



# Barrack Heights Public School

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'WORKING TOGETHER'

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## Newsletter 2018

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### YOU CAN DO IT!

**Weekly Focus** – “We are organised and set goals!”

## TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

### What's On

- 03 April – Tuesday “Barrack Heights RoundTable” Meeting: Mrs Kocovska
- 04 April – Wednesday K-2 'Keeping me safe' talk presented by *Senior Constable Lori Hanley*
- 05 April – Thursday Stage 3 Cinema Excursion
- 06 April – Friday Sport Assembly

### What's Ahead

- 10 April – Tuesday Stage Two Excursion – Art Gallery of NSW and Royal Botanic Gardens
- 12 April – Thursday Anzac Ceremony
- 16 April – 30 April School Holidays – Children Return to School on Tuesday 1 May

## Parent/Carers Corner “Phonological Awareness”

Dear parents, carers, community members and students.

Congratulations to our newly appointed P&C committee and P&C helpers who did a magnificent job in coordinating three events that contributed towards a fun filled Easter Thursday for our children, families and our staff. It was wonderful to see our community come together and enjoy the celebrations and various events that were on offer. My favourite part of the day was seeing all our children proudly model their Easter Hats while mums, dads and grandparents had big smiles on their faces.

Thank you to Ms Condran for leading the organisation associated with the Easter Hat Parade and thank you to all our K-2 teachers for making the Easter Hat Parade successful. It was wonderful having our Barrack Heights Preschool children and teachers join us for the day.

Thank you to my staff who delivered the various parent workshops last Thursday. Parents who attended gained valuable knowledge, skills and information associated to the various topics. We will be offering future parent workshops and workshop topic suggestions are encouraged. Workshop topic suggestions can be emailed to [barrackht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:barrackht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or left in writing at the office.

The IMB officers who had a stall last Thursday were impressed with the number of families who registered their children for student banking. We are now finalising the process and of course families will be able to sign-up for student banking anytime throughout the year. I will be providing further details in future newsletters.

Importantly, thank you to all our families and community for supporting our P&C with donating Easter eggs, buying guessing competition tickets, supporting the sausage sizzle and generously donating towards Tia Stratilas fund. Tia is a previous student of Barrack Heights PS and all funds raised will go towards helping Tia's recover from a brain aneurysm she recently endured. She is currently being

treated at Randwick Children's Hospital where she is in an induced coma. Further donations can be made online at: <https://www.youcaring.com/anastasiosandmariastratilas-1110992>

Last Thursday, I also had the pleasure of introducing to our school community the Deputy Governor General for 2018. Congratulations to Letisha V who has constantly demonstrated her commitment to being a positive role model who always maintains a high standard of conduct, attitude and citizenship.



Our stage one children enjoyed a fun filled day at Killalea State Park last week. Please see Ms Pfeiffer's report within this newsletter.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Kocovska  
Principal

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

### **Killalea State Park Stage 1 Excursion**

On Tuesday 27th of March, Stage 1 went on an Excursion to Killalea State Park. The students spent the day learning about the different activities people can do when visiting the park and observed some of the different features around them.

In the morning, the students played camp games such as a scavenger hunt and sorting clothes to take to different holiday destinations. They then played eye-spy and drew sketches of the different features around them.

After lunch, the students walked down to the beach. They enjoyed discovering the beach environment. They loved splashing in the water, building sandcastles and eating delicious fruit on the beach.

In the afternoon, the students spent time looking at the amazing view from the top deck of the park. The students loved looking through the binoculars and exploring the old dairy.

Thank you to all of the teachers for organising such a wonderful excursion.

Miss Kelly Pfeiffer  
Excursion Organiser





## P&C Committee 2018

President: Kally McLean  
 Vice Presidents: Rosie Roach  
 Kendal Williams  
 Secretary: Erin Jongsma  
 Treasurer: Narelle Adams

The P&C would like to thank everyone for your help with the Easter Guessing Competition and the Sausage Sizzle on Thursday.

### P&C Meeting Dates

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	9:00am – 10:30am

I would like to thank Rosemary Roach, Erin Jongsma, Evelyn Van Kessel, Vanessa Williamson, Kendal Williams, Michelle and Rhys Quick, Amanda Cook and to all the volunteers and teachers especially Loreta Kocovska and our cooks for the BBQ; Chez, Chris Mangos & Jake Lewis. We definitely couldn't have done this without all the support you provided.

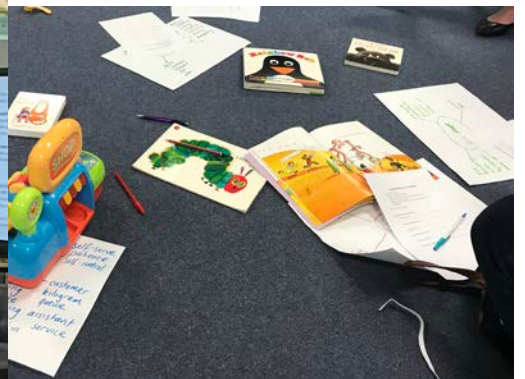
We received support from local business Trim's Fruit Market for the onions, Woolworths at Warilla Grove for the bread that Rhys Quick especially baked for us and Shellharbour Meats and Small Goods for the massive discount on the sausages.

We raised in total for both events \$1700. We have donated \$150 plus money raised on the day to Tia Stratilas and her family.

Thank you  
 Kally McLean  
 BHPS P&C President









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## *Weekly Focus –“ We are organised and set goals!”*

The focus for this week, is on two positive attitudes; ***Time Management and Setting Goals.***

Examples of organised behaviour:

- Having a goal to do your very best in school.
- Handing in work on time.
- Making sure you understand the teacher's instruction before beginning your work.
- Having a neat desk and schoolbag.
- School notes and information goes home and notes are returned to school.

Ways to coach organisational skills:

- It is fun and exciting to reach the goal.
- It is fun to take steps towards the goal.
- It will be helpful to us if we reach the goal.
- It will be helpful to others if we reach the goal.
- It is good practice for high school.
- It is good practice for being successful in jobs as adults.



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Call 1800 780 900 or visit [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)

### **School Holiday Tennis Camp**

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club, Jason Avenue, Warilla

Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 April 2018

- 9.00am-12 noon
- Games and prizes
- Ball machine
- Special family rates
- All standards welcome

All enquiries call Brett and Michelle Edwards  
0403 289 974 or 0413 064 298

## Parent / Carers Corner

### Phonological Awareness

As children learn to read they strengthen their skills in phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is a powerful predictor of later reading success. It includes skills such as rhyme, clapping syllables in words and breaking words up into their sounds. Here are some ways you can help your child strengthen their phonological awareness skills at home.

- ✓ Read lots of rhyming books to your child and sing them songs (like nursery rhymes) or chants with rhyming words in them
- ✓ Think of some long words and help your child clap the syllables. For example one clap for every part in di/no/saur or cat/er/pi/llar
- ✓ Talk about what the first or last sounds are in words for example that 'bag' starts with a 'b' sound and that 'bush' ends with a 'sh' sound.
- ✓ Break small words up into their sounds e.g. 'cat' is made of 3 sounds 'c/a/t'
- ✓ Remember to focus on the sounds that letters make and not their names

# *A big Thank You*

*To Woolworths @ Warilla Grove for Donating  
all the bread*



*and*

*Trim's Fresh Fruit  
located @Shellharbour Square near Coles  
for the donation of our onions.*





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and work with local business*