLASSES
9. GROUP UKELELE CLASSES
10. KIDS GROUP MUSIC CLASSES (U5)
11. SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
12. GIFT VOUCHERS

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Dental Screening

The dental team from Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service will be coming to provide a dental check-up for the students of Barrack Heights Public School. Please return your permission note.

**Term 3
Week 2**



LAKE ILLAWARRA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

2017-2018 Season Registration Information

Lake Illawarra Little Athletics Centre is entering its 47th Year of Competition.

Registrations open on the 1st August 2017 and all registrations will be done online at www.lilac.net.au

REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August between 1pm and 3pm at Myimbarr Community Park.

At these days you can get help with your online registration, pay for your registration (cash, cheque, bank transfer* or online* payment), purchase our centre uniform and ask questions.

COST

Early Bird registrations during August
\$100.00

Normal Registration \$120.00 (all registrations after August 2017)

2 Week Trial \$30.00

*Please note that payments made online or via bank transfer will incur service fee.



WHO CAN DO LITTLE ATHLETICS

Is opened to athletes born between the 1st October 2000 and 30th September 2014 in age groups from Tiny Tots to Under 17's

COME TRY NIGHT

25th August 2017
5.30pm

Come try Little Athletics for Free—one night only

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