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'WORKING TOGETHER'

NEWSLETTER

2018 Term 1 Week 2

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

What's On

Thursday 8 February

P&C Meeting 9am – 10am

K-6 Dragons Wellness Assembly at 2pm

What's Ahead

Wednesday 14 February

Competitor's Only Swimming Carnival

Friday 16 February

Year 4 Debating Students will attend the debating competition

Friday 16 February

Stage 3 - Killalea Excursion

"Dance to be Fit" begins

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Thank you for the warm welcome. In my first week in the school, it was very evident the commitment our teachers and staff have towards ensuring our children are provided with quality lessons every single day enabling all our children to work towards achieving their personal best. It was further evident of the positive commitment our parents and carers have towards our school. Together as partners in education we will continue to send a strong message to our children that we are committed to their learning, working towards raising intelligent, caring, thoughtful and respectful young citizens.

It was wonderful to see all the smiling kindergarten children last Friday which was their first day of school. They all looked fabulous in our school uniform and many parents expressed their gratitude to staff for organising the "first day of school" photo booth. It is one of those moments we cherish forever. Thank you to all staff who coordinated the day. This ensured all our children and parents had a positive smooth transition. All our children have now settled in their new class with their new teacher for 2018. The new adventure playground is a hit with our children and Ms Parsons has provided the feature article in this week's newsletter. The first P&C meeting for 2018 will be held this Thursday at 9am in the school staffroom. All parents, carers and community members are welcome. It is an opportunity for you to contribute ideas and participate towards discussions that will form decisions for the future of our school as we continue with the consultation process associated with developing our school plan 2018 – 2020.

Last week our "You Can Do It" focus was organisation. I spent many hours organising myself for 2018 as did all our teachers, staff and children in their classes. This week's focus is resilience and our staff will be working with our children through various learning activities enabling our children to bounce back from stressful and challenging situations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Denise Broomham for her dedication, commitment and contribution towards public education and especially for her many years of service at Barrack Heights PS as a teacher and parent. I know Ms Broomham will be dearly missed by the children, teachers, staff, parents, carers and community. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement and may you have exciting adventures ahead. To Ms Sarah Rudling, thank you for your 5 ½ years of service to Barrack Heights PS. You are an inspirational leader who has worked tirelessly for the children and families at BHPS. May 2018 bring you lots of adventures and opportunities. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019!

Parliament 2018

The students on our Front Bench for our school Parliament are: Shylow M-J, Joshua F, Kaylie A, Danish H, Blake M, Samara W, Cooper C, Ava D, Alex B, Charlotte F, Thomas D, Grace L, Rivah J, Kirra P, Tyler S.

Have a fabulous week everyone.

Mrs Kocovska
Principal



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 was handed out last week. Spare copies are held at the office in the foyer.

Over the years we have raised hundreds of dollars in free books for our school library. Issue 1 has some fantastic bargains. I already have several orders from my keen customers.

Issue 1 orders are due in by Monday 19th February 2018

I will put an early bird order in on Friday 9th February 2018

Debra Davies

Book club Coordinator

Barrack Heights Public School Facebook Page

Did you know that our school has a Facebook page?

The official Barrack Heights Public School Facebook page was launched in November last year and can be accessed by any member of the public who has a Facebook profile. Following our page will give you up-to-date notifications about what is upcoming and happening at our school, as well as showcase some of the wonderful work and projects that happen throughout the year.

To visit our page, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/BarrackHeightsPublicSchool/>

Please be sure to read the *Facebook rules of engagement* on your first visit.

YOU CAN DO IT



Oscar Organisation

ORGANISATION



This term, Barrack Heights' students will focus on Organisation as their first Key to Success for 2018. **The Positive Habit of the Mind** for this week is '**Setting Goals**'.

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignments' due dates.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person's Organisation include:

- **Setting Goals**- thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- **Planning My Time**- thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

Examples of Organised Behaviour

- Making sure I understand my teacher's instructions before I begin work
- Having all my school supplies ready
- Having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
- Planning when I'm going to do my homework so I have enough time



Warilla Wanderers Junior Football Club – 2018 Registration

Registration is now open – all past and new players welcome!

Online – at <https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

In person – at Morley Park, Trumper Street, Warilla on Saturday 3rd February and 10th February 2018 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. New players will require a birth certificate or blue book.

Active Kids rebate reduces registration fees by \$100.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

All queries to WWJFC Registrar Anna on 0417 204 374 or by email at secretary@wwjfc.com.au

BHPS Adventure Playground

The new adventure playground is here! It has been a huge success with students from every grade. The idea was born from research into play-based learning and its positive effect on student learning and behaviour. The 2017 Parliament surveyed the student population and incorporated the ideas to create a design. This design was given to Miss Condran's father, who is a licenced and experienced landscaper and owner of the landscaping company 'Country Style Landscapes'. He very kindly and enthusiastically agreed to take the project on.

During the summer holidays, Mr Condran worked tirelessly to create this amazing adventure playground. It is designed to encourage student engagement, positive risk taking and imaginative play. All of these elements of play have been proven to have positive effects on the development of children.





ACTIVE KIDS REBATE GET YOUR \$100 VOUCHER PER SCHOOL AGED CHILD

Participation in sport is extremely valuable to our community. However, parents and families can at times find it difficult to meet the costs associated with their kid's participation sport.

That is why the NSW Government has announced the Active Kids Program designed to help parents with the financial costs of their kids participation. We want to make sport and fitness activities more affordable and get kids off the couch and active.

Parents can now **claim up to \$100 per school enrolled child per calendar year** as a voucher to reduce the cost of eligible sport and fitness activities.

These activities could include traditional sport such as netball, football or cricket; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as swimming classes or dance.

The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative. Parents are now able to register for the voucher online or through their local Service NSW Centre.

This is all part of the NSW Government's goal to make having a family and being active more affordable. The Active Kids Program is also a key tool in the battle against childhood obesity and supports the Premier's priority to reduce childhood obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years.

Following is also a flyer outlining how to apply and further information about the Active Kids Program can be found at

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

GARETH WARD MP
Member for Kiama
Parliamentary Secretary for Education



How to apply for and redeem vouchers

There are four simple steps:

1

Visit **sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids**.
Read the **Guidelines** and **Fact Sheets**
to learn about the program.

2

Visit **service.nsw.gov.au** and create or
login to your **MyServiceNSW Account**.

3

Complete an **Active Kids application** through your **MyServiceNSW Account**.
You will receive a voucher with a unique ID number for each
child you register (available to download, print and email).

4

Redeem your voucher

Take your child's voucher to a registered activity provider; or log onto your
provider's website to enrol and enter the voucher **ID number**.

When your child commences their chosen sport or activity, your online account
will show the status of the voucher change from 'Active' to 'Redeemed'.

Shellharbour
Civic Centre

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY



Saturday 10 February | 10am - 3pm
Cnr Cygnet & College Ave

Activities include

- Community tours
- Free rides on College Ave
- Public Art tour & Artist workshops
- Library activities
- Food Stalls
- Entertainment

For more information visit
www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



8 AM TO
12 PM

13th Jan - 10th Feb - 10th Mar - 14th Apr
12th May - 9th Jun - 14th Jul

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