



# Barrack Heights Public School

HUNTER STREET  
BARRACK HEIGHTS 2528  
'WORKING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

### YOU CAN DO IT!

Focus for the week - **"We are aware of our own blockers"**

We are **safe, respectful and accepting.**



## TERM 4 – IMPORTANT DATES

### What's On

- 17 October – Wednesday Year 5 Students attend "High School Experience" Day at Oak Flats HS  
Staff: Ms Scott, Ms Parsons, Mrs Reardon, Ms Chapman.
- 18 October – Thursday AECG Meeting at Mount Terry PS 4pm

### What's Ahead

- 22 October – Monday Week 2: Assembly 3/4H 10am
- 24 October – Wednesday P&C Meeting 9am
- 26 October – Friday World Teachers Day
- 30 October – Tuesday P&C Halloween Disco 4pm – 6pm
- 02 November – Friday Year 6 Students attend University of Wollongong Kids In2Uni Program
- 05 November – Monday Week 4: Assembly KF & KC 10am
- 19 November – Monday Week 6: Assembly 5/6S, 5/6W & 5/6P 10am
- 29 November – Thursday Stage 2 Students attend Production "Arabian Nights" at Balarang PS
- 03 December – Monday Swimming Scheme starts for Year 2 to Year 6 Students

### Week 10

- 17 December – Monday Presentation Day
- 18 December – Tuesday Year 6 Farewell
- 19 December – Wednesday Students Last Day at School!

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and our last Term for 2018. Today has begun beautifully, with many students ready to continue their learning in preparation for Semester Two reporting to parents and carers. Please note the various activities and payments that will require your attention during the next few weeks including the Swimming Scheme.

### Warilla Community of Schools Public Speaking Final

Congratulations to all our students who competed in The Community of Schools Public Speaking Grand Final at Warilla HS on Friday 28 September. Jessica from Kindergarten, Dominic from Stage 1, Gina from Stage 2 and Samara from Stage 3 represented our school with pride and professionalism beyond their years, especially Dominic who kicked off the grand final by being the first speaker. The entire school community is extremely proud of Jessica, Dominic, Gina and Samara and indeed we are extremely proud of all our children who participated throughout the COS Public Speaking Competition. A big thank you to Mrs Maranesi who worked closely with Mrs Napier from Warilla HS to ensure our children were ready to compete against the children from Warilla PS, Shellharbour PS, Flinders PS and Shell Cove PS. Please see Mrs Maranesi's full report within this newsletter.

### P&C Hotdog & Popper Fundraiser for our Farmers

Once again our wonderful P&C have delivered a fabulous fundraiser raising \$360.00 for our farmers. A big thank you to our fabulous parents who organised and supported the fundraiser.

## World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day is also known as International Teachers Day and is held internationally on October 5. However, in Australia, World Teachers' Day is celebrated each year on the last Friday of October. The day was established in 1994 to commemorate the anniversary of the signing in 1966 of the UNESCO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers, and celebrates the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. "This year's theme, "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher," has been chosen to remind the global community that the right to education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and qualified teachers". <https://en.unesco.org/events/world-teachers-day-2018-international-conference>



## School Holiday Works

During the school holiday period several maintenance projects were completed including:

- The school's **sound/speaker system** has been upgraded to replace old speakers and add additional speakers across the school to ensure the school bell and messages can be heard in the playground.
- The **telephone system** has been upgraded with old handsets being replaced and additional handsets installed across the school. This will enable office staff to communicate directly with classroom teachers rather than broadcast messages that are directly to one person across the school. This will minimise disruptions to learning.
- **Vertical blinds** have now been installed in all classrooms along Hunter Street. This is perfect timing for the upcoming warmer weather.
- **Pest Control** conducted a pest spraying around the school
- **United Tree Services** ensured all dead trees or branches that may cause concern for our children were addressed.
- All the **timber fascias** around the school have now been replaced with brand **new colour bond fascias**. Thank you to all my teachers, staff and students for their patience while the workmen were onsite. Especially, Ms Parsons and her students that manage the equipment that is stored in the shipping container.
- Mrs Kejda & Mrs Hamer continued to look after our **school's chickens** every day throughout the break. This is a huge commitment and on behalf of the school community a big thank you to Mrs Kejda and Mrs Hamer.
- And our much anticipated **footy goal posts** have now been ordered. We are waiting on delivery and installation of one combined footy goal posts and single soccer goal posts. Our children are very excited.

## School P&C

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 24 October at 9am in the staffroom. Please consider joining us to find out more about our school and to assist in planning and decision making for 2019.

Have a fabulous first week back!

Mrs Kocovska  
Relieving Principal  
SAFETY, RESPECT and ACCEPTANCE

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

## Communication

School Website: <http://www.barrackht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

School Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BarrackHeightsPublicSchool/>

School P&C Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1555654897791493/>

Download the **School Stream App** on your mobile phone to access the latest Barrack Heights PS newsletters, receive reminders, updates and much more from our school.



A promotional poster for Kindergarten 2019. On the left is a photo of a young boy in a red school uniform with a green headband that says "I started Kindergarten". To the right is the Barrack Heights Public School logo, which is a shield-shaped emblem with "BARRACK HEIGHTS" at the top, "PUPILS" at the top, "PARENTS" on the left, "TEACHERS" on the right, and "WORKING TOGETHER" on a banner at the bottom. Below the logo, the text reads "Kindergarten 2019", "We are taking enrolments now for our 2019 Kindergarten classes.", and "Please drop into the Administration office for a form or contact the school for further information on 4296 4222." The background of the poster is a collage of colorful drawings and photos.

## P&C Committee 2018

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

### P&C Meeting Dates

Term Four	24 October Wednesday 9:00am – 10:30am
	29 November Thursday 8:00am – 9:00am
	Christmas Breakfast 9:00am – 10:30am

## Warilla Community of Schools PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the students who competed in The Community of Schools Public Speaking Grand Final at Warilla High School on Friday 28th September 2018.

Jessica VK from Kindergarten displayed her confidence to the audience in her speech about her favourite animal.

Dominic B from Stage 1 delivered a delightful speech about his Favourite Season.

Gina K's thought provoking speech about Life without the Internet was fascinating. Our stage 3 representative Samara W delivered a well researched and entertaining speech about her Biggest Concern for the Future.

The students were judged on the content of their speeches and the way in which they presented. Our students used clear voices and delivered their speeches with expression. Content was presented in a logical sequence with some very interesting points raised. Well Done Jessica, Dominic, Gina and Samara. All students at Barrack Heights participated in this competition in Term 3. Many interesting speeches were given. Congratulation to all students. Thank you to Stage 3 who came along to support the speakers.



Mrs Maranesi  
COS Public Speaking Coordinator

## YCDI Weekly Focus – We are Aware of our own blockers

This week classes will start to work through a series of two lessons around resilience, focussing on *emotional blockers*.

### Learning Goals

- Students will know about five blockers (sad, worried, procrastination, angry, not paying attention).
- Students will understand that having a blocker makes it harder for them to be successful and happy.
- Students will understand the relationship between having a blocker and their success and happiness.





We're here for your kids, if they need support they can...



Call us for FREE  
**1800 55 1800**



Email us



WebChat with us

Parents! For more information and resources,  
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

[kidshelpline.com.au/parents](http://kidshelpline.com.au/parents)

# 26 Oct 2018 World Teachers' Day



**THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION  
MEANS THE RIGHT TO  
A QUALIFIED TEACHER**

#WorldTeachersDay





kidshelpline  
@ School

**is coming to our school!**

**will be connecting with a Kids Helpline Counsellor as part of the Kids Helpline @ School program**



**The program aims to:**

- Improve students' emotional intelligence and wellbeing
- Assist students to develop resilience and learn new coping strategies
- Teach students about their support options and how to seek help
- Encourage positive digital citizenship/online safety

For more information about these sessions, please speak to your class teacher or visit:

**[kidshelpline.com.au/schools](https://kidshelpline.com.au/schools)**

For more information on Kids Helpline and how we can support your family, please visit:

**[kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au)**

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# BIG BOOK FAIR

Family Day Saturday 20 October 2018 from 12pm – 5pm

Reading is not only great for your education, it is also valuable for your wellbeing and helps children build relationships with those they read with.

To encourage as much reading as possible, we would like to offer you 20% off your purchase when you visit the Book Fair between 12pm and 5pm on Saturday 20 October 2018. WOW!

BARRACK HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

Entry by gold coin donation and eftpos is available.

For more information, visit [www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events](http://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events)

Voucher MUST be presented at the event to receive the discount.

Voucher only valid between 12pm and 5pm Saturday 20 October 2018.