



Barrack Heights Public School

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BARRACK HEIGHTS 2528
'WORKING TOGETHER'

Newsletter T2 W2



YOU CAN DO IT!

Weekly Focus – “We put our values of
SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE into action.”

TERM 2

– IMPORTANT DATES

What's On

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| 10 May – Thursday | Stage 3 “Into the Woods” Excursion at Wollongong Performing Arts High School |
| 10 May – Thursday | P&C Mother's Day Stall for children attending district cross country only |
| 11 May – Friday | District Cross Country (selected children only) |
| 11 May – Friday | P&C Mother's Day Stall – School Hall |

What's Ahead

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| 15 May – Tuesday | NAPLAN Language Conventions |
| 16 May – Wednesday | NAPLAN Reading |
| 16 May – Wednesday | P&C Meeting 9:00am – 10:30am |
| 17 May – Thursday | NAPLAN Maths |

Parent/Carers Corner “Why Reading with your child is important?”

Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform

It is important for all our children to wear the correct coloured school uniform. Royal blue track suits can be purchased from retailers such as Best & Less, K-mart, etc, from the School Canteen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30am – 9:00am. We also have a small selection of used uniforms for \$2 a piece available from the school office between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Uniforms enable our students to develop a sense of belonging to our school and it helps our school to create a positive image with the community. Most importantly, it keeps our children safe as we can quickly identify from a distance if a child belongs to our school. Therefore, it is vital that all children attend school dressed in school uniform. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

Mother's Day

The P&C will be holding the Mother's Day stall for children going to the district cross country on Thursday afternoon and again on Friday 11 May. This will ensure no child misses out on purchasing a special gift for their mum/grandma or special person in their life. Gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Have a wonderful week and a fabulous Mother's Day to all our mums, grandmas and special people that help raise our wonderful children.

Mrs Kocovska
Principal
SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE

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

Strengthening Getting Along

YOU CAN DO IT! Focus for the week - 'We put our values of *SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE* into action.'



This week Barrack Heights Public School will continue to learn about the 3 new school values of SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE. Students will be learning about what values and character strengths are and how they can develop these and put them into action.

At Barrack Heights Public School we value SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE and these values help us to get along.

Getting Along is revealed when young people work cooperatively with each other, resolve conflicts by discussion rather than fights, manage their anger, show tolerance, and follow class expectations, including making responsible choices so that everyone's rights are protected. Getting Along also involves young people making positive contributions to helping others and to making the school, home, and community safer, healthier, and good places to live and learn. When students are getting along they are working together as a team.

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



Dear Families, spoil Mum this Mother's Day with a gift from the Mother's Day stall. The P&C will be holding the Mother's Day stall for children going to the district cross country on Thursday afternoon and for all children on Friday 11 May. **Gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00.**

Thank you
P&C

Parent / Carers Corner

Reading with your child is important!

Strong reading skills will support children throughout many areas of their lives. The more you read with your child at home the greater boost you will give them to improve their reading skills. Reading books to or with your child exposes them to a range of different topics which means they will develop new vocabulary they would not normally hear in their everyday lives.

Regular reading helps to develop imagination, encourages curiosity about the world and supports them to manage their feelings.

TIPS

- Read with your child every day.
- Encourage your child to put down electronic devices and read by themselves.
- Read a variety of books, magazines, comics and signs in the environment.
- Join Shellharbour Library and start borrowing.
- Talk to your child about what you have read.
- K-2 parents encourage your child to participate in home reading.

Research has shown that children who have been read to regularly at home develop positive attitudes towards reading and are more engaged learners in the classroom.

Just another day @ Barrack Heights PS
Happy Kids Happy Staff Happy Parents!

Look who got caught reading in our outdoor library reading area!



Gardening Time!





Mother's Day Stall

Spoil Mum this Mother's Day
with a special gift
from the Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May 2018

Affordable beautiful presents for
Mum's and Grandparent's

Prices ranging from \$1 - \$10

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words

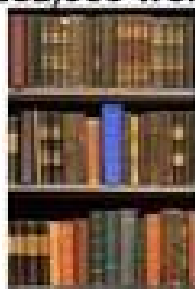


90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

PlayPod at Barrack Heights School – Volunteers Needed

Playpod is an after school and holiday play scheme for children in Yr 2 and above, children can enjoy play activities and a healthy afternoon tea every Tuesday afterschool.

Playpod can take up to 25 children per week and twice termly holds activities for the whole school to join in if they wish.

Playpod is currently looking for volunteers to be part of the team that help plan and organise everything. Could that be you?

If you have some spare time and you are interested in helping with the running of Playpod or know someone that might be interested, please contact Nikke on 0450896081.