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'WORKING TOGETHER'

NEWSLETTER

2018 Term 1 Week 5

TERM 1 – IMPORTANT DATES

What's On

26 February Monday	Scripture begins
26 February Monday	Dance2bFit continues
27 February Tuesday	"Meet the Teacher" afternoon
02 March Friday	"Clean Up Australia" day

What's Ahead

05 March Monday	Assembly – Stage 3 (Killalea Leadership Day)
15 March Thursday	P&C Meeting (Including AGM)
22 March Thursday	School Photos
29 March Thursday	"Easter Hat Parade"

Feature Article

Parents Corner "Vocabulary"

Dear parents, carers, community members and students,

Today, we began **scripture classes** for 2018. If you have indicated that you wish for your child to participate in Special Religious Education, they have been placed in an age appropriate group within that religion. Unfortunately, we have been unable to access the number of scripture teachers (voluntary job) for the classes so far. This means that there are many children sitting for 45 minutes on a Monday morning without a teacher. The NSW Department of Education Religious Education Implementation Procedures require me (as the Principal) to inform you of the "meaningful activities" we will be providing that are not "lessons in the curriculum". Therefore, during scripture time 9.15am – 10:00am each Monday morning, students without a scripture teacher or attending non-scripture (K-6) will be encouraged to engage with activities that reflect our wellbeing focus including Positive Habits of the Mind. If you have any questions, please contact me for clarification.

On **Tuesday 27 February**, all parents and carers are invited to attend our "meet the teacher" afternoon and to participate in the conversation associated with the draft school plan 2018 – 2020. 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 also 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

All parents and carers are invited to attend one of the two sessions offered in the library where I will be sharing the current draft school plan 2018 – 2020 focusing on the three strategic directions for our school; Learning, Teaching and Leading. You will have the opportunity to discuss and contribute towards the final strategic directions that will build on quality teaching, learning and leadership practices focused on improving student outcomes. It is all about Parents, Pupils and Teachers working together.

Meet the Principal, Join the Discussion & Contribute towards the School Plan 2018 – 2020

Both sessions are identical therefore you only need to attend one.

3.30pm – 4.15pm – Library
4:30pm – 5:15pm - Library

On **Friday 2 March** (2:00pm – 2:40pm) Mrs Wheeler has coordinated for our school to participate in **“Clean Up Australia Day”**. Children need to bring a pair of gloves and a plastic bag for rubbish. Our children and staff will be joining thousands of teachers and students across Australia making a difference and creating positive environment change.

The **P&C** have now scheduled their meeting dates for 2018. All parents and carers are encouraged to join and where possible attend P&C meetings. Please remember the P&C also have a very active Facebook page that provides our community a wealth of information and it's used effectively to coordinate various fund raising activities. It is a closed group therefore once you navigate to “Barrack Heights PS” Facebook page you need to select “+Join Group”. Please note, all parents/carers wishing to assist the P&C with fundraising activities will need to complete a Working With Children (WWC) check prior to the school event. This can easily be done online at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Term One	15 March Thursday	9:00am – 11:00am including 15min AGM
Term Two	16 May Wednesday 14 June Thursday	9:00am – 10:30am 9:00am – 10:30am
Term Three	8 August Wednesday 13 September Thursday	9:00am – 10:30am 9:00am – 10:30am
Term Four	24 October Wednesday 29 November Thursday	9:00am – 10:30am 8:00am – 9:00am Christmas Breakfast 9:00am – 10:30am

Voluntary School Contribution 2018

Single child payment - \$25
Family payment (3 children or more) - \$50

The students of Barrack Heights PS, benefit directly from the financial contributions made by parents during the beginning of each school year. Every dollar received is used to provide additional resources for our student learning programs – in classrooms, during out of school

experiences and throughout the school. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds.

We are encouraging parents to support learning programs during 2018 by sending a single, double or family contribution. We have again kept the price low - \$25 per student with a maximum of \$50 per family. This equates to 10 cents a day per child – exceptionally reasonable!

We use school contribution funds to support existing programs in the school including Breakfast Club, annual PSSA fees, science experiments, Clubs, additional stationary and classroom items, playground equipment, teaching aides and visual arts supplies.

Payments can be made by sending in an envelope with your child/ren's names and classes and placing in the black collection box at the end of the Administration Block corridor.

Mrs Kocovska
Principal

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

Parents/Carer's Corner

Vocabulary

Teaching your child new words is both yours and your child's teacher's job! Children who have a large vocabulary find it easier to read, write and have interesting conversations. Here are some fun ways to teach your child new words!

- ✓ Go grocery shopping together. Instead of rushing through your shopping list, take your time to walk through the shop. Expose your child to new food vocabulary (names of things), use describing words to describe the foods and maybe even buy something that you've never bought (e.g. buy a lime as you discuss the word 'sour', then try it together at home).
- ✓ Cook together. The words that can be used when cooking are endless. Look at food labels, talk about different cooking utensils and dishes, discuss measurements and measuring tools. You can also use so many different doing words like 'dicing' and 'stirring' as you cook.
- ✓ Think about interesting places to take your child. A different park, the beach or a bushwalk will give you lots of chances to talk to your child about things they are doing or seeing.
- ✓ Post a letter to a family member or a friend. Write the letter and address together and teach them words like 'stamp' and 'envelope'. Show your child on a map where you are sending the letter.
- ✓ Try to read to your child every day. This exposes them to words they may not hear otherwise. For example if you have a book about pirates they will learn 'sword', 'plank' and 'treasure'.

Remember the more words you say to your child the bigger their vocabulary will be!

NSW Fisheries Kids Fishing Workshops

Kids fishing workshop for 8-14 yr olds run by NSW Fisheries at Greenwell Point on 24th January. The workshops run for 4 hours, lessons on casting, knot tying, tackle and rules before 90 minutes fishing. Kids get to take home a quality rod and reel. Bookings are essential, contact Stephen on stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or 0438245190.

2018 Information & Open Night

Date: Monday 26th 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 Illawaspor-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au



BIG BOOK FAIR

Family Day Saturday 10 March 2018 from 12pm – 5pm

Reading is not only great for your education, it is also valuable for your wellbeing and helps children build relationships with those they read with

To encourage as much reading as possible, we would like to offer you 20% off your purchase when you visit the Book Fair between 12pm and 5pm on Saturday 10 March 2018. WOW!

Write the name of your school here.

Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

Entry by gold coin donation and eftpos is available.

For more information, visit www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events

Voucher MUST be presented at the event to receive the discount

Voucher only valid between 12pm and 5pm Saturday 10 March 2018

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

www.trybooking.com/UAPK

- 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.
- Extensive co-curricular programs in the Performing Arts and Sport where students are recognised at State and National levels.
- Leadership opportunities through SRC, Sports Committee, Entertainment Crew, Peer Support and Duke of Ed.
- An extensive curriculum which caters for diverse student needs including Gifted and Talented extension programs.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

2018 EXPO


TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN CLASSROOMS 4:00PM - 6:00PM
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS IN THE HALL
6:00PM-6:30PM

Excellence
Respect
Integrity
Compassion

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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

★ **Now Monthly** ★
BY POPULAR DEMAND

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