

Mini Matters

Edition 4, Term 2 Week 2 2009

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2. Mr Gibbs is due to return to school next week. Until then I will be continuing as relieving Principal and Mrs Crawford will be assisting me as Deputy Principal. I spoke to the K-6 Assembly this week about a focus on Anti-Bullying and Student Welfare this term. I will include more in depth information regarding this in the Week 4 edition of 'School Matters'.

Deputy Principal's Report

This term we are starting our 'Barnier Reading Club' on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the library. At this stage it will run for selected stage 1 students and hopefully be expanded as the year goes on. A workshop was held on Tuesday 5th May for parents to help with reading strategies and also for volunteers to the club. Stage 2 and 3 parents will be invited to attend a workshop in the near future to help develop fluency and word attack skills with their children.

Anti - Bullying Review

We are currently reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy and would very much like to liaise with the school community on ideas and strategies for improving our Anti-Bullying Policy and Program. If you are interested in participating in this process and being part of our Anti -Bullying Review Committee please let Mrs Paterson know.

Calendar

- Thurs 7th May** Stage 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm 3H, 3C, 3W
- Frid 8th May** Zone Cross Country
- Tues 12th May** NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
- Wed 13th May** NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
- Thurs 14th May** NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
- Mon 18th May** P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Library

Library borrowing began this week. Remember to keep borrowing every week to receive a free book at the end of this term!

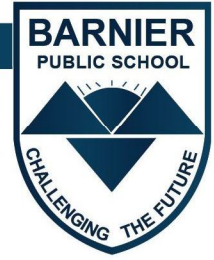
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6B	5N	1NB	2S	KW
1ST	3C	1R	2O	KB
5J	3W	1C	2E	KJ
	3/4CD	4D	1C	KH
		4H		KS

Book Club is due Wednesday 20th May (Week 5).

Cross Country

A big congratulations to everyone who participated in last Friday's K-6 Cross Country carnival. It was the first time that the Cross Country had been held as a whole school event. It was great to see so many kids in their house colours and having fun.

This Friday, 8th May, we will be taking 32 competitors to the Zone carnival at Paterson's Reserve. We wish them all the best!



Early Stage 1

Kindergarten children began Homework and Home Reading this week. If you have not already done so, can you please send a zip/clip A4 plastic envelope to school for your child's Homework and Home Reader. Children will only be given a Home Reader if they have their plastic envelope. Please have your child return their Homework and Home Reader every **Friday**.

During Term 2 and 3, Kindergarten classes will be running our fortnightly Early Stage 1 assembly (see below). We look forward to seeing you at our next assembly!

	Term 2	Term 3
Week 3	KB	KH
Week 5	KS	KB and KJ
Week 7	KG	KS and KH
Week 9	KW	KG and KW
Week 11	KJ	no assembly

Stage 1

Stage One have had a busy start to the term. The students enjoyed participating in their first cross country carnival, and we have several Year 2 children representing the school at the Zone carnival on Friday.

At the three-way conferences last term, several parents requested information about educational websites for students to access. There are links from the school website to other educational sites. You can also access printable reading and maths activities at www.adrianbruce.com

Please make sure that any home readers borrowed in Term 1 are returned.

The excursion to the Airport has been cancelled. Miss A and Miss Perovich have been working hard to plan activity days focussing on Transport. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank these teachers for their efforts in organising the activity days for Stage 1. Well done, ladies.

Stage 2

Stage 2 have had a very busy start to Term 2. Lots of students enjoyed trying out for PSSA and competing in the Cross Country Carnival. It was great to see everyone participating and showing excellent school spirit.

Year 4 have also enjoyed a visit to Rouse Hill Farm to explore our colonial past. They were able to learn about one of the oldest houses in our area. Year 3 will be visiting the farm as this goes to print.

Stage 2 also discovered their hidden talents for a variety of woodwind and brass instruments. We can't wait to see them in action when the school band begins!

Stage 3

Welcome back to Term 2. We have another busy term ahead of us full of what we hope to be interesting learning experiences for your children. A note will be sent home early in the term outlining information about our homework for this term.

NAPLAN testing features largely early this term for Year 3 and Year 5 students. There will also be a note this week with further information about this test.

The camps at the end of last term proved to be a huge success. The staff were particularly impressed with the behaviour of the students. Everyone returned tired, but happy from their exciting time away.

Whole School

The 2009 Stewart House Donation Drive

Envelopes have been issued to students this week. On the donation drive envelope write your name, address, telephone number and school. Insert a donation at least \$1 or \$2 (a gold coin) into the envelope and seal it up. Return the envelope to your teacher by **Friday 8 May 2009** for a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday organised through Diploma World Travel. Stewart House only fundraise through schools so our support will greatly be appreciated.