



Barrack Heights Public School

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BARRACK HEIGHTS 2528
'WORKING TOGETHER'

Newsletter

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Weekly Focus – “We work together as a team!”

TERM 1 – IMPORTANT DATES

What's On

- 10 April – Tuesday Stage Two Excursion – Art Gallery of NSW and Royal Botanic Gardens
- 11 April – Wednesday “Hotdog & Popper” Lunch \$4.00
- 12 April – Thursday Anzac Ceremony 9:30am

What's Ahead

- 16 April – Monday School Holidays Commence
- 01 May – Tuesday Students return for Term 2

Parent/Carers Corner “Speech Sounds”

Dear parents, carers, community members and students.

I have enjoyed my first term at Barrack Heights PS. Everyday, I continue to feel privileged to lead such an amazing school with fabulous children, staff and parents. It has been an extremely busy term with lots of fun and invaluable learning experiences for everyone and along the way we even managed to complete some of our big-ticket items. These include; 2018 School Parliament members being inducted into Office, the School Plan 2018-2020 endorsed by staff, students and our wider community and the 2017 Annual Report completed and submitted.

Tia Stratilas Fundraiser

Last week, Mrs Stratilas telephoned me to express her gratitude and pass on her thanks to all our children, staff, parents and our P&C for coordinating the Tia Stratilas fundraiser. The Stratilas family are extremely grateful for all our efforts and most importantly advised that Tia is now out of a coma and is making positive progress towards her recovery.

Special Lunch – Wednesday \$4.00 Hotdog & Popper

On Wednesday 11 April, our students and staff will conduct a “Hotdog & Popper” lunch fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Tathra Bushfire Appeal. It's all about kids helping kids, staff helping staff, parents helping parents and communities supporting communities. Children wishing to purchase a hotdog and popper need to bring \$4.00 and purchase their combo at lunchtime from the canteen.

ANZAC Assembly

On Thursday 12 April at 9:30am, our Parliamentary Leadership team will conduct an ANZAC Commemoration Assembly around our flagpoles. Students who would like to bring a floral tribute or wear some rosemary are most welcome to do this. In addition to this, BHPS Prime Ministers and Shadow Prime Ministers will join other students from local schools at the Shellharbour City Council Centenary of ANZAC Commemoration Service. This event is open to the entire community at Shellharbour City Memorial, Harrison Park commencing at 7.20am on Wednesday 25 April.

"Speech Sound"

Every Thursday morning at 9:00am, Jessica (the Speech Pathologist at Barrack Heights P.S) runs parent workshops to help children develop their speech sounds. If you have any questions about your child's speech sound development please make an appointment at the office to chat to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see Jessica.

Winter Uniform

As the school holidays are upon us it may be a great time to double check your child's winter uniform. The winter uniform for both boys and girls consists of a royal blue tracksuit, red collared school polo shirt and appropriate footwear. The school also has a microfibre tracksuit as well as fleece jumpers and jackets. These are available at our uniform shop. If the weather gets extremely cold and you feel your child needs extra protection from the wind, they may wear a parker, beanie, scarf and gloves in the playground, but will be asked to remove these during class time. If it is possible to buy these in school colours, please support our royal blue. The school hat must still be worn to play.

Safe and Happy Holiday Break

Staff return on Monday 30 April for School Development Day. During this day, our staff will participate in a variety of professional learning including: Kindness on Purpose Refresher, Kindness on Purpose Empathy for Learning, External Validation Information Session, Respect Reflect Reset Campaign, Performance Development Plans for Non-Teaching Staff and allocated time for teacher planning.

Children return on Tuesday 1 May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making me feeling welcome to the Barrack Heights PS family. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

Mrs Kocovska
Principal

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

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Kids helping kids!

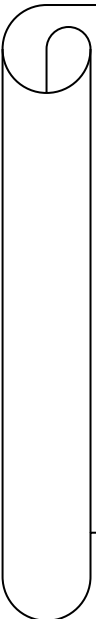
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Parents helping parents!

Communities supporting communities!

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K-2 'Keeping me safe' talk presented by Senior Constable Lori Hanley

Our Kindy to Year 2 students attended a "Keeping me safe" talk presented by Senior Constable Lori Hanley, Youth Liaison Officer, Lake Illawarra Police District. Constable Lori Hanley spoke to the children about a safe person, safe place, safe house and stranger danger. The talk was very focussed on the kids not talking to strangers. After the talk, teachers continued the conversation within their classrooms and linked the presentation to our "Safe 4 Kids" program. The children were very excited to have Constable Hanley talk.



Stage 3 Cinema Excursion

Our Stage 3 students walked to the cinemas last week to see "A Wrinkle in Time". Students were excited to see the novel they had enjoyed reading, come to life on the big screen. Students spent the return walk, and class time, dissecting the differences between the movie and the novel. It was music to the teachers' ears to hear almost all the students proclaim "the book was MUCH better than the movie".

Sport Assembly

At the school's Sport Assembly our Sports House Captains and Vice Captains were presented with their official badge. It was wonderful having our parents participate in the assembly by pinning the official badge on their child. The Sports House Captains and Vice Captains are:

Brisbane House Captains: Jessica and Michael
Brisbane Vice Captains: Ava and Rhynan

Hunter House Captains: Mishaylee and Joshua
Hunter Vice Captains: Charlotte and Lucas

Cook House Captains: Samara and Shane
Cook Vice Captains: Shylow and Jamie

Patterson House Captains: Kaylie and Thomas
Patterson Vice Captains: Shaya and Nate

Congratulations to all House Captains and Vice Captains. The badge they wear requires them to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and respect. We believe they will lead by example and wear their badge with pride.

Congratulations to all the children who received swimming awards at our Sport Assembly.
Our School Swimming Champions for Barrack Heights Public School in 2018 are:

Junior boy champion: Alex
Junior girl champion: Melanie

Senior girl champion: Samara
Senior boy champion: Byron

P&C Committee 2018

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

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

Close the Loop

Thank you to those of you who recycled their used printer cartridges. Parents/carers/friends can drop off used ink cartridges in the box in the office for recycling/recovering.

Thank you
Miss Finlay

Weekly Focus – “We work together as a team!”

A cartoon illustration of three boys playing basketball. One boy in a blue shirt is about to throw the ball, while two others watch. A speech bubble says "Here have a go."

- Working well with my classmates
- Listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking
- Talking rather than fighting when someone treats me unfairly
- Following important classroom rules
- Helping others in need



All classes will receive a class set of the YCDI emotional thermometer. There will be one A4 laminated for the class and smaller ones for each child.

Each child will have their personal thermometer on their table so that all adults can easily refer to them. These will be used as a whole school approach and consistent message used by RFF teachers and casual staff.

Parent / Carers Corner

Speech Sounds

As children learn to speak there is an expected order of sounds that we expect them to be able to say correctly. By the time children get to school most of their sounds should be pronounced correctly. At 5 years of age children may still have some difficulty pronouncing 's', and 'r' sounds but these should fix themselves by the time they are 5 and a half or 6 years old. The 'th' sound is the last sound to develop and should fix itself by the time your child is 8 years old.

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