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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 3 Week 3

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

31st July – 4th August

Monday 31st July

Friday 4th August

7th August

Public Education Week

Clubs

Book Club orders due

Assembly

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Community Concern

It is with regret that I begin this week's newsletter with growing concern for the students and siblings of Barrack Heights Public School. It has come to my attention, via several notifications, that many of our kids are spending time unsupervised at Shellharbour Square and in the Barrack Heights community. Unsupervised by adults, some students are taking dangerous and sometimes illegal risks that compromise the safety of the students involved. Every day, our staff prepare your children for a successful, positive life as an adult. Our collective fear, is that these risky, out-of-school experiences with end in tragedy. Please ensure that you know where your children are, and who they are with, before and after school and on weekends.

Luna Park for all!!

I am ecstatically pleased to announce that due to a generous sponsorship by Johnson and Johnson (Health Care Products and Pharmaceuticals), ALL Barrack Heights Public School students will experience a visit to Luna Park in Sydney during either Term 3 or 4 – for free!!! In the coming weeks, students will be asked to write a simple letter of introduction, which will be sent to Johnson and Johnson volunteers, who will in turn choose some students each to write back to. These volunteers will then meet and assist our students on the day that they visit Luna Park. Class teacher and support staff will also be in attendance at each of the 5 visits, with further information coming home with students in the next few weeks. I would like to thank Tamara and her team for arranging this amazing treat for us all!

Mid-South District Athletics

We would like to wish all of our students the very best, as they compete in the Mid-South District PSSA Athletics Carnival this Friday. Please make sure all notes and money have been returned to school by Wednesday 2 August.

Public Education Week

Education Week is a state-wide, annual event to celebrate public education in NSW. The week highlights the achievements of public education and local schools, putting the spotlight on our students, our educators and the communities that support them. Although the week officially is celebrated between 31 July and 4 August, this year Barrack Heights PS will be combining Public Education Week with National Literacy and Numeracy Week (Week 7, Term 3). During this week, we plan to invite parents, carers and community members into the school to engage in both classroom and assembly items and events, with a special lunch for all.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you to the parent and carers who supportively ensure that their children arrive at school each day in uniform. Many visitors to our school comment about the great look and feel of our school, because our students uniform is so consistent across the school.

Recently, some senior students have come to school with facial piercings and earrings that may pose a risk to their safety and health at school. Can I please remind parents and carers, that these items should not be worn to school.

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) the Department of Education must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises. The Act also requires the Department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks. School uniform requirements must take into account these requirements.

Examples of where a school has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting include, but are not limited to:

- requiring students to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
- requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate
- requiring that **jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn.**

Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying – what parents should know....

Last week, Stage 3 classes had a visit from Senior Constable Lori Hanley – Youth Liaison Police. The legal ages for students accessing and owning Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Kik etc is 13, indicating that none of the students at BHPS should have an account in these forums. However, it is obvious, that many children do have these accounts. Please parents and carers, ensure that you know what your children are accessing and how they are using technology at home. An interesting article on this can be found at:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/16-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-to-after-facebook>

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline
Lake Illawarra Police
Crimestoppers

1800 55 1800
4232 5599
1800 333 000

Government Week Activities

All students from K-6 will be walking to Blackbutt Tuesday 8th August to participate in the Local Government Week activities.

Years 3-6 will leave school at 9.10am and return to school 12.00pm. K-2 will leave school at 11.00am and return at 1.30pm.

Each student will receive a piece of fruit on arrival and a sausage sizzle after their activities. Students will need to bring their recess and lunch as usual.

All students are to wear school uniform and their hat. Each class will be supervised by their class teacher.

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.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders due on 4th August. Money and orders go in the collection box in the admin foyer.

9 AM TO
1 PM

17th Jun - 8th Jul - 12th Aug
9th Sep - 14th Oct - 11th Nov - 9th Dec

NO
EFTPOS



BOOST Market Day

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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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