Dear parents, carers and students,

The final sprint to the end of Term is here! We have an action packed week to end what has been a VERY busy and successful start to 2013 at Barrack Heights Public School!

**PARLIAMENT INDUCTION**

Today, we celebrated the inaugural induction of the Barrack Heights Public School Parliament. I would like to thank Mr Robert Ryan and the Stage 3 team for all their hard work and effort in making this event such a memorable occasion. We were joined by community leaders, Mrs Joanna Gash – Member for Gilmore, Mr Graham Kahabka – School Education Director, Shellharbour, Mr John Hambly – Principal, Warilla High School, Christopher Mallows and Sabrina Velasco - Warilla High School Student Leaders and Mrs Lisa Simmons – P&C President. The following Year 6 students who have officially taken up their positions are:-

- **Prime Ministers:** Darnell W and Jessica T
- **Shadow Prime Ministers:** Bryce C and Skye W
- **Communication Minister:** Tori S and **Shadow:** Skye W
- **School Environment Minister:** Isabella R and **Shadow:** Bryce C
- **Sports Minister:** Tarlay T and **Shadow:** Bayley W
- **Health and Safety Minister:** Joshua L and **Shadow:** Hayden Y
- **Education Minister:** Jessica T and **Shadow:** Marko J
- **Technology Minister:** Kobe M and **Shadow:** Michael G
- **Entertainment/Culture Minister:** Tarneaka B and **Shadow:** Jake L
- **Creative Arts Minister:** Jada B and **Shadow:** Phebie T
- **Finance Minister:** Darnell W and **Shadow:** Isabella R

Congratulations to these fine leaders!

**WAVE FM ROCK SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

This Friday, radio station Wave FM will broadcast their breakfast program from the grounds of our school. Students will be offered breakfast on the morning which will be served by the Wave FM Promotional Team. Breakfast will consist of cereal, milk, fresh fruit and bread. Students and parents are welcome to come to the school from 7am onwards and bring a bowl and a spoon.

Students who are interested in competing in the karaoke competition, will need to get the permission note completed and will have the chance to win a $25 voucher from Kmart.

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION AND TERM 1 PAYMENTS**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have contributed to the school via the school contribution scheme. These funds really assist the school to purchase consumables used by your children throughout the year including paper, glue, pencils, paint and workbooks. **There will be a special raffle draw for those parents who have paid their annual school contribution this Friday – a $100 gift voucher for Shellharbour Square.**

Students with outstanding payments for the School Magazine ($10), excursions and sports days are also asked to finalise these bills before the end of Term.

**TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

I am pleased to report that every Barrack Heights Public School staff member has developed a Personal Learning Strategy to identify his or her professional goals. This document will be used to
drive professional learning during 2013 and used in the annual Teacher Assessment Review Schedule during Term 4. This week six staff members will attend training in Accelerated Literacy – a program developed to assist the teaching of reading and writing by looking at a writer’s use of language in a story and their ‘intent’. Look out for next Term’s parent workshop in understanding AL and what it means for your children.

CROSS COUNTRY
The school X-Country carnival will be held this Thursday 11th April. Permission notes signed for last week will carry over to this week. This event is for ALL students aged 8yrs and up. Please do not keep your child at home on this day.

ATTENDANCE
Last week, our Home School Liaison Officer came to check on the attendance of every student in the school. Thank you to the large majority of parents who consistently explain absences from school, either with a written note or by phone call. Our attendance data currently sits at 95%, which is above our school target – YES!!!! There is still a substantial group of children who have been identified as ‘at risk’ with their attendance. This includes children who arrive late to school, and are not signed in by an adult. Please make sure your child is at school on time every day.

SCHOOL HATS
A reminder that as of day 1 (Wednesday 1st May) ALL Barrack Heights Public School students will need a school hat to play in the playground. These are still on sale at the canteen for $5, but will cost $9 from next Term.

Please enjoy a safe and happy two weeks holiday!
Sarah Rudling
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

Friday 12th April         ANZAC ASSEMBLY in the hall 10.00 am – Everyone invited
                        Last day of Term 1
Sunday 28th April        Sausage sizzle, Woolworths, Shellharbour

TERM 2

Wednesday 1st May        First day of Term 2 for all students
                        District Cross Country
Thursday 2nd May          Book Fair in the Library
Monday 20th May          School Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 21st May

CANTEEN NEWS
Please note that the canteen will be closed this Thursday and Friday. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

P&C News
Mother’s Day is coming up very soon. The P&C will be having their Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 9th May, 2013. We have purchased gorgeous gifts from the same company as last year. Prices range from $2.00 to $8.00. Average price is $5.00. Kindy kids please bring money in an envelope. Buy for Mum, Grandma, Carer or all three!

Library Book Fair
The annual book fair will be held in the library from Monday 20th May until Tuesday 28th May, 2013. Please feel free to come and browse and purchase books at the following times:

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## YOU CAN DO IT Assembly Awards 2013  Term 1 Week 8

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<td>Charlotte Frendo</td>
<td>For always being a friendly and ‘getting along member’ of KD</td>
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<td>Mrs Holloway KH</td>
<td>Ava Debnam</td>
<td>Co-operating in maths groups</td>
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<td>Showing his organisation skills by bringing his homework in</td>
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<td>Showing greater confidence in literacy and always trying her best</td>
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<td>Nathan Williamson</td>
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<td>Tiara Fitzgerald</td>
<td>Persistence in all activities</td>
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<td>Miss Broomham 4/6B</td>
<td>Jett Murray</td>
<td>Giving his best effort and working with permission across all areas of his schoolwork</td>
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<td>Ms Scott 5/6S</td>
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<td>Mr Ryan 5/6R</td>
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<td>Organised approach to most school tasks</td>
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<td>Miss Harris</td>
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<td>Kyia Stewart</td>
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### Group Stepping Stones Triple P
For parents or carers of children aged 5-12 years with Autism and/or intellectual disability.

A positive parenting program for parents or carers that have behaviour concerns about their child with special needs. The great thing about doing a Triple P Group course is that the groups are small (usually 8 to 20 people) and the parents all want the same thing – to do the best for their kids and have an enjoyable family life.

**When?**
Barrack Heights Public School
Term 2, 2013 (10 - week program)
Every Monday 9am, beginning 6th May

In Stepping Stones Triple P, you will learn how to:
- Encourage appropriate behaviour
- Manage problem behaviour
- Become more confident
- Be realistic about parenting
- Invest in self-care.

Groups are run by accredited Triple P practitioners. There are six 2-hour (face to face group sessions) and three 15 to 30 minute (telephone sessions) to talk about your individual progress, then a final group (face to face session).
Contact Jenny Miller at our school for further information.
COMMUNITY NEWS
Wollongong Botanic Garden is hosting a large range of activities during the autumn holidays. The program is called “Victory Gardens” and will include a treasure hunt, arts and crafts and a garden theatre show. For further information please check the website: wollongong.nsw.gov.au/botanicgarden

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

CareSouth is a not-for-profit organisation based in the Illawarra and provides out of home care services for children and young people. We have an ongoing need for families and individuals who are willing to consider becoming foster carers for children aged 8 – 14 years. CareSouth offers quality support including ongoing training, generous tax free allowance, regular visits from a caseworker, 24/7 on call support from trained staff. For further information please call 42257588 or go to www.caresouth.org.au