NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Thursday/Friday 3rd &amp; 4th April</td>
<td>5/6H &amp; 5/6W overnight Rocks Excursion</td>
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Current Notes & Payments Due

1. **Voluntary Contribution** - $20 per child or $50 for 3 or more children in a family
2. Swimming Elective Activity *(for classes 36B & 36D ONLY)* $2 each day – ends Thursday 20th February
3. $20 deposit for 56H & 56W Rocks excursion to be paid by Thursday 20th February and remaining money to be paid by Thursday 27th March 2014.

Dear Barrack Heights School Community,

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Friday 14th February

What a fantastic time we all had at our first combined Primary Swimming Carnival! ALL students in years 3-6 came down to Warilla Pool to participate in the Competitive and/or Novelty Carnival. I was so proud to see our competitive entries double to 43 students from last year’s 22! Congratulations to the senior girls relay team of Tiara F, Tia S, Rhiannon T and Abbey B who won the teachers versus students race (just!). I would like to thank all of the parent and grandparent helpers who volunteered their time to assist in timekeeping and marshalling students! Also, thanks to Mrs Dimi Wheeler and Mr Mark Ellsmore who put a lot of time into organising the day.

Good luck to all our school representatives who will head back down to Warilla Pool this Thursday to compete at the Mid-South Coast District Carnival.

MEET THE TEACHER

This week, many of our teachers will be staying back after school to meet with parents and caregivers in their classrooms. I encourage all parents and family members to make the most of this opportunity to come and see your child’s class and talk with their teacher.

- 1/2B meeting at 2pm tomorrow (Tuesday 18th Feb) in Mrs Broomham’s classroom.
- 3B, 4/5R, 3/6D, 3/6B, 5/6H, 5/6W meeting between 6-7pm on Thursday 20th Feb in hall.

Please come along and support the teachers who support your children.

PARENTS AND CITIZENs ASSOCIATION

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held this Tuesday (18th February) evening at 6pm, and our AGM will be held next month, Tuesday 18th March. New members are always very welcome, and we’d love to see you there. We are always keen for those in the School community to participate in our meetings and events. If you have any issues, questions or concerns and can’t attend the meetings, just email us on bhpspandc@gmail.com or catch one of the executive at the School.

Thank you

Narelle Butler
*BHPS P&C Treasurer*
STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES
This week, we return to our school policy of dropping children outside the canteen in the morning and picking them up from the same area. Last week, we allowed parents of new Kindergarten children to drop off in the COLA area, but now we ask that ALL parents remain in the “Kiss and Drop” zone. If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with your child’s classroom teacher or Stage supervisor.

YEARLY PERMISSION NOTE
A large number of students have returned their Yearly Permission Note. Many have not. Could you please make sure you check your child’s bag, as another copy will be sent home to these children today. 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.

2014 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Thanks you to the parents and caregivers who have already made donations to the school. The students of Barrack Heights Public School, benefit directly from the financial contributions made by parents during the year. Every dollar received is used to provide additional resources for our student learning programs. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds.
We are encouraging parents to support learning programs during 2014 by sending a family contribution. Please note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds. This will enable the school to purchase materials that enhance the development of skills and knowledge in the Key Learning Areas at ALL year levels.
This will mean:
• A wider variety of readers available for your child to choose from.
• Mathematical materials for those important links between concrete and abstract thinking.
• Software for Information Technology to support key learning areas.
• Science and technology equipment for experiments and investigative tasks.
• Musical instruments, dance tapes and drama props to enhance the performing arts.
• Specialised art materials for extending the visual art activities.
• PE equipment to develop a wider variety of sporting skills.
We encourage you to make a financial contribution towards your child’s schooling. Payments can be made at the front office, or by sending in an envelope with your child/ren’s names and classes.

Sarah Rudling
Principal

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 pickup, drop off or turning circle. Parents who are waiting to collect their children are welcome to congregate on the steps outside the hall. Children are not permitted to walk through the teacher’s car park at any time.
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 school’s 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.

If you are planning a family holiday during the school term, you may (depending on the length of the absence) need to apply for an “exemption from school” for that period. Please contact the office if you need further information.

2014 SPORTS CAPTAINS

Last week each of the sports house groups elected their Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. They are as follows:

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Congratulations everyone!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Barrack Heights Public School - Learning Club
Each Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.15pm @ Barrack Heights School
*** Free tutoring - Homework help***
Contact Richard on 42970833 – Be quick - Places are limited