NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February  
Selective High School placement test

Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February  
BH Learning Club starts 3-4pm

Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} February  
District Swimming Carnival

Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} February  
K-2 meet the teacher afternoon 2-3pm

Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} February  
P&C Meeting – 6pm in the staff room

Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} February  
Scripture starts 9am

Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} February  
Clubs start alternate Thursdays

Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} February  
Assembly 2pm in the hall

Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February  
Schools Clean Up Day

Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} March  
P&C AGM - 6pm in the staff room

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

2015 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

The students of Barrack Heights Public School, benefit directly from the financial contributions made by parents during the year. Every dollar received is used to provide additional resources for our student learning programs. Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds.

We are encouraging parents to support learning programs during 2015 by sending a family contribution.

Please note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.

Your contribution is a very important component of our annual funds. This will enable the school to purchase materials that enhance the development of skills and knowledge in the Key Learning Areas at ALL year levels. This will mean:

- A wider variety of readers available for your child to choose from.
- Mathematical materials for those important links between concrete and abstract thinking.
- Software for Information Technology to support key learning areas.
- Science and technology equipment for experiments and investigative tasks.
- Musical instruments, dance tapes and drama props to enhance the performing arts.
- Specialised art materials for extending the visual art activities.
- PE equipment to develop a wider variety of sporting skills.

We encourage you to make a financial contribution towards your child's schooling. Payments can be made at the front office, or by sending in an envelope with your child/ren’s names and classes and placing in the black letterbox in the administration block.

Single child payment - $20
Family payment (more than 3 children) - $50

ANNUAL PERMISSION NOTE

If you haven’t already returned it, attached to this newsletter is the Barrack Heights Public School annual permission note! Once signed, it will cover your child in a number of different areas including permission to publish, permission to leave the school on escorted, (local) walking excursions and sporting activities, permission to watch curriculum linked PG rated DVD’s or internet clips etc. We are doing this to save on...
paper, and to reduce the amount of times parents are requested for permission to engage in alternate learning activities for their children. We will continue to ALWAYS inform you of intended activities, so that you are aware of any changes to normal school routine. Please fill in all parts of the permission letter, and return it to your child’s class teacher.

**SCHOOL ENTRY/EXIT**
The official entry and exit for parents, students and community to Barrack Heights Public School is through the pedestrian gate near the big Barrack Heights School sign. Today we began transitioning both Kindergarten and students in K-6W to walk down to the COLA without parental supervision. I am pleased to report that (once again) there was a huge amount of confidence and resilience (and no tears!) shown by our youngest students! Well done! Parents and carers, please assist our security measures by not walking your children past the canteen. If you wish to speak with a teacher for any reason in the morning or afternoon, please make this known at the front office where staff will assist you to locate the teacher you require.

**DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Thank you and congratulations to all of the students who competed at our (wet) swimming carnival last Thursday. The following students will now represent Barrack Heights PS at the District Swimming Carnival this Friday 13th February – Good luck!

**CLUBS**
This year, staff have decided to trial a new format of “Clubs”. On alternate Thursday afternoons (non-assembly weeks), students will attend the Club they have chosen for the Term. Then, during Week 10, a half day Clubs Day will be run, with some Clubs leaving the school grounds to extend their overall experience. All students will be given the opportunity to nominate for a Club during the next week.

**Safe4Kids**
Thank you to the parents who attended our excellent Protective Strategies talk with Holly-ann Martin. Disappointingly, it was not well attended – but the parents who came whole-heartedly support the steps our school is making to address the marked increase of child abuse in our society. In addition to this, Holly has suggested inclusion of contact details for both the Kids Helpline and Crimestoppers.

| Kids Helpline | 1800 55 1800 |
| Crimestoppers | 1800 333 000 |

Have a great week!

*“Please watch out for each other and love and forgive everybody. It's a good life, enjoy it.”*

Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets)

Sarah Rudling
Principal

**Barrack Heights Learning Club**
The Smith Family’s – Barrack Heights Learning Club will run every Thursday during the school term from 3.00pm -4.00pm, commencing Thursday 12th February.
Free tutoring is provided as well as activities for students in year K – 6.
Please Contact Richard at The Smith Family on 42970833 if interested as places are limited

Richard Zamora, Program Coordinator, Learning For Life
The Smith Family
Library Bags for Sale
There is a small supply of fabric library bags available at the office for $2 each.

REGO DAYS
Saturday 7th Feb 10am to 1pm (Scout Hall, Station Rd, Albion Park Rail)
Tuesday 10th Feb 4pm to 6pm (Scout Hall, Station Rd, Albion Park Rail)
For more information
Email: registrar.albionparknetball@gmail.com
Or Facebook: Albion Park Netball Club

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing?
Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport.
Well here is your chance.
Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club is the only BMX Club in the Illawarra area and is located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX located on CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK
We are having a FREE Come and Try Day.
Saturday 14th February 2015
From 10am to 1pm
We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 65yrs so anyone can come and have a go.
For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.
Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes.
We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own.
Full canteen facilities will be available.
For all enquires contact
Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268
Russell Robeille 0411 645 644
Tim Robson 0450 095 150
Free 5 week Parenting Program

This program promotes positive, respectful parent and child relationships. Limited FREE child minding is also available; please enquire through Family Services Illawarra.

After this program you will be better equipped to:

- Understand the origin and nature of your parenting style
- Understand the messages you give and receive from your child
- Identify and respond to the needs of your child
- Build a positive, respectful relationship with your child
- Source information and support in your parenting

Date: Wed 4th Mar to 1st April
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Illawarra Women’s Centre
Bookings: 42555333 or www.fsi.org.au

Family Services Illawarra Inc.

Looking for first-class childcare?

Whether you’re a parent and need childcare assistance while you study, or a member of the community looking for first class childcare, we can help!

TAFE Illawarra – Shellharbour TAFE Children’s Centre currently has vacancies for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.

The centre is a high-quality long day care service/preschool and operates in new, purpose built facilities. It is rated as ‘exceeding’ the National Standard for an early education and care service in all areas under the National Quality Framework.

Qualified teachers and educators plan education programs which provide challenging activities for children of all ages using the National Early Years Learning Framework as a basis.

To find out more or to enrol your child please phone 4295 2286 or email iitstcc@tafensw.edu.au

www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au Follow TAFE Illawarra
Interested in playing a team sport? Come and try hockey with Railway Greys Womens Hockey Club.

Where:
Croome Road Hockey Complex – Turf 1

When:
Monday 16th February 2015
Time:
7.30pm – 8.30pm

Players of all ages are welcome. We cater for U15 girls, U18 girls (Monday night comp) and have 1st – 4th grade teams (Fri night and Sat afternoon comp).

Any questions? Please call Lynne Frew 0431478893 or Cheryl Cohen 0412041691 for more information. See you there!
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1 Ferntree Place
Barrack Heights.
Providing Quality Child Care and Learning Experiences
2yr to 5yr
Hours 7.30 to 5.30.
Provide all meals
Unique school readiness program.
Small family friendly centre
Contact Trudy 0407 919530
pop in and check us out.

We learn while playing and having fun

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Sausage Sizzle
Friday, February 13th, 3-6D and 3-6H will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch. Sausages need to be pre ordered and paid for by Thursday 12th February using the attached form. Please place orders and money in an envelope in the office mailbox. Sausage sandwiches are $2.50 each or $3.50 with a popper.

Sausage Sizzle Order
Name_______________________________________________Class__________________

Meal Deal $3.50 each  □  (quantity required)
Sausage Sandwich $2.50 each □  (quantity required)
Sauce FREE □ tomato □ BBQ
Onion □

Total amount enclosed _______________
Monday 2nd February, 2015

ANNUAL PERMISSION TO…..

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Once signed, this note will cover your child in a number of different areas for the duration of 2015. We are doing this to save on paper, and to reduce the amount of times parents are requested for permission to engage in alternate learning activities for their children. We will continue to ALWAYS inform you of intended activities, so that you are aware of any changes to normal school routine.

Please fill in all four parts of the permission note, and return it to your child’s class teacher.

PARTICIPATE IN WALKING EXCURSIONS WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

From time to time excursions to places of educational interest are arranged. The material observed and information gained by the students during excursions supplements the work that our students do in their classrooms. Excursions are a very important part of a complete learning experience. There are many local places that we can take our students, just by simply walking out of the school grounds! This section of the Annual Permission Note will allow your child to attend supervised, local places of interest within a 5km radius of the school.

I hereby consent to my child _______________________________ of class ____________ to participate in any educational excursion which involves travelling by foot within our local community (5km radius of the school) during 2015. I understand that all excursions will have been approved by the Principal. I understand that my child’s participation is dependent on acceptable behaviour and attitude at school.

Parent/Caregiver ________________________________ ________________________________

Print Name ________________________________ Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________

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RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION BY A SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER

Please indicate whether your child has any special needs, food allergies, medical conditions of which teachers should be aware of during school hours.

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I give / do not give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

Parent/Caregiver ________________________________ ________________________________

Print Name ________________________________ Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________

Emergency Contact

Name ________________________________ Phone ________________________________
WATCH ‘G’ AND ‘PG’ RATED MEDIA

The following permission is sought for your child to watch G and PG rated movies, television, YouTube clips with appropriate adult (teacher) supervision, if it is seen to support the teaching and learning programs of the class during 2015.

I hereby consent to my child ___________________________ of class ____________ to watch both G and PG rated media clips, shows or movies during 2015, if it supports the learning program delivered by the class teacher. I understand that all media views will have been discussed with the Stage Supervisor and/or Principal.

Parent/Caregiver ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

We are seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department’s websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and: Tick the appropriate box [ ] I give permission [ ] I do not give permission

for the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish information about my child ___________________________ of class ________ as described above, including in publicly accessible communications during 2015.

Parent/Caregiver ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ____________