



# Barrack Heights Public School

HUNTER STREET  
BARRACK HEIGHTS 2528  
'WORKING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter Term 2 Week 3



### YOU CAN DO IT!

Focus for the week – We get along with everyone!  
We are **safe, respectful and accepting.**"



## TERM 2 – IMPORTANT DATES

### What's On

14 May – Monday	Children select their "club" for term 2
15 May – Tuesday	8:25am – 8:55 BHPS Running Club
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

### What's Ahead

#### Week 4

22 May – Tuesday	8:25am – 8:55 BHPS Running Club
22 May – Tuesday	The National Theatre for Children
	Financial Literacy Incursion "Showdown at Two Bob Billabong"
	Session 1: ES1 – Stage 2: 12:45pm (school hall)
	Session 2: Stage 3: 02:25pm (school hall)
23 May – Wednesday	Professional Learning for Staff 3:15pm – 6:00pm
24 May – Thursday	Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue!
24 May – Thursday	Stage 3 Virtual Excursion
24 May – Thursday	BHPS Parliament Fundraiser "Fizzy Spider Day" \$2

#### Week 5

28 May – Monday	Reconciliation School Flag Walk
28 May – Monday	Debating Gala Day @ Shell Cove PS (8 children)

### Parent/Carers Corner "Supporting your child's engagement at school!"

Dear Parents/Carers

#### P&C Meeting

The next Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting is on Wednesday 16 May at 9am. Please come along and share some time learning about our school.

#### Into the Woods

Last week, stage 3 students had the opportunity to experience a high quality live performance at Wollongong Performing Arts High School. Students developed a sense of music and drama appreciation and an understanding of the use of elements that can be incorporated into a drama performance—lighting, costumes, music, voice and movement. It was also a great opportunity for our children to see what experiences are offered at high school. Thank you to our stage 3 teachers for organising this valuable opportunity for our children.

### Mother's Day

Congratulations to our P&C members who conducted a successful Mother's Day stall last week providing our children with beautiful gifts to purchase for mum, nan and aunties that ranged from \$1.00 to \$10.00. The smiles on the children's faces as they choose that special gift was heart warming. These are the moments that makes working with children special. I hope all our mums, nans and aunties were treated to a special day yesterday of kindness and care.

Last Friday, I had special visitors in the office who spoilt me with hand-made candle melts. Thank you Ms Finlay for organising a special treat for all our KF mums and a big shout out to Mrs Angie Stonestreet from Scentsational Scents By Ange #SSBA for volunteering her time to help our children created bath bombs and candle melts. See Ms Finlay's report on page 3.

### Winter Uniform

Polar fleece zip jacket \$35

Polar fleece jumper \$30

Microfibre tracksuit jacket \$30

Microfibre tracksuit pant \$25

In addition to this, students are welcome to wear royal blue tracksuits purchased from other retail outlets (K Mart, Best'n'Less etc), royal blue parker, gloves and beanie. Second hand uniform items are also available for \$2 in the Uniform Shop.



Mrs Kocovska  
Principal  
SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE

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

## **YOU CAN DO IT!**

### **Focus for the week – We get along with everyone!**

***At Barrack Heights P.S we are safe, respectful and accepting.***

This week the focus for the week is 'We get along with everyone!' Students will continue to develop and work through the positive attitude of Accepting Everyone. All students will discuss the importance of this positive attitude for which they need to learn and practice in order to get along well with others. Students will also develop an understanding of the importance of getting along with people who are different.



### **Getting 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 rules, 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.

## 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,

I would like to thank the volunteers that helped with the Mother's Day stall. I couldn't have run it without your support. I hope all the Mothers and Grandparents had an amazing Mother's Day.

The next P&C meeting is being held on Wednesday 16 May at 9am in the staffroom.

Thank you  
Kally McLean  
P&C President

## From KF – Mother's Day Fun

Last Thursday the children of KF with Miss Angie and Miss Finlay's help, created a surprise for their mums and family members for Mother's Day on the weekend. We hope everyone had a lovely Sunday.

The children had lots of fun adding ingredients and choosing scents and colours for their amazing bath bombs; stirring in oils, massaging in colours, pressing the mixture into moulds and tapping them out. They looked amazing and smelled even better.

We would like to thank Mrs Angie Stonestreet from Scentsational Scents By Ange #SSBA for giving up part of her day to come and help us.

Ms Finlay, Kindy Teacher





## Parent / Carers Corner

### Supporting your child's engagement at school

Parents can support their child's engagement, creativity and enthusiasm for the classroom by setting some consistent routines at home. Routines provide children with order and stability and supports them in feeling relaxed and ready to learn when they enter the classroom. Setting these routines will support your child in the classroom.

- Make bedtime a priority. Primary school children should get 9 to 12 hours sleep per night. If your child has less than this then it may affect their concentration in the classroom. Not enough sleep may also lead to poor behaviour and some health problems like difficulty concentrating, memory problems, headaches and becoming overweight.
- Arriving to school on time. Research shows that children who are regularly late to school will often struggle to cope with the demands of the classroom. If your child is, 10 minutes late every day that equates to one full day of learning throughout a term. Children who are late to the classroom miss the daily schedule and important learning.
- Talk about school regularly. Many children do not want to talk about school as soon as they get home, so encourage them to talk once they have had time to relax. Here are some simple questions that may get your child talking about school.  
Did you have fun today?  
What was the best/worst part of the day?  
Positive conversations about school every day shows your child that you care about their learning and value school.

By setting clear routines you are providing a structure to ensure that your child is maintaining a healthy lifestyle, developing their overall wellbeing and supporting them in the classroom.

Mrs K Parkes  
Instructional Leader

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 3 has been handed out to all students. Spare catalogues are in the office foyer. Orders need to be in before Tuesday 15 May.

Luis from year 4 has written a letter to authors Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton to visit our school. A copy of the letter is provided below:

*To Andy and Terry,*

*Hi my name is Luis and I attend Barrack Heights Public School. I am in year 4. We have been reading your books since last year. I love the treehouse books, they are the best I have ever read. Also can you make a new book? If you have no ideas for a new book I do. You can do the marshmallow machine and it multiplies into ten and their evil. Also can you bring back the Mermaid villains with the giant gorilla and put in Barky the Barking dog?*

*When you add the other 13 stories can you make a coca cola fountain and a candy maker? Another idea, cat-a-robin part cat part robin because my Nan likes Robins and I like cats. Could you put in hover cars and flying houses with a new person? Can it be a girl and she can be Jill's secret sister Lucy and she is crazy? She lives in a bunker and she has a pet called Miss crazy and she is a teenager dragon. Can you please attend Barrack Heights Public School with Terry to come and share the stories. We would like to hear about how you started the books.*

*From Luis  
Year 4K*

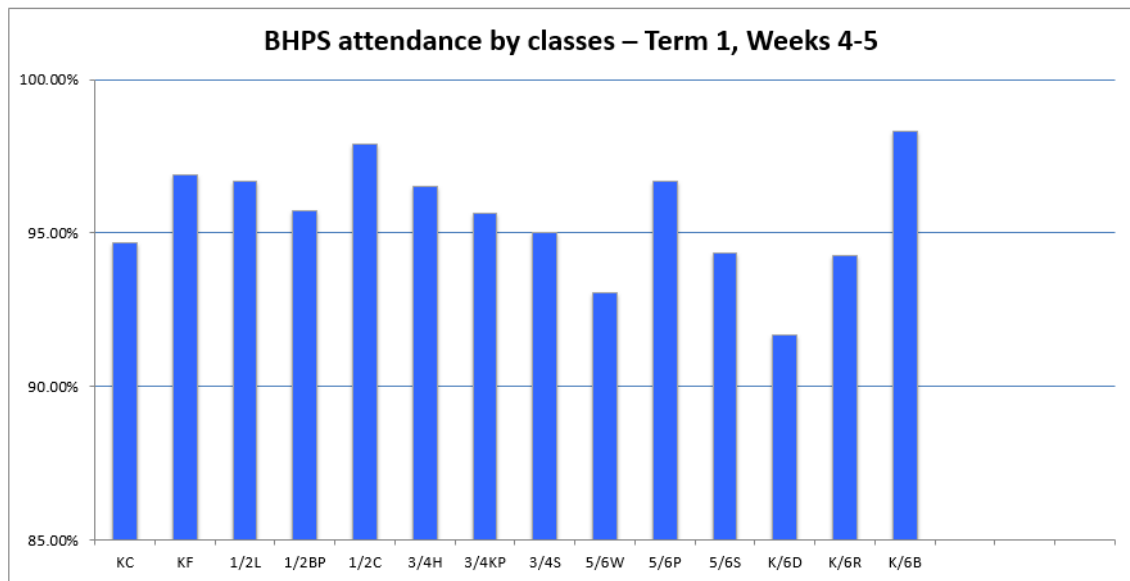
#### District Cross Country

Last Friday, 24 students competed in the Mid-South Coast PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Blackbutt Forest. Our students all tried their best on the hilly and very challenging course. Three students have qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Nowra on Friday 1 June 2018. These talented students included Kobe W 3rd, Alex B 4th and Abby Q 2nd. We are proud of all these students who demonstrated confidence and persistence in their racers. We would also like to acknowledge all other BHPS competitors, who were well behaved and displayed great sportsmanship's, many of whom improved their placings from last year. Well done!

Mrs Hamer- Sports Coordinator.



# Well Done K/6B!



**Remember: 10 days absence is enough to drop a band in NAPLAN (Daily Telegraph 2015)** Miss Parsons (Attendance Coordinator)

BHPS Parliament presents...

# FIZZY SPIDER DAY

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
\$2



Help us raise money for  
new football/soccer posts!

