Terminale Term 1 NEWSLETTER 2014 Week 11

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES
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 11th April P&C meeting at 6pm in the staffroom
Friday 9th May 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

Dear Barrack Heights School Community,

End of Term One
It has been a very busy and productive start to our school year. I would like to thank our extremely hardworking staff for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and work ethic in consistently adjusting their knowledge and understanding of the current changes to Education in NSW. This year marks the beginning of the greatest change to educational reform in 60 years! It impacts on our work daily, and I am so proud of the hard work our teachers and support staff do to limit this disruption to the daily teaching and learning of your children.

Staff changes and a sad farewell!
It is with sadness that we farewell our Senior Administration Manager, Mrs Glenda Grimshaw on Friday. Glenda has finally reached her retirement, and will be sorely missed by the staff and students at our school. Glenda has worked at Barrack Heights Public School for the last 22 years! She has “trained” four Principals and worked with a plethora of school Executive, teachers and administration staff. I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks from the entire Barrack Heights School community for the tireless work and commitment Glenda has shown our school. Enjoy your grandkids and your travels, Glenda!!

Next term, two of our temporary staff will leave us to work in full-time employment in other schools. Ms Amanda Church will be moving to Windang Public School to take on a Stage 3 class for the remainder of the year, while Mr Richard Bromwich will complete two terms at Balarang Public School, before rejoining us in Term 4 to continue his music program. These new staff members to our school have had a big impact on our staff and students, and will also be missed. Good luck to you both!

As you should be aware, our school has been included in the Early Action for Success reform, to begin next term. This gives us an additional staff member – called an Instructional Leader – for 3 years, as well as Professional Learning grants and a further staffing allocation. It is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Jo Collins has been selected by merit as our Instructional Leader. Mrs Collins comes to us from Callala Public School, where she is currently teaching a Kindergarten class. During Jo’s career, she has been an Assistant Principal, Highly Accomplished Teacher, relieving Principal and Regional Consultant. She has expertise in teaching Literacy and Numeracy, and training teachers in methodologies and programs that give the greatest results. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Collins when she begins next Term.

Communicating with your child’s teacher
I would like to encourage all parents to maintain contact with their child’s class teacher – either by email, phone, letter or appointment/interview. Due to new changes in education, all teachers are required to create adjusted learning plans/programs for their students. Teachers will use these to inform teaching and
learning, and are required to discuss these adjustments with you. Our Learning and Support Team, led by Mrs Jenny Miller, is assisting teachers with these new protocols. By the end of Term 2, all teachers will report to you via our usual Semester 1 report, but they may also ask you to come for an interview. You may also request an interview with your child’s teacher at any time. Your child’s educational success is a team effort – and we must all work together to make this happen. Remember, communication doesn’t just have to be due to a concern. Teachers LOVE good news stories – so if you have one, please pass it on!

Excursions and alternate learning experiences
This year, we have made a conscious decision to engage our students with a wide variety of “life learning” experiences. As you would be aware, so far this year, this has included a whole school (Yrs 3-6) swimming carnival, International Women’s Day morning tea with guest speakers, Kids Helpline incursion, Surf Safety talks and practical (beach) sessions, photography workshops, Young Leaders conference, RSPCA talks, overnight excursions to Sydney and Killahe, and a Kinder Picnic in the Park. In addition to this, our weekly Club activities give Barrack Heights students opportunities to explore learning in a different (hands on) way. These opportunities can be expensive, and that is why the school is subsidising many of these experiences. **PLEASE SUPPORT US by encouraging your child to attend and returning notes and money on time!** We have lost a considerable amount of money this week, with students not attending the Surf Safety sessions at North Wollongong beach. Most excursions we attend do not offer refunds or allow us to adjust numbers at the last minute. It is a shame to waste money on non attenders – rather than using it for another experience.

Family Services Illawarra
During Term 2, Family Services Illawarra will hold a free 6 week program for parents called “Bringing Up Great Kids”. The program promotes positive, respectful parent and child relationships. The program begins on Friday 9th May and continues for 5 weeks after this date. There is free childminding available! After completing the program, parents will be better equipped to:

- Understand the origin and nature of their parenting style
- Understand the messages they give to, and receive from, their children
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If you are interested in attending this program, please call Family Services Illawarra on 4255 5333, or leave your name with Mrs Grimshaw, Mrs Mullin or Mrs De La Torre at the front office.

Clubs and After School Sport
After School Sport for both boys and girls AND clubs on Wednesday afternoons finished last week. There will be new application forms sent home early next term.

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
Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C Easter Raffle so far. There is still time to buy tickets or donate an egg to help raise funds for our 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!

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 29 April at 6pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

P&C Committee

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014**

The scheduled date for collection of Stewart House bags will be the 13th May. Bags will be sent home today with the Newsletter so they can be filled in the holidays.

**School Holiday Tennis Camp**

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th April 2014

9am – 12 noon.

All standards welcome

- Games and prizes
- Ball machine
- Special family rates apply
- All enquiries/booking:
  - Brett & Michelle Edwards
  - 42565166 or 0403289974

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**YOU CAN DO IT ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2014**

**TERM 1 WEEK 10**

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<td>Excellent getting along skills in his new English group</td>
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<td>Jay IP Shaun T</td>
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**CODE**

What ‘key’ does your award relate to this week?

- O = Organisation (Orange)
- G = Getting Along (Green)
- C = Confidence (Yellow)
- P = Persistence (Purple)
- R = Resilience (Red)

**Community News**

**EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**AST SURF SCHOOL**

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A Free 6 Week Program for Parents

This program promotes positive, respectful parent and child relationships. This program is FREE of charge to participants. FREE child minding is also available.

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Bringing Up Great Kids Program
Barrack Heights Public School

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For bookings please phone Family Services Illawarra on 42 555333 or
Call Lynne 0408 258 605 or Shelly 0439 887 554