Dear parents, carers and students,

This week we have had a number of enquiries about the Barrack Heights School uniform. The Department of Education and Communities provides a clear policy and associated guidelines for schools, parents and community members when deciding on an appropriate uniform that will promote pride and identity for students attending that school. During discussions at P&C meetings in 2012, it was decided that the school would move towards formalising and unifying the uniform at Barrack Heights Public School. The following decisions were reached:

**GIRLS UNIFORM**
- Red collared ‘sports shirt’ with embroidered school logo
- Royal blue culottes or netball skirt (summer)
- Royal blue tracksuit (winter)
- Fleece school jumper (winter)
- School hat – either cricket, bucket or legionnaires style
- White socks
- Closed in shoes (black leather or sports shoes (joggers))

**BOYS UNIFORM**
- Red collared ‘sports shirt’ with embroidered school logo
- Royal blue shorts (summer)
- Royal blue tracksuit (winter)
- Fleece school jumper (winter)
- School hat – either cricket, bucket or legionnaires style
- Closed in shoes (black leather or sports shoes (joggers))

Many of our students currently wear plain white and red coloured polo shirts to school. This is perfectly acceptable. We are encouraging parents to move away from bike shorts and leggings for girls, unless they are worn under the netball style skirt.

**National Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples**

This week, Wednesday 13th February, will mark the 5th Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples. As our former Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, stated in his speech to the nation on this day we look forward to a future in Australia where “we harness the determination of all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity. A future where we embrace the possibility of new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches have failed. A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility. A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia.”
Barrack Heights Public School will acknowledge this significant day in Australian history with representation by two of our student leaders, Jessica and Bryce, at an event held by The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation. Our leaders will work with Aboriginal Elders to create an artwork that represents this reconciliation, and will bring it back to school for display. At school, Julie Russell and Natalie Harris will work with students from all classes to create our own reconciliation artwork, which will be hung outside the new Kinder block/Hall for everyone to see as they enter our school. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Julie in advance for her creativity and generosity in sharing her time and talent with us.

Animals on School Grounds

Unfortunately, we cannot allow any animal to enter school grounds. This includes puppies and dogs on leads. While your pet may be perfectly friendly and harmless, it is important to maintain a safe environment for our students, who may have allergies or fears towards animals. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Nut Aware Policy

The school acknowledges that due to food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food, hence the reference to “Nut Aware” school.

Purpose
• To provide a safe learning environment for all members of Barrack Heights Public School.
• To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management
The Nut Aware Policy is supported by:
• Parents/caregivers being encouraged not to send food that contains nuts to school with their children. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts, (but does not extend to ‘food may contain traces of nuts’).
• Staff supervising students whilst they eat their lunch.
• Students being encouraged not to share food.
• Students being encouraged to wash their hands after eating.
• Staff participating in First Aid training in understanding and dealing with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction).
• If staff notice students have brought food that contains nuts or nut products, the students are then asked to eat that food away from any other children and to wash their hands before going to play.

Scripture
Scripture will commence on Wednesday 20th February, 2013. The school is able to offer instruction for the following religions:
Roman Catholic, Protestant, Baha’i, Muslim, Buddhism
Students not attending any of the above will be placed in non-scripture groups. If there are any changes to your child’s scripture group please contact the office.

Sarah Rudling
Princip
**TERM 1 DIARY DATES**

**Week 4**
- Tuesday 12th February: After school sport for Boys starts
- Wednesday 13th February: After school sport for Girls starts
- Tuesday 19th February: P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 20th February: Scripture starts
- Friday 22nd February: District Swimming Carnival

**Week 6**
- Thursday 7th March: Regional Swimming

**Week 9**
- Friday 29th March: Good Friday Public Holiday

**Week 10**
- Monday 1st April: Easter Monday Public Holiday

**Week 11**
- Friday 12th April: Last day of Term 1

**WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**
The Audition Application for Year 6 into Year 7 Enrolment 2014 is now available from our school office. Applications close on 8th March and the auditions will be held over 2 weeks. There is a non-refundable application fee of $38.50 for one area and an additional $22 application fee for each area after that. Areas include dance, drama, music and visual arts.

For all enquiries call Lynne Kerr on 42296844 or email: lynne.kerr1@det.nsw.edu.au

Shellharbour Sharks JRLC will be holding registration days at Warilla Bowling Club on Friday 8th and Friday 15th of February between 5.30pm & 8pm. Registrations are open for all age groups from under 6s through to under 16s. For more information, please call Stacey on 0414 084 983 or visit our website [www.shellharboursharks.com.au](http://www.shellharboursharks.com.au)

So come join the Sharks whether you're 5 or 35 – have fun, keep fit and make mates for life.

**LAKE ILLAWARRA PCYC FUN FRIDAY IS BACK!**
Fun Friday is an activity for school children between the ages of 5 and 12. It runs from 6pm to 8pm each Friday throughout the school term. The cost is $10 per child. Places are limited so please book by phoning the club or for any questions call Rosanna on 4296 4448. Children must be a member of the PCYC to participate.

**Go4Fun**

Is your child a healthy weight?
70% of parents of overweight Kindy kids and 30% of parents of obese children thought their children were a healthy weight in a recent study by the University of Sydney. If you are unsure if your child is a healthy weight please see your GP for a health check. For more information visit the Healthy Kids Website [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au) or enrol in a free healthy lifestyle program for kids by phoning 1800 780 900

**FOSTER A CHILD TODAY – If you think you’ve got what it takes call 4227 1122**

**CatholicCare** Wollongong is running courses to help parents understand and manage many of their children's issues. For all information on courses and fees please call CatholicCare Wollongong on 4227 1122. Limited childcare may be available for some workshops.
### YOU CAN DO IT ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2013  Term 1 Week 2

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#### Codes - what 'key' does your award relate to this week?

- **O** - Organisation (Orange)
- **G** - Getting Along (Green)
- **C** - Confidence (Yellow)
- **P** - Persistence (Purple)
- **R** - Resilience (Red)

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**P & C News:**

The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Tuesday, 19th February, 2013, at 6.00 p.m. in the Community Room (formerly one of the Kindergarten rooms). If no other arrangements can be made, children are welcome and will be able to play in the 1/2 room next door. New members are welcome. Please note that the next meeting on the 19th March will be the Annual General Meeting and will also be a night meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

**After School Sports:**

After school sports starts for boys tomorrow, Tuesday 12th February and Wednesday 13th February for girls. There are no vacancies left in either group.