NEWSLETTER 2014 Term 1 Week 10

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 1st April  
RSPCA talk with the whole school

Wednesday 2nd April  
School Cross Country AT SCHOOL after lunch

Thursday 3rd April  
Kinder picnic in the park Excursion

Thursday/Friday 3rd & 4th April  
5/6H & 5/6W overnight Rocks Excursion

Tuesday/Wednesday 8th & 9th April  
3B & 4/5R overnight Killalea Excursion

Thursday 10th April  
K-2 Easter Hat Decorating and Parade (note sent home Friday)

Friday 11th April  
Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 29th April  
All students return to school

Friday 9th April  
Mother's Day Stall

CURRENT NOTES AND PAYMENTS DUE

1. Voluntary Contribution - $20 per child or $50 for 3 or more children in a family

2. 3B & 4/5R Killalea Camp – Permission note and $20 to be paid by 2nd April

Go Blue on April 2

World Autism Day on Wednesday April 2nd is a great opportunity to help raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders. To help celebrate the day, staff and students are encouraged to wear something blue. Wear blue clothes, a blue wig or spray your hair blue. A gold or silver coin donation would be much appreciated so that autism resources can be purchased for the Barrack Heights Public School Library. Please get involved and “Go Blue this April.”

ASPECT

School Cross Country

Due to the wet weather Friday’s Cross Country had to be postponed. The carnival will now take place on Wednesday 2nd April, commencing at 11.50am (after lunch) using the school grounds and footpaths in the streets that surround the school. There are no road crossings involved. Normal classes, including Scripture, will operate in the morning. Parents are welcome to come along to cheer the children and to act as course marshals. Please see Mr Ellsmore if you are able to help out.

Mark Ellsmore
Organiser

RSPCA Talk

Tomorrow, Tuesday 1st April, the RSPCA is coming to our school to speak to all students about responsible pet ownership and animal cruelty. The RSPCA would appreciate a gold coin donation from each family on the day.

Picnic In The Park Reminder

Kindergarten will be walking to the Barrack Heights Community Garden for a picnic on Thursday 3rd April. They will be leaving school at 10.00am and returning to school at 1.00pm. Children need to wear their uniform and a hat and bring their lunch, a poppa and a bottle of water in a bag. There will be no lunch orders that day for those Kindergarten children who are going to the park.

PARLIAMENT

Parliament has been bringing in new ideas to make our school a better place. These are a few things that have been brought in so far: sports equipment in the playground, regular classroom recycling and raising our flags every day.
### Members of Barrack Heights Public School Parliament Front Bench 2014

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### P&C NEWS

On 18 March the P&C held their annual AGM. All positions were declared vacant and a new committee was elected. We would like to thank last year's P&C committee and members for their hard work which resulted in a very successful year for fundraising and parent involvement within our school.

In particular, we would like to thank our former secretary, Susan, for her amazing contributions and commitment to our school over the past years. She has been an integral member of our school community and will be sadly missed.

The newly elected P&C executive are:
- President: Lisa Simmons
- Vice President: Jen Generoso
- Vice President: Karen Loach
- Treasurer: Narelle Butler
- Secretary: Brenda Butler

New members are always welcome and we look forward to another successful year this year.

We welcomed Police School Liaison Officer Kerryn Mura to our meeting and the school, and look forward to her continued involvement in fostering positive relationships with the students and community of Barrack Heights Public School.

Concerns were raised in our general meeting regarding the new procedures for parents and high school students when picking up younger children from school at the end of the day. Parents are asked to keep the gate area clear and wait in the designated parent waiting area. High School students are to wait outside the main gate, and your child's class teacher will escort them to the gate and ensure that they leave the school safely. If you are concerned, please contact the school and speak to your child's teacher to ensure they are escorted to the gate and met by their older sibling.

The pick up area can become very congested at this time, and we urge parents to allow teachers to supervise their students leaving the school by not approaching them to discuss classroom issues, or issues relating to individual students. Please wait until all students have been picked up from teachers before engaging them in conversation. Alternatively, appointments can be made through the office at a suitable time to discuss concerns you may have regarding your child.

### K-2 Easter Hat Parade Thursday 10th April

Please join the children from Kindergarten to Year 2 in their classrooms at 12.00pm, to help make and decorate their hats.

The children are to bring in their materials (as stated in note that has been sent home) in a labelled plastic bag before the day.

The children will parade their hats at 12.45pm in the hall. Please note Year 3 – Year 6 students may, if they choose, make a hat and parade at the Easter Hat Parade. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at this time.
**P&C Easter Raffle**
The P&C are conducting an Easter raffle, and tickets are being distributed to each child this week. Our fundraising events assist in providing facilities & equipment for the school and help to promote the welfare of students at the school.
Tickets are $1 each and prizes will be drawn at the school on Thursday 10th April at the infants Easter Parade.
We are asking for donations of Easter eggs to contribute to the prize hampers. Each child who brings in a donation will receive a ticket in the raffle. There will be a member of the P&C outside the canteen each morning until 9am to collect donations, tickets & money. Additional books will be available at the office.
We ask that all tickets, whether sold or not, are returned by Wednesday 9th April. Please write your family or child’s name and class on the ticket book cover, as there is a $30 Smiggle voucher as a prize for the child / family that raises the most money!
Thank you for your support.
P&C

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014**
The scheduled date for collection of Stewart House bags will be the 13th may. Bags will be sent home next week with the Newsletter so they can be filled in the holidays.

**Community News**

ARE YOUR KIDS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE DENTAL?
The Child Dental Benefits Scheme is here!
Make an appointment with one of our friendly Dentists, Paul, Daniela, Katherine or Elina at ADVANCED DENTAL SOLUTIONS on 4296 2246 or 4296 7230 or visit us at Suite 5, 12 Beverley Ave, Warilla or [www.advanceddентalsolutions.com.au](http://www.advanceddентalsolutions.com.au)

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**FUN FRIDAYS**
Fridays 4pm-6pm (throughout school term)

**GOLD COIN DONATION**
Fun activities for Primary aged children between 5 and 12
The program will run each Friday between 4pm and 6pm throughout the school term.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS
PCYC Reddall Pde, Lake Illawarra
PH: 42964448  FAX: 42972903

**SHELLHARBOUR CITY STADIUM**
Croome Road, Albion Park Rail
Taking registrations for:

**SPORTING SKILLS 4 LIFE**
Wed & Fri 9.30am-10.30am
3 – 5 YEARS
**BASKETBALL JUNIOR COMP**
Saturday Morning
Commences May 2014
Sea Hawks U10’s
Intermediate 10 - 12 years

**BASKETBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT**
Tue & Wed 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Primary school age
**BASKETBALL CADET COMP**
Thursday afternoon
Commences May 2014
12 - 16 Years

For enquiries please call 42573468
Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Greenaid Fundraiser
Our first major fundraiser for the year is being launched to students this Wednesday. The fundraiser is a simple way to raise much needed funds for our school as well as give back to the community. We will be selling Greenaid Band-Aids for $3 a packet, and are asking that families commit to selling one carton of Band-Aids each. Each carton contains 24 packets of Band-Aids. The unique angle of this fundraiser is that the school receives $1.50 for each packet sold. The additional money is used by Greenaid to fund community programs for children, such as providing clean water and educational opportunities in underdeveloped countries around the world. If you are able to sell a box of Band-Aid’s (24 packets) please return the attached form to school. Alternatively if you would just like to purchase single packets, please place money ($3 per packet) in a sealed envelope and return to your child's teacher.
Thank you for your assistance with this fundraiser.
Natalie Harris
Fundraising Organiser

Childs Name _____________________________________________ Class________________

Number of cartons of Greenaid Band-Aids required__________________________

Parent /Carer Name________________________________________ Signature________________________