NEWSLETTER 2013 Term 1 Week 5

Dear parents, carers and students,

Doesn’t time fly when you are having fun? Classes are settled and learning for 2013 is well underway. I would like to congratulate the majority of our student population for their mature and sensible approach to their learning and play at Barrack Heights Public School. It is wonderful to go into classrooms and the playground and be welcomed by our friendly students, who often go out of their way to come and have a quick chat about what has been happening in their lives. It makes our school a lovely place to be.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING
I would like to thank all of the parents new and returning for a wonderful (and well attended) P&C meeting last Tuesday night. There was a lot of discussion around school fundraising and community involvement at Barrack Heights. I would encourage all parents to attend the next meeting - which is the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th March at 6.30pm. If you would like to become a member of our school’s P&C, the joining fee is 50c. This entitles you to nominate and vote at the AGM.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Friday, a talented group of children represented our school at the Mid South Coast District Swimming Carnival. Jett M was crowned Junior Champion and will represent both our school and the District at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto Swimming Pool on the 5th March. He will be joined by Kobe M and the senior boys relay team. Congratulations boys!

FOR SALE – DESKS AND CHAIRS
We currently have an excess of furniture for sale. Student desks are $3 each and chairs (in a variety of sizes) are $2 each. If you (family, friends) would like to purchase any of these, please come to the office and arrange a time to choose and pay for these items. They must be removed from school premises by the buyer.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Last week, all staff attended an excellent professional learning afternoon run by Speech Therapist, Jessica Waters. Jessica will be employed at Barrack Heights Public School, one day per fortnight, to work with both staff and students in the area of Speech Therapy. Jessica’s presentation highlighted the importance of language and interaction between adults and children during the early years of development (0-2yrs). Television and technological devices should be used sparingly to entertain children, as this limits their developmental milestones of sharing, taking turns and improving their work knowledge. Research indicates that children who cannot express themselves easily are more likely to find reading, writing and spelling difficult. Jessica will be holding parent information sessions in the coming months to talk with parents and carers about the importance of language and speech.

STAFF LONG SERVICE LEAVE
During the next three weeks, Ms Elizabeth Scott (5/6S) and Mrs Jenny Miller (Learning and Support Teacher) will be on leave. We would like to welcome back Mr Jack Nash and Ms Leann Roughan who will be replacing these staff members for the next three weeks.

SCHOOL HATS
We have 60% of our students now wearing the school hat! It is still on sale for $5 from the canteen. This hat will be compulsory for play as of Day 1, Term 2 and the price of the hat will then rise to $9.
Congratulations to all those children who are already proudly wearing their new hat! Our school uniform looks amazing!

WHAT WORKS FOR KOORI KIDS MEETING
Next Monday, 4th March, at 9am there will be a What Works meeting in the Community Room. During these meetings, we discuss a range of strategies and ideas to ensure our school works in collaboration with the community in supporting our Koori kids. All parents and carers are invited to attend and have their say. A light morning tea will be provided.

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT
Illawarra Sports High School is holding an open night on Monday 4th March at 6pm in their school hall. All students and parents are invited to attend.

OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL EXPO NIGHT – Tuesday 5th March, 2013
4pm - Year 6 students and parents in Hall
- SRC distributes OFHS bag to each family on arrival, which contains information book PBS ticket, Expo passport, sample enrolment form, TEEL – how to write a paragraph
- Welcome and presentation by senior executive; outline how to fill out enrolment form
- Introduce Year 6 Adviser; explain PBS & Expo passport (Expo passport gets hole punched at each faculty activity before going into a draw for prize)
- Year 6 vacate Hall by 4.20pm
- PBS draw & passport draw at end of Expo; in Quad at approx. 5pm

Sarah Rudling
Principal

TERM 1 DIARY DATES

Week 6
Thursday 7th March Regional Swimming Carnival

Week 8
Tuesday 19th March P&C Annual General Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Community Room

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

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OR FIFTHS DISEASE
There has recently been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease identified with one of our students. Please read the attached information about the disease.

OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 6 EXPO NIGHT
Oak Flats High School would like to invite Year 6 students, parents and carers to an afternoon “Expo” that will give you the opportunity to visit our school and find out about the programs we offer. We feel that Oak Flats High School is a first rate choice as the local school for your child’s secondary education. You will meet the Principal Keiran Spillane and the 2014 Year Advisor Jodi Davenport, inspect the facilities and watch demonstrations and displays. There will be a complimentary BBQ and the SRC will be selling ice-cream for their first fundraiser. Please meet in the school hall at 4.00pm where students will be given Oak Flats High School bags including information on the 2014 enrolment process.
For all other information please call the school on 4256 1888
YOU CAN DO IT ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2013  Term 1 Week 4

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<td>Jamie R</td>
<td>For some great Writing and always doing his best!</td>
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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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE FUN Afternoon Activities & Homework help.

WHO:  for 5 - 12 year olds living in the 2528 postcode.
WHEN: Tuesday afternoons during School Terms at Barrack Heights Public School
TIME:  between 3.00pm and 4.30pm
Bring mum or dad, your friends and your homework. Afternoon tea is provided.
This is a fully supervised activity. Call Access Community Group on 4286 5600 for more information and to register.

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PRACTICAL TRAINING TO BRING YOU GREATER SELF AWARENESS

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www.tkma.com.au
Phone or SMS 0421566312

Pay as you go!
**Poka Dot Kids** is a new Pre-School at 1 Ferntree Place Barrack Heights.

As you turn into Woodlands Drive off Shellharbour Road you will start to see the Bright Purple Roof and Poka Dots stand out in the clouds.

We cater for 2yr to 5yr, Hours 7.30am to 5.30pm, provide all meals.

Small family friendly centre.

Contact Trudy 0407 919 530 or pop in and check us out.

We learn while playing and having fun.

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**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH SHELLHARBOUR CITY**

Will be conducting its Confirmation Program for 2013 beginning with information meetings on:

- **Sunday 17th March** at 10.15am
- **Thursday 21st March** at 7.30pm

In the Grealy Centre in the All Saints Parish Church (lower level of All Saints Church) next to Civic Video, Shellharbour City.

Parishioners of All Saints Parish whose child is in Year 6 or older, and would like to present their child for Confirmation should attend one of these meetings. Call 4296 3939 for all info.

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**CHARLOTTE’S WEB CHILD CARE CENTRES**

11 Veronica Street, Warilla PH: 4297 8656

27 Garrard Avenue, Mt Warrigal PH: 4295 7010

Vacancies available for 2 to 6 year olds

Child care benefits and tax rebate available

Qualifies and experienced staff

School readiness program

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**Barrack Heights Community Preschool 0-5**

Open Monday to Friday
From 6.45am - 6.00pm

Community-owned and not-for-profit, we have served children and families with distinction since 1981. We are industry leaders in children’s education and care.

10 Carrington Street, Barrack Heights
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