Dear parents, carers and students,

Welcome to Week 8 and welcome back Mrs Jenny Miller and Mrs Elizabeth Scott, who have both enjoyed some well-deserved rest and relaxation on their three week Long Service break. This week, all Barrack Heights Public School staff will participate in Professional Learning about teaching Comprehension in the classroom. I will meet with my School Education Director, Mr Graham Kahabka this Friday to discuss the directions of the school for 2013, and all the exciting plans we have to continue the great name of Barrack Heights Public School.

**Talented Athletes**

Congratulations to Jett M who will represent our school at the NSW State swimming titles on the 2nd and 3rd May at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush. Congratulations also to Rhiannon T who has qualified for the ISER Girls Cricket Team, who will compete at the State titles later in the year. Rhiannon and Ruby M will also go to trials this Wednesday for the ISER Regional Girls Soccer Team. These outstanding achievements are a credit to these students and their families — well done!

**Parents in the school**

I would like to remind all parents (again) that your entry into our school grounds is strictly regulated. Parents who use inappropriate language, clothing or gestures will not be welcome. If you find the actions or behaviours of another parent inappropriate, please make this known to me so that I can act accordingly. Your assistance in maintaining the high standard we have set for this school is extremely important to me and the greater school community.

**2013 School Leaders**

It will be my pleasure to join our 2013 school leaders next Monday, in attending a Young Leaders Day at Homebush in Sydney. We will catch the train to the event and listen to a variety of sportspeople, journalists and other young leaders from schools all over New South Wales. I am extremely pleased with the work already undertaken by these exceptional students. Barrack Heights Public School is lucky to have you!

**Information Communication Technology**

This week, Barrack Heights PS will begin its transition to the new Department of Education and Communities administration management system. This involved upgrading our main school servers, and realigning many of our computers and programs within the school. Later in the Term, 10 new Interactive Whiteboards will be installed across the school, one into every classroom. Mr Lloyd Kusa will undertake staff training in the best use of these boards with all class teachers. The schools inclusion in the National Partnership Program and Transitional Equity Program has assisted us in being able to buy these modern teaching and learning tools. I encourage you to talk to your child about the use of these in their classroom throughout the year.
!!REMINDER!!

Please ensure you have completed and returned the Permission to Publish and Authority to Administer First Aid form. It is critical that our records are up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely week,

Sarah Rudling
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

Tuesday 19th March  P&C Annual General Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Community Room
Wednesday 20th March  Community Cuppa 2-3pm in Community Room
Thursday 21st March  Assembly 2pm
Tuesday 26th March  Parent THRASS Workshop 9-11am
K to 2 Easter Hat Parade at 12 in the hall
Friday 29th March  Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 1st April  Easter Monday Public Holiday
Thursday 4th April  School Cross Country
                        Assembly 2pm
Friday 12th April  Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Wednesday 1st May  First day of Term 2 for all students
Thursday 2nd May  District Cross Country
Tuesday 21st May  School Athletics Carnival

P&C NEWS

A REMINDER THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P&C WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM TOMORROW TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AT 6.30PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME – PLEASE COME ALONG!

EASTER RAFFLE

We have had lots of raffle tickets returned so far – thank you for your support. When you send your tickets in to the office please write your child’s name and class on the front of the booklet so that your child will be entered into a lucky draw to win Chocolate Bunnies. There is also a prize of a Smiggle Pack for the child who returns the most sold booklets. Tickets are due back no later than Monday 25th March and the raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Thursday 28th March. Extra tickets are available at the office.

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held in the hall on Tuesday 26th March at 12.00pm
This year we will NOT be making hat or bonnets in the classroom. Instead we are encouraging the children to enjoy making their hats at home with the whole family.
Please make sure all hats are sent to school by Monday 25th March.
Everyone is welcome to come and join in the celebration!
THRASS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Skills
This workshop is for all those who would like to become more familiar with THRASS in your child’s classroom. There will be a lunch following the workshop.
WHEN: Tuesday 26th March
WHERE: In the Community Room
TIME: Starting at 9.00am

Please fill in the tear off section at the bottom of this page and return it to school as soon as possible. Please make sure you fill in the attendance and lunch sections of the note for catering purposes.
I look forward to seeing and sharing with you.

Mrs Denise Broomham

THRASS WORKSHOP
I/We will be attending the Parent THRASS workshop on Tuesday 26th March.

Name _____________________________________________________________

My Child is ____________________________________________ and is in class ______________________

I/We will be / will not be staying for lunch (please circle)

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIFELINE'S BIG BOOK FAIR
FRIDAY 22ND TO SUNDAY 24TH MARCH
AT
ILLAWARRA SPORTS STADIUM
BERKELEY
IF YOU CAN HELP BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE BOOK FAIR PLEASE VISIT
THE VOLUNTEER WITH US PAGE
LIFELINESOUTHCOAST.ORG.AU
OF CALL 4228 1311

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
Poka Dot Kids is a new Pre-School at 1 Ferntree Place Barrack Heights
As you turn into Woodlands Dr off Shellharbour Rd 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 929 530 or pop in and check us out.
We learn while playing and having fun

KID'S FISHING WORKSHOP

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly.

When: Thursday 18th April
Where: Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra.
Cost: $40 per child

Included: rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag – all to take home!

Bookings are essential.
Ring Stephen Thurstan at Primary Industries NSW on 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or Email Stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au
More information is available on the Primary Industries website.

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
4296 9249 • bigfatsmile.com.au

$5.00 per child
9am-3pm
St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall
Corr Wentworth and Town Streets
Wear sturdy footwear
Food is provided

Book at 4295 1321
Wed to Fri 8.30am -12.30pm or email denise@stpaulssanglican.com

SUPER HEROS
4 KIDS
K-6
Monday 29th April
Pupil Free Day

Day 2013