Parents, Carers and Community members,

Thank you to our School Community
On behalf of the entire staff and Miss Elizabeth Scott, I would like to thank our school community for your support and understanding last Thursday, as we attended the funeral of Elizabeth’s husband, Geoff. I would also like to thank all of the parents and past students who have sent their condolences to Elizabeth during this sad time. She has received these, and is heartened to know that people are thinking of her.

Staff changes in Term 2
This week will see a few staff changes at Barrack Heights PS. They have been made in response to extended leave and our inclusion in the Early Action for Success initiative. These changes include:

• The return of Mrs Angle Maranesi - KM Class Teacher
• Mrs Danielle Munro – 1/2E Class Teacher (full time)
• Mrs Leann Roughan – RFF (Mon- Wed)
• Mrs Stephanie Kolevski – Early Action for Success Support Teacher (Mon, Tues, Thurs)
• Mrs Jo Collins will supervise Kindergarten
• Mrs Denise Broomham will supervise Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
• Miss Marianne Bunt will supervise Stage 2/3 (3B, 4/5R)
• Ms Kelly Broomham will supervise 3/6D and 3/6B
• Mrs Dimi Wheeler will share supervision of Stage 3 with Ms Rudling

If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child’s class teacher.

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to
learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

On 3 June, 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land - that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title. 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision.

Barrack Heights Public School leaders will join me at the Shellharbour City Council Reconciliation Flag Walk today. We will march with schools from our local area down the main street of Shellharbour and join Elders, performers and community members in celebrating our combined efforts to make Australia a united, forward thinking and acting country with regards to harmony and equal rights for all.

Adopt-a-patch: A Parliament Initiative
Our hardworking and insightful School Parliament have begun a new initiative with their constituents called “Adopt-a-patch”. All classes have been allocated an area of the playground to monitor and keep clean, in an effort to minimise the rubbish being left in the playground after lunch and recess. However, a lot of additional rubbish blows into our playground, due to litterbugs who buy products at IGA and McDonalds and drop their rubbish on the footpath and roads around our school. Prime Minister, Zac B and Minister for the Environment, Poppi R are asking all parents and carers to assist them in keeping our school clean by taking all rubbish with them when they drop off and pick up students at our school.

Girls Soccer Knockout Competition – winners!
The Barrack Heights Girls soccer team won their game against Balarang Public School in Round 1 of the NSW State Soccer Knockout Competition. Coach, Mr Ryan “Knew the girls could do it!” and wasn’t surprised at the 4-1 score. His advice to “boot-it!” sure helped, as Assistant Coach Cleo D, cheered from the sideline. We will keep you posted on the girls next game.

Orienteering
On Wednesday 21st May, 32 Barrack Heights Public School students made their way to Croome Road Sporting Complex to compete in the South Coast primary schools orienteering gala day. Students from year 3 to 6 competed in two races that tested their skills in map reading, direction, mathematics, athleticism and co-operation. Not only did our Barrack Heights students perform well in these events but their behaviour and sportsmanship were positively commented on by many. Students should be commended for their efforts and results from the day as they represented their school proudly. Six students performance on the day has resulted in their selection in the State orienteering championships to be held in Newcastle.

Congratulations on such fine results:
12 years boys - Zac B 3rd
11 years boys - Jake N 1st
- Jett M 2nd
- Ben W 4th
12 years girls - Leteesha Q 2nd
11 years girls - Ruby M 1st
- Aisyah H 4th
- Tia S 5th

We wish our state representatives best of luck in the upcoming carnival.

School Uniforms
As the cold weather sets in, so does the need to come to school in warm clothes. It is important that you send your child in the appropriate school uniform, including jumpers and tracksuit pants. New school fleece jumpers are sold in our school canteen, but any royal blue tracksuit (purchased from K-mart, Big W, Lowes) is also acceptable. Beanies on cold days are ok, but children will still need to wear their school hat in the playground. There is a lot of clean, second hand clothes available through our office for $2 per piece.
**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 manage anger.”

Have a good week!

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Library News**

The Book Fair has been a great success and will continue until Tuesday. You may come along with your children to look at and purchase the great books on display on Tuesday afternoon 27th between 3pm and 4pm. Tuesday is the last day. See you there!

**Community News**

**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.

**TAFE Illawarra Institute**

The Prevocational Programs Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting an Employment and Training course for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. The course will commence in July 2014. This course is the Certificate III in Employment and Training, course number 10699 and is suitable for women and single parents.

Please contact Antonia on 4229 0036 for further information.