



# Barrack Heights Public School

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**'WORKING TOGETHER'**

## NEWSLETTER

**2018 Term 1 Week 4**

### TERM 1 – IMPORTANT DATES

#### What's On

19 February Monday

21 – 23 February

21 – 23 February

23 February Friday

Assembly

Mrs Kocovska at Principal School

Ms Connor, Rel Principal

District Swimming Carnival

#### What's Ahead

26 February Monday

27 February Tuesday

22 March Thursday

29 March Thursday

Scripture begins

"Meet the Teacher" afternoon

School `Photos

"Easter Hat Parade"

#### Feature Articles

You Can Do It!

Stage 3 Killalea excursion

Swimming Carnival

Primary Schools Debating Workshop

Clubs 2018

Parents Corner "Screen Time"

Dear parents, carers, community members and students.

"Dance2bFit" classes began last Monday. It was wonderful to see all our children enjoy their half hour dance lesson while at the same time improve their fitness, coordination, self-esteem and confidence.

The schools competitors' only swimming carnival was held last Wednesday and Miss Finlay, Swimming Carnival Coordinator, has provided a brief article on the day within this newsletter.

Last Friday, Mrs Maranesi and eight year 4 students attended the Primary School Debating Training Day at the University of Wollongong. The day consisted of workshop presentations and a demonstration debate that enabled students new to debating to learn new skills. The children returned to school with much excitement about the day and about having to write so much their hands hurt.

Stage 3 students attended their annual Killalea excursion. Thank you to all our parents/carers who drove the children to and from the venue. Read Mrs Shajnoski mini report of the day in this newsletter.

Mrs Mangos, Troy and myself along with six stage 2 students attended the apology event that commemorated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apology at the Illawarra Koori Men's Group. We participated in a traditional welcome and smoking ceremony along with a tree planting. Thank you for the invitation Uncle G and the Koori Men's group. It was a pleasure and privilege to attend.



In addition, our Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers attended professional learning with teachers from Mount Warrigal PS and Warilla North PS. Speech Pathologist, Jessica Buchelin covered areas like typical communication development, identifying children with communication difficulties and phonological awareness. Teacher's workshopped ideas and strategies to use with students that will support improving learning outcomes.

### Meet the Teacher Afternoon

On **Tuesday 27 February**, all parents and carers are invited to attend our "Meet the Teacher" afternoon. The "Teacher talks" will be staggered to enable parents to move between classes. It will also be an opportunity to meet your P&C who will be offering afternoon tea, coffee and cakes. Teachers will be speaking about their respective classes at the following times:

Early Stage 1	3.00pm - 3.20pm	
Stage 3	3.20pm - 3.40pm	
Stage 1	3.40pm - 4.00pm	
Stage 2	4.00pm - 4.20pm	
Meet the Principal & Deputy Principal	4:30pm – 5:15pm	Library

In addition, all parents and carers are invited at **4:30pm in the library to meet the Principal and Deputy Principal who will present the current draft school plan 2018-2020**. This is an opportunity for all parents to provide feedback on the draft school plan and contribute towards the final strategic directions that will build on quality teaching, learning and leadership practices focused on improving student outcomes.

Mrs Kocovska  
Principal

**Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800**  
**Lake Illawarra Police 4232 5599**  
**Crimestoppers 1800 333 000**

## You Can Do it!

We have now purchased the enhanced **You Can Do it!** digital program including YCDI! Early Childhood Program Achieve and YCDI! NEW Program Achieve Primary. This is super exciting!

There have been a number of enhancements to the program based on recent research and include teaching students '**growth mindset**' and '**accepting myself**'. 'Positive habits of the mind' is now referred to as 'Negative Attitudes' and 'Positive Attitudes'. There is also a detailed scope and sequence for all 4 terms, incorporating the 5 keys to success; **Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Resilience**.

Ms Connor  
Deputy Principal

## 2018 "Competitors Only" Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Mrs Scott, Mr Lewis and myself had the pleasure of taking children from Years 2-6 to Warilla Pool for our annual swimming carnival.

The carnival was filled with impressive individual performances, high levels of resilience and persistence from all our competitors, racing down the length of the pool.

It was a fine sunny morning full of races and lots of encouragement from those who attended.

Congratulations to all the children who competed, you made it a great carnival.

Congratulations to Hunter for coming fourth and to Brisbane for coming in third. These two houses were only separated by 1 point. Patterson came in second, congratulations, with Cook racing in first to be the House champion of the 2018 Swimming Carnival on 97 points. Congratulations!

District (Mid South) carnival will be held this Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Those children who received notes, could you please have them **back to school with money by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Once again many parents and family members showed up to help time keep; a special THANK YOU to you all. Your help keeps our carnivals happening.

Miss L Finlay  
Swimming Carnival Coordinator



## Killalea Excursion

Stage 3 went to Killalea on Friday to participate in a Leadership program. Students took part in a variety of leadership and team building activities. To start the day, Stage 3 students took part in a four way tug-of-war where strength, team work and communication were put to the test! After lunch students team building and survival skills were put into action. Students had to work together to build a shelter that would protect them during a thunderstorm. They learnt about the significance of effective communication when working as part of a team. Students also took part in a variety of circus skills activities where they learnt the importance of not giving up; persistence. To end the day students took part in a walk down to Killalea beach where agility and fitness were key. It was an enjoyable day by all who attended. Stage 3 teachers look forward to students applying what they have learnt about working as a team and leadership at school!

Mrs Shajnoski  
Stage 3 Teacher



## Primary Schools Debating Workshop

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 eight Stage 2 students attended the University of Wollongong to participate in a debating workshop run by the UOW Debating Society. The students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour on the day. The day consisted of workshops, presentations and a demonstration debate.

Angie Maranesi  
Public Speaking Coordinator

*I went to the debating day at Wollongong University. I liked eating lunch in the beautiful grounds of the university. I also enjoyed working in the lecture rooms.*

Lexie

*My favourite part of the day was learning what the first speaker does. The first speaker introduces the case. The first speaker gets to give the strongest arguments.*

Alexander

*I liked the university grounds. They were pretty. I learnt that there are four speakers in a debate. The fourth speaker doesn't speak. They take notes and pass them to the other speakers.*

Alysse

*I learnt about the model of how to prepare for a debate. I loved the university grounds and I loved the Maxi Taxi.*

Aleisha

*I learnt about debating and how to rebut. There were many buildings and gardens. I like the way the university is set out.*

Jacinta

*On the debating day we learnt about the roles of the four speakers. The gardens and the university was a calm and relaxing place.*

Isabella

*The university was big with lots of buildings and beautiful gardens.*

Jackson

*In debating the first speaker introduces the case and starts the arguments. The second speaker has to give arguments but they also have to rebut. The third speaker rebuts only. They are not allowed to introduce any new arguments. The fourth speaker writes down notes and gives them to the other speakers to use.*

Cooper





## **Term 1 Clubs, 2018**

Every second Monday, from 10:00am to 11:00am, students will participate in a club of their choosing. The aim of Clubs is to actively engage students in school, while developing their social skills, interests and life experiences. Students have now selected their Club for the duration of Term 1. Below is a brief description of the clubs that will be running this term:

### **Art Club – Ms Stewart**

The Art Club provides an opportunity for students to experience a range of art media and techniques. Students will usually complete an artwork each week to bring home.

### **Bootcamp – Ms Dunn**

In Bootcamp, students will have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and get physically active, through a high-intensity fitness program. Students will focus on improving their personal best each week, as they participate in a series of activities including shuttle runs, sit ups, star jumps and push-ups.

### **Dance Club – Miss Pfeiffer**

Dance Club allows students to experience the wonder of dance and the joy of performing. They will learn to see dance as an art, a way of expression. Sometimes it is just the simple expression of fun and joy, and other times there is a message to be relayed.

### **Drawing Club – Mrs Reardon & Miss Finlay**

Students participating in the Drawing Club will have the opportunity to practice and refine their skills in drawing and sketching, as they create various artworks throughout the term.

### **Farm Club – Mrs Hamer**

In Farm Club students are involved in taking care of the chickens, as well as creating and maintaining the vegetable and fruit gardens.

### **Gamaradas Club – Mrs Mangos & Troy**

Gamaradas means 'Friendship' in the Aboriginal language. In this club, students will have the opportunity to develop their social skills as they share stories, play games and enjoy the company of their peers, while also learning about Aboriginal culture and customs.

### **Girls Club – Ms Lewis**

The Girls Club involves a variety of activities based on student's individual interests to build getting along skills and positive social interactions. Some of the activities include art and craft activities with making hair accessories, hair and nails, and developing communication skills while playing with the dolls and doll house.

### **Lego Club – Miss Bunt & Ms Cole**

Playing with Lego has many benefits for children, including improving their creativity, fine motor skills and teamwork skills. Students will build with and learn about LEGO while in this club. They will have opportunities to construct their own designs, as well as complete pre-purchased sets.

### **Playground Creations – Ms Parsons**

Students participating in the Playground Creations Club will have the opportunity to benefit from an outdoor learning environment, as they help make and design equipment for our school playground. Students will create a play mud kitchen from an old TV cabinet, spray paint our new playground tyres, and maintain the existing loose play equipment.

### **Summer Club – Ms Broomham & Miss Condran**

Summer Club is about offering experiences that we all love to do during the hot weather. It includes learning opportunities in making summer foods, playing summer sports and having fun in the sun with our friends.

### **Technology Club - Miss Purdy**

Technology Club will provide students with the opportunity to engage with multiple technologies including computers, iPads and digital cameras. Students will explore movie-making processes, as well as basic coding.

### **Walking Club- Ms Scott & Ms Shajnoski**

The Walking Club aims to encourage students to keep fit and active while enjoying the outdoors. Students will be walking to various local destinations giving them practical opportunities to learn about road safety. Walking keeps our mind and body healthy and is a great form of physical activity for every student.

We're looking forward to another fun-filled year of Clubs in 2018!

Miss Purdy  
Clubs Coordinator

## **Parents/Carer's Corner**

### **Screen Time**

Try to limit the time that your child spends in front of a screen (TV, computer, iPad, phone etc.) This will give them time for more important things like playing!

### **Why shouldn't kids watch too much TV?**

Watching T.V or playing on an iPad doesn't give your child the chance to speak or play with anyone. When you speak and interact with your child you are teaching them the important skills of how to listen and express themselves.

### **What can you do to make TV better for your child?**

Try to watch TV together so you can talk to your child about the story and characters. If your child has toys from a particular show, help them act out a story when the TV is off.

### **Top Tips!**

- ✓ Screen time is no substitute for you! Have fun reading to or playing with your child, sit on the floor with them or go outside and play.
- ✓ Turn the TV off when no one is watching. The background noise makes it hard for your child to concentrate on your voice, the book they are reading or the game they are playing.
- ✓ Try not to have screens in your child's bedroom (TV/iPad/phone/computer). This makes it very difficult to monitor what and how much they are watching.

## YOU CAN DO IT Assembly Awards 2018 Term 1 Week 4

TEACHER	STUDENT	YCDI REASON FOR AWARD	CODE
Miss Condran	Jayla B Oscar P	Settling into Kindergarten Settling into Kindergarten	
Ms Finlay	Brock S Hayley B	Super settling in to Kindergarten Settling into Kindergarten amazingly	O O
Miss Lewis	Qing L Johvanna P	Showing confidence in group activities Showing confidence in group activities	C C
Mrs Cole	Ollive I Tahlia P	Displaying the Five Keys to Success while settling into a new school Always being organised for work	OGCPR O
Miss Bunt Miss Pfeiffer	Hayden P Sammy F	Giving effort in every single lesson Always following our class rule of Be Kind	P G
Mr Kusa Miss Purdy	Amirah H Elias M	Being an organised learner Setting an example as a confident, organised learner	O CO
Ms Stewart	Sophia D Summer F	Settling into Barrack Heights Public School Working hard in her first weeks at BHPS	G P
Mrs Hamer	Ryle P Ember Mc	Being organised and working independently during spelling Being organised and working independently during spelling	O O
Miss Parsons	Lorretta S Josh F	Always being ready to learn Being organised and independant	O O
Mrs Scott			
Mrs Wheeler	Ava D Danish H	Working with persistence in all set tasks Working tough in all learning areas	P C
Miss Broomham	Zack A Dominic L	Settling into Barrack Heights Public School A fantastic start to year 2	O O
Ms Dunn	Brayden S	For a great start at Barrack Heights Public School	
Mrs Reardon	Thomas R David H-B	Persistant learner Showing resilience	P R

### YCDI CODE

What 'key' does your award relate to this week?

O = Organisation (Orange)

G = Getting Along (Green)

C = Confidence (Yellow)

P = Persistence (Purple)

R = Resilience (Red)



# 2018 Information & Open Night

Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Location: ISHS Hall, Gura St Berkeley

The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports Program; including the Sydney FC Football Program.

Information for students in years 5 to 10.

Register your interest with the front office by calling 42711099 or by emailing [llawaspor-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:llawaspor-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)



## WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS



# Expo Evening

**THURSDAY 22  
FEBRUARY**

Year 6 Parents and Students  
are invited to attend  
WHSPA's Expo Evening

**There will be 2 sessions:  
5pm and 6.30pm.**

**Bookings essential**

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- Nationally recognised and award winning Performing Arts Programs specialising in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts.
- Outstanding HSC results with a high percentage of the cohort entering into Tertiary study.
- Professional opportunities offered to students through partnerships with AIPA, BaiMed, Walk Different and other industries.
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# 2018 EXPO


TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

## WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL ADDRESS IN THE HALL  
6:00PM-6:30PM

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STUDENT CENTERED - OUTCOMES DRIVEN



8 AM TO  
12 PM

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

NO  
EFTPOS



# **BOOST Market Day**

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LIKE A GARAGE SALE, ONLY DIFFERENT!

**AT THE DENNY FOUNDATION**

COME ALONG... 2 COMMERCE DR, WARILLA  
STOCK UP ON FRESH FRUIT & VEG, MEAT, & MORE...

BRING ALONG YOUR ENVIROBAGS, DO YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING, AND SUPPORT OUR BOOST 4 FAMILIES PROGRAM