Dear Barrack Heights School Community,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome everybody back to an exciting year at Barrack Heights Public School. As always, we will again strive to deliver educational programs that meet the individual needs and expectations of our students, parents and community members. 2014 is going to see our school “push the boundaries” of educational reform, and all staff have committed themselves to be “fearless and imaginative” in their delivery of lessons. What a great place to come to work each day!

It gives me pleasure to welcome some additional staff to our school during 2014, to assist in the delivery of our 2014 School Plan. These staff include:-
Ms Kelly Dunn – classroom teacher, 3-6D. Ms Dunn is a familiar face in our school, who taught Tae Kwon Do to many of our students during 2013. Ms Dunn has decided to return full time to teaching, and we are very privileged to have her on our staff.
Ms Amanda Church – Release from Face to Face (RFF) teacher (Wednesday). Ms Church is also returning to teaching, after 2 years owning and running a Childcare facility in Blackbutt. Ms Church is an extremely experienced teacher, having worked in both Primary and High School settings.
Mr Richard Bromwich – Music teacher, Wednesday – Friday. Mr Bromwich comes to us from Jindabyne with a range of experiences in music, public speaking and debating as well as classroom teaching. Mr Bromwich will work in classrooms with teachers K-6, teaching the recorder! We look forward to many performances on Thursday Assemblies!!!
Mrs Christine Mangos – Learning Support, Monday-Friday 9-11am. Mrs Mangos will continue her excellent support of both teachers and students in Years 3-6.
Ms Veronica Archibald – Aboriginal Educational Worker, Wednesday-Friday. Continuing the excellent work of our Aboriginal Programs during 2013, Ms Veronica will again assist students and teachers in Aboriginal education throughout the school.

This year, we welcome back some “old” staff members into unfilled vacancies. These include:-
Ms Natalie Harris – classroom teacher 5/6H.
Mrs Julie Debnam – Librarian (Tuesday, Wednesday)
Mrs Merin Korber – Reading Recovery (Year 1) (Monday-Friday 9-11am)
Staff/Classes for 2014 include:

**Front Office**  
Mrs Glenda Grimshaw  
Mrs Helen Mullin  
Mrs Christine De La Torre (Mondays)

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**  
KM & Stage Supervisor  Mrs Angie Maranesi  
KH  Mrs Rhonda Holloway

**Stage 1**  
1/2S & Stage Supervisor  Ms Elizabeth Scott  
1/2E  Mr Mark Ellsmore  
1/2B  Mrs Denise Broomham

**Stage 2 and 3**  
3B & Stage Supervisor  Miss Marianne Bunt  
4/5R  Mr Robert Ryan  
5/6W  Mrs Dimi Wheeler  
5/6H  Ms Natalie Harris  
3/6B & Stage Supervisor  Ms Kelly Broomham  
3/6D  Ms Kelly Dunn

**School Support Staff**  
Learning and Support Teacher  Mrs Jenny Miller  
Release from Face to Face (RFF)  Mrs Danielle Munro  
Ms Amanda Church  Wed  
Library  Mrs Julie Debnam and Mrs Kim Doran  Tues, Wed, Fri  
Music  Mr Richard Bromwich  Wed, Thurs, Fri  
Support Teacher (Learning)  Mrs Christine Mangos  Mon-Fri  
Reading Recovery  Mrs Merin Korber  Mon-Fri  
School Counsellor  Mr Dave Grose  Tues, Thurs

**School Learning Support Officers**  
Sonia Pasalic  3/6B  Mon-Fri  
Belinda Kejda  3/6D  Mon-Fri  
Sue Chapman  K-6  Tues, Wed  
Kathie Grice  SLSO  Tues, Wed  
Jenny Bedford  SLSO  Wed, Thurs  
Veronica Archibald  Aboriginal Education Worker  Wed, Thurs, Fri

**General Assistant**  
Mr Ed Costelloe  Mon, Wed

**Canteen**  
Mrs Lyn Wenham

**Principal**  
Ms Sarah Rudling

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
Our students are looking particularly well-dressed in their Barrack Heights school uniforms. We have just received a new order of shirts and hats, which are on sale with other uniform items at the canteen. If you would like assistance with uniform items, please let us know. We have many pre-loved garments in the office, and are happy to see all of our students appropriately attired.
YEARLY PERMISSION NOTE
Attached to this newsletter is the first ever Barrack Heights Public School annual permission note! Once signed, it will cover your child in a number of different areas including permission to publish, permission to leave the school on escorted, (local) walking excursions and sporting activities, permission to watch curriculum linked PG rated DVD’s or internet clips etc. We are doing this to save on paper, and to reduce the amount of times parents are requested for permission to engage in alternate learning activities for their children. We will continue to ALWAYS inform you of intended activities, so that you are aware of any changes to normal school routine. Please fill in all parts of the permission letter, and return it to your child’s class teacher.

SCHOOL ENTRY/EXIT
The official entry and exit for parents, students and community to Barrack Heights Public School is through the pedestrian gate near the big Barrack Heights School sign. There will be no cars parked in this space during the day and we ask that you do not use it as a pick up, drop off or turning circle. Parents who are waiting to collect their children are welcome to congregate on the steps outside the hall.

SICK/LEAVE FROM SCHOOL – School Phone number 4296 4222
It is a parent or carer’s responsibility to contact the school if their child is ill or unable to attend school for any length of time. Our Home School Liaison Officer, Sue Curtin, consistently checks the schools absence data. This includes late arrival and early departure to or from school. If your child is away from school, please write a note to explain this absence, or ring the school to leave a message as soon as they return.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This will be held on Friday 14th February for all students 8 years old and above. Following along from our highly successful School Swimming Scheme participation during the last few weeks of 2013, it had been decided that both competitive and novelty events will be held, so that all children can “have a go” at their comfort level. I encourage all parents, caregivers and additional family members to come along and enjoy the fun!

Thank you, and I hope you and your children enjoyed your first week back as much as I did!

Sarah Rudling
Principal