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'WORKING TOGETHER'

NEWSLETTER

2018 Term 1 Week 6

TERM 1 – IMPORTANT DATES

What's On

05 March	Scripture
05 March	Assembly – Stage 3 (Killalea Leadership Day)
05 March	Dance2bFit
06 March	Dragons Best You Can Be Visit – Stage 3 Follow-up
06 March	Debating Trials Stage 3 Students
08 March	International Women's Day

What's Ahead

15 March	P&C Meeting (Including AGM)
21 March	Harmony Day
22 March	School Photos
22 March	Veggie Crunch Day
23 March	"Mufti Day – Sport Theme" organised by P&C
29 March	"Easter Hat Parade"

P&C Meeting Dates

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

Parent/Carers Corner "Moving Talking to Writing"

The 5 Keys of You Can Do It! Education

Confidence (academic, social), Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along, and Resilience.



YOU CAN DO IT!

Weekly Focus – We are persistent!

Dear parents, carers, community members and students.

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Meet the Teacher Afternoon

It was wonderful to see many parents and carers attend the "meet the teacher" afternoon last week where our teachers presented various information about their classes. Everyone had the opportunity to learn about the curriculum, topics, classroom programs, special activities coordinated for your children, expectations for children reading at home, sport, positive merit system, school discipline policy and were encouraged to book a time with the teacher should you have any concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing at school. Thank you to everyone who also ventured to the library for the "Meet the Principal & Futures Forum" where I presented and we discussed the current draft school plan 2018 – 2020. It was a vibrant discussion with lots of fabulous ideas that will be incorporated in the plan.

Clean Up Australian Day

Thank you to Mrs Wheeler for coordinating our "Clean Up Australia Day" event. Our school joined over 2100 school sites and made an immense contribution to the rubbish removed through participating in "Clean Up Australia Day". All our children learnt about recyclable plastics and the importance of reducing plastic where possible, for example, bring your lunch in a plastic container rather than a plastic zip bag. Australia is the best country with our pristine beaches, ancient forests and flourishing sea life, unique flora and fauna. Therefore, we need to continue our efforts of ensuring we keep our country clean so that our children can inherit the riches Australia has on offer.



International Women's Day

Ms Scott, Mrs Mangos and Ms Condran will be coordinating our events this week for International Women's Day. On Thursday some of our Stage 3 girls will attend a special morning tea to Celebrate International Women's Day. We will be joined by guest speaker, Aunty Patty.

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia. International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911.

The World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap Report findings show that gender parity is over 200 years away therefore the International Women's Day 2018 theme is **#PressforProgress**, a call-to-action for people and groups around the world to make a difference and do what they can to help drive women's equality. Recognition of International Women's Day supports the promotion of respectful relationships in schools. We look forward to this special event!

P&C

All parents and carers are invited to the next P&C meeting that will also include the AGM. All parents and carers planning to assist at various P&C events throughout the year must have a current Working With Children (WWC) check. This can easily be done online at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Parent waiting area

If you come into the school to collect your child/ren in the morning and afternoon, could we please remind you not to go past the canteen. In addition, a friendly reminder to big brothers/sisters/cousins that throwing a footy or soccer ball or riding a scooter within the parents waiting area is not permitted as someone could get hurt. Your understanding is much appreciated.

Captain Cook Drive Crossing Update

The Minutes of the Shellharbour Traffic Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Shellharbour held 6 September 2017, states the recommendation “that council approve the installation of a children’s crossing at the existing marked crossing and raised threshold on Captain Cook Drive, Barrack Heights. The installation of a children’s crossing will augment the existing facility by providing hold lines on road at which drivers must remain behind when a pedestrian or pedestrians are on the crossing. The hold lines will be located 6m back from the crossing area on each approach. This will address the current issue of drivers stopping almost immediately adjacent to the crossing areas and improve safety for the crossing supervisor and students”.

Hunter Street – Parking Issues Update

The Minutes of the Shellharbour Traffic Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Shellharbour held 8 February states the committee recommendation “that the committee approve the proposed changes to install a ‘no parking zone’ extending 40 metres in a northerly direction between 8:00-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm school days and a 1 hour parking zone 8:00am to 6:00pm school days extending 37.5 metres in a northerly direction from the no parking zone in Hunter Street Barrack Heights, adjacent to Barrack Heights Public School.

On Thursday afternoon, Jenny Davies, Road Safety Officer from Shellharbour City Council will be visiting our school and will hopefully provide an update on the status of the children’s crossing for Captain Cook Drive and the proposed change of parking conditions on Hunter Street. I will keep you informed in future newsletters, however, you are always welcome to come and chat to me as well.

Shingles

Last week we had a reported case of one of our students having Shingles. These are caused by the reactivation of the virus that causes chickenpox, usually in adulthood and many years after the initial chickenpox illness. Shingles develop more commonly in people who are immunosuppressed.

The Health Department states that children with infectious diseases should be isolated from school. The amount of time depends on the illness. The following examples are provided for your information:

- Conjunctivitis – until discharge has ceased
- Chicken Pox – at least 5 days (if we were to have children with Leukaemia at school it is imperative that you let the school know if your child has Chicken Pox).
- Measles – at least 5 days
- Mumps – at least 7 days
- Rubella (German Measles) – at least 6 days
- Impetigo – once treatment has commenced and sores are covered with waterproof dressing
- Headlice

Explore specific information on some of the most common infectious diseases by following the link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/infectious-diseases>

Please note further information about Shingles and Chicken Pox is attached to this newsletter.

Voluntary School Contribution 2018

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their voluntary school contribution. Please remember 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. Single child payment is \$25.00, Family payment (3 children or more) is \$50.00.

Parents, pupils and teachers working together = Barrack Heights PS

Mrs Kocovska
Principal

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

YOU CAN DO IT!

Weekly Focus – We are persistent!

This week's focus for our You Can Do it! Program will be '**We are persistent.**' Students will be working through 2 **Positive Attitudes** 'working tough' and 'giving effort'.

Students will be learning:

What persistence means ... trying hard and not giving up when something feels like it's too hard to do.

Examples of persistent behaviour

- Continuing to try even when schoolwork is hard
- Not being distracted by others
- Checking my work when I am finished to make sure it's correct
- Completing assignments on time

Positive attitudes to help me be persistent

- Thinking "I Can Do It" means thinking that even when my work is hard, I can still do it
- Giving Effort means thinking that the harder I try, the better my success will be
- Working Tough means thinking that to be successful, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun

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Cohen was recognised for his commitment to taekwondo. Cohen has participated in taekwondo for three years, and recently achieved his black belt. He now continues to assist and mentor younger students with their preparation for grading.

Kobe was recognised for his participation in various sports including football, swimming, athletics and cross-country. In 2017, he was awarded Junior Boys Athletics Champion and Junior Boy Cross-Country Champion at BHPS; achieved 1st place in the District Cross Country; and, also played for the Shellharbour Stringrays and Illawarra Titans Rugby League teams outside of school.

Both boys proudly represented the Barrack Heights community, and are to be commended on this outstanding achievement. The competition for this award was extremely impressive, and although the boys did not take home the award on Friday, we are all very proud of their sporting achievements! Well done, Cohen and Kobe!

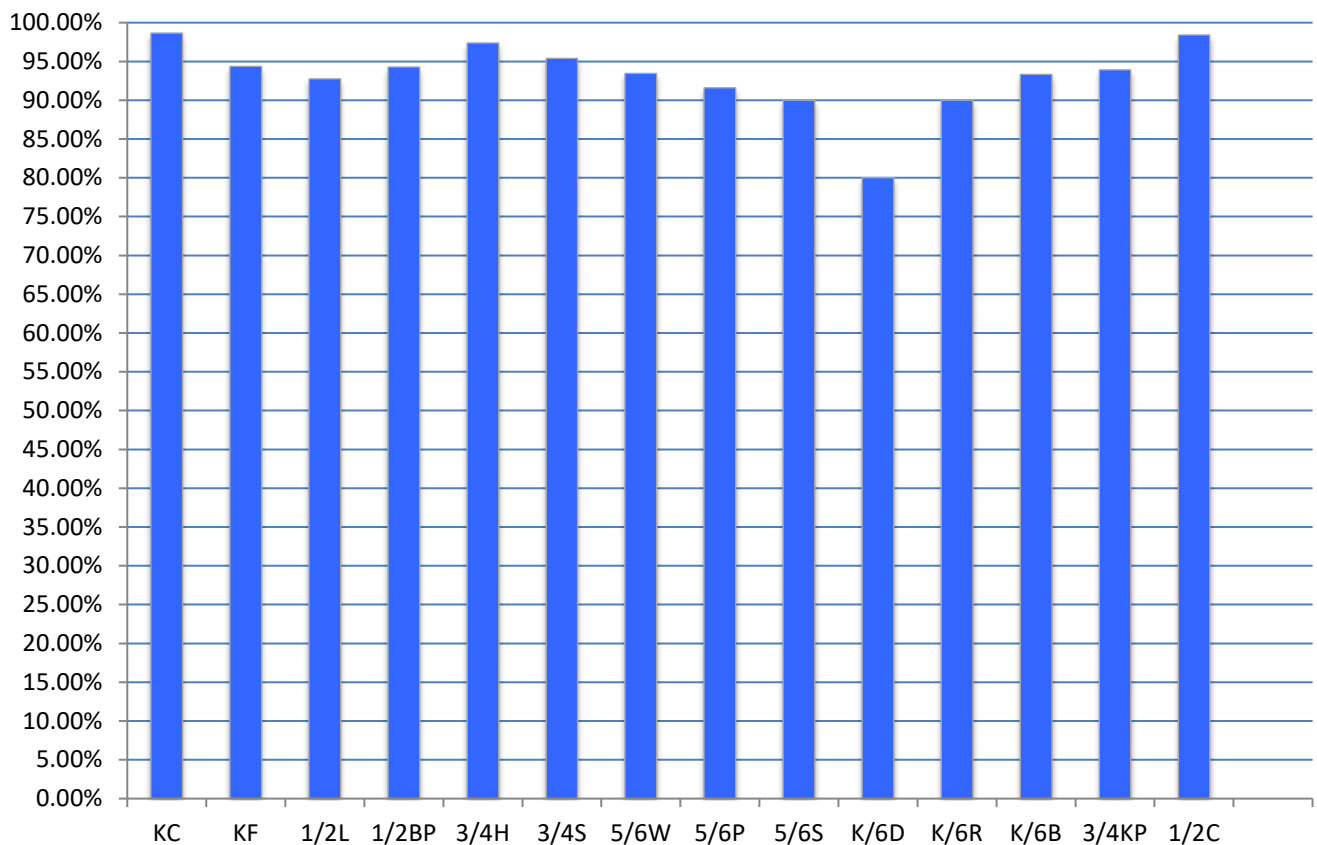


Miss Purdy



Well Done KC!

BHPS attendance by classes – Term 1, Weeks 4-5



Parent / Carers Corner

Moving Talking to Writing

Children need to be great at talking before they will be good at writing. Lots of children can be reluctant to write because they don't know what to say or are worried about their spelling. Here are some fun ways to encourage writing at home!

- Encourage writing for lots of different reasons. If children are given a purpose to write they are often more enthusiastic. Ask them to write you a shopping list, birthday party invitations, or letters to grandma or their dolls or teddies
- Talk to your child about what we use maps for and see if they can draw a map of your house or neighbourhood and write on labels such as street names or furniture
- Use boxes to make cubbies and have fun with your kids drawing and writing labels on the cardboard such as 'welcome', 'window' etc.
- Let your child write on lots of different surfaces – chalk or painting with water on concrete outside is lots of fun. Wrapping paper, bubble wrap and boxes from your recycling bin are fun to write and draw on too!

Top tips:

- ✓ Don't worry too much about spelling – praise your child for 'having a go' and help them if they ask.
- ✓ Talk to your child about what you need to write on – permission notes, texts, shopping lists etc. are all great ways for them to see the 'value' of being able to write
- ✓ If your child is still learning to write, let them draw

2018 EXPO

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL

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

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