NEWSLETTER 2014 Term 1 Week 5

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES
Tuesday 18th March  P&C Annual General Meeting starting at 6pm
Thursday 27th March  School Photos – photo envelopes sent home today!
Friday 28th March  School Cross Country
Thursday/Friday 3rd & 4th April  5/6H & 5/6W overnight Rocks Excursion
Friday 11th April  Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday 29th April  All students return to school

Current Notes & Payments Due
1. **Voluntary Contribution** - $20 per child or $50 for 3 or more children in a family
2. 56H & 56W Rocks excursion – balance owing to be paid by Thursday 27th February.

Dear Barrack Heights School Community,

SCHOOL TRAFFIC - STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES
There have been a number of parent concerns raised about the use of our school drop off zone – outside the main gates in Hunter Street. From 8.00am – 9.30am this is a NO PARKING ZONE, and is sign posted as such. Please do not park in this area, as it restricts the access for other parents.

In addition to this, I would ask that ALL parents refrain from walking their children down to the COLA in the morning. Please use our “Kiss and Drop” zone outside the canteen in the morning, which is the same area we use for student pick up in the afternoon. If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with your child’s classroom teacher or Stage supervisor.

SCHOOL INFECTIONS/MEDICAL CONCERNS
During the last week, we have had to send a number of children home with infectious or contagious medical issues. These include head lice, chicken pox and ringworm. As you can imagine, it is extremely difficult to eradicate these issues if children attend or return to school without proper treatment or care from a doctor. Please check your children’s health, skin and hair on a regular basis, AND CONTACT THE SCHOOL if your child becomes infected. This allows us the opportunity to specifically target messages to classes that may be more affected than others.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
Thank you to all the parents and carers who came up last Thursday evening to attend our information evening for students in Stages 2 and 3. We will be organising a time for parents of children in 1/2E, 1/2S and both Kindergarten classes in the next few weeks.

PARENTING IDEAS
Our School P&C have purchased a year’s subscription to the Parenting Ideas magazine. Parentingideas is Australia’s leading provider of parenting education resources to schools. They offer an extensive range of learning resources to parents, articles and up-to-date content for school newsletters, as well as professional development for teachers and parents. If you would
like to see more, please go to: www.parentingideas.com.au and follow the instructions in the parents section. You can download the Parenting Ideas Magazine here as well. Additional information will be included in our weekly newsletter – this week look for the article on Parent Involvement – the secret ingredient to children’s school success.

Regards,
Sarah Rudling
Principal

MSP photography
Capturing School Moments – Say Cheese!
School Photo Day is Thursday 27th March
Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

• Don't seal envelopes inside each other.
• You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
• Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
• Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders.
• Return your photo envelope on photo day.
• Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer, sending it to school earlier will only create more work for your school administration staff.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Oak Flats Junior Soccer Club
"Come an enjoy the exciting game of Soccer with Oak Flats Junior Soccer Club. The club would like to invite any interested players aged from 5-18 years to register their interest via email ofjsc@mail.com or SMS 0401961067 with your child’s name and date of birth. We will be at Panorama Oval on and Saturday the 22nd February from 11am-1pm to answer questions and complete registrations. Players can also register online this year for the first time at www.myfootballclub.com.au Thanks and looking forward to seeing you in 2014.

Lake Illawarra High School
OPEN NIGHT

Are you considering the High School that best meets your child’s needs, if so Lake Illawarra High School invites you to our Open Night. This is an opportunity for you to discover our wonderful school and all that we offer. There will also be a sausage sizzle.

Date: Thursday 6th March 2014
Time: 3.30pm until 6.30pm

Enquiries: 0242963844
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH SHELLHARBOUR CITY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM FOR 2014 BEGINS WITH INFORMATION MEETINGS ON:
Sunday 16th March at 10.15am AND Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm
Parishioners whose child is in Year 3 or older and would like to present their child for First Holy Communion should attend ONE of these meetings. The children are NOT required to attend.

THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FOR 2014 BEGINS WITH INFORMATION MEETINGS ON:
Sunday 23rd March at 10.15am AND Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm
Parishioners whose child is in Year 6 or older and would like to present their child for Confirmation should attend ONE of these meetings WITH their child. These meetings will be held in the Grealy Centre in the All Saints Parish Church (lower level of the church)Next to Civic Video, Shellharbour City.
For all enquires please phone the Presbytery office on 4296 3939

CITYLIFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ADHD SUPPORT GROUP are holding a coffee and drop in morning, information, education and support for parents, carers and friends of children living with ADHD/ASD and associated disorders. We also support adults diagnosed with these disorders.
When: Last Friday of each month
Time: 10.30am
Where: Citylife Church, 2/129 Jardine Street, Fairy Meadow
Information: 42844414 or call Joanne 0401 246 765 or Jill 0413 048 453