TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

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Parents, Carers and Community members,

**A sad time for our school**

This morning, we lost a husband, dear friend and family member to many staff at Barrack Heights Public School. Miss Elizabeth Scott’s husband, Geoff, passed away late last night from respiratory complications. This was a sudden and unexpected tragedy. The funeral will be held this Thursday, with many of our staff in attendance. As a result, the school will be running with minimal supervision from 11am, and classes will not operate as normal. We ask for your support and understanding during this emotional time. Students who are picked up at 11am, by parents or carers will not be recorded as absent on this day.

**Orienteering**

This Wednesday, 32 of our senior students will attend an Orienteering Competition at Croome Road Sports Fields with Mrs Wheeler and Ms Broomham. Last year, our school performed really well, with Aisyah H coming 4th at the State Championships! Good luck, competitors!

**Girls Soccer Knockout Competition**

This Thursday afternoon, the Barrack Heights Girls soccer team compete in Round 1 of the NSW State Soccer Knockout Competition. Our game is against Balarang PS, and coach Mr Ryan is “quietly confident” that our girls will do well. We wish them every success!

**Reforms to P&C Federation**

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php).
Parenting Ideas - Membership
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 “Helping kids deal with loss”.

Have a good week!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

A reminder to all parents to notify the school about your child's health
It is important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
A big THANK YOU to all those families who kindly brought in their Stewart House Clothing bags last week. Sadly, we didn’t have a huge response this time BUT there will be another collection later in the year so please think about putting aside any unwanted items of clothing for then.

Thanks again.

With apologies - the following awards were omitted from the list in last week’s newsletter.

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<td>For getting along &amp; using the 5 L’s of listening at all times</td>
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<td>Zoe A</td>
<td>For trying her best &amp; having a go during class discussions</td>
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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

SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL AUXILIARY is having a *** MONSTER BOOK SALE ***

At the main entrance of SHELLHARBOUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL
on SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2014 from
9am to 1pm

Also available will be cakes, jigsaw puzzles, records, videos, CDs and DVDs. All money raised will go towards the purchase of much needed equipment for Shellharbour Public Hospital.

For further information please contact Rhonda on: 4237 7895 or 0413 219 485 OR Wendy 0417 290 928

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING MACEDONIAN CULTURAL DANCE AND EDUCATION CLASSES then bring them along and join our friendly environment, have fun and celebrate with us our 32 year anniversary. We offer the first two weeks as a FREE TRIAL.

Where: Flinders Public School, Adam Murray Way, FLINDERS
When: Every Tuesday
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Contact: Silvana on 0421 179 601 for further details or you can drop in and trial our classes.