Welcome back to Barnier!

Welcome back to all students and a special welcome to our new students and Kindergarten students. We also welcome back our wonderful long serving Barnier staff along with some new faces this year.

We have reached a total enrolment of 802 students this year. This entitles us to 32 classes. The reason schools do not form classes immediately at the start of a new year, is to ensure all numbers are finalised. Many enrolments turn up in the second week of school, which can sometimes make the difference between forming large classes or smaller classes. Obviously the latter is more preferable. One student can make the difference, so we like to hold off as long as possible in case another enrolment walks through the door and makes it possible to form smaller classes.

At the moment our primary classes are quite large and we are a few enrolments away from being able to form 33 smaller classes.

You may have noticed the new electronic sign at the corner of Barnier Drive and Farnham Road. Community feedback indicated a desire for another avenue of communication and this sign has already been proven to have served its purpose. On the day that new classes were formed, we were able to tell parents where to meet their children after school. This sort of last minute information has been very handy when a note home is not possible due to time restraints. Please keep an eye on this board. The messages will change regularly and we hope you find it as valuable for gaining information as we have found in disseminating it.

We thank our passionate and involved parent community for your ongoing support every year in providing all the wonderful opportunities we can for your children.

CALENDAR

WEEK 4

- **Monday 18 February**
  - Kindy finish 2.45pm (normal school hours)
  - Stage 1 Assembly 1.50pm
  - P & C Meeting @ 7.30 pm

- **Wednesday 20 February**
  - Book Club due
  - Stage 2 Assembly 1.50pm

- **Friday 22 February**
  - Stage 3 Assembly 1.50pm

WEEK 5

- **Monday 25 February**
  - Whole School Assembly 1.50pm

- **Wednesday 27 February**
  - Swimming Carnival 9.30 am
  - Early Stage 1 Assembly 1.50pm

WEEK 6

- **Monday 4 March**
  - Stage 1 Assembly 1.50pm

- **Tuesday 5 March**
  - Meet the Teacher

- **Monday 6 March**
  - Stage 2 Assembly 1.50pm

- **Thursday 7 March**
  - Zone Swimming Carnival

- **Friday 8 March**
  - Stage 3 Assembly 1.50pm

WEEK 7

- **Wednesday 13 March**
  - Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day

- **Wednesday 20 March**
  - Early Stage 1 Assembly 1.50pm

WEEK 8

- **Saturday 23 March**
  - School Fete
**Staffing for 2013**

**Principal:** Mr Rod Gibbs  
**Deputy Principal:** Miss Sharon Moon

**EARLY STAGE 1:**  
**Stage Supervisor:** Miss Sharon Moon (Deputy Principal)  
KC: Miss Carly Hyde (Kindergarten Team Leader)  
KA: Miss Annika Elmore  
KH: Mrs Sharon Hopkins  
KB: Miss Jenna Good sir  
KM: Mrs Megan McCarthy  
KS: Mrs Melissa Spence  
KE: Miss Simone Edwards  
KT: Mrs Marija Skoljarev

**STAGE 1:**  
**Stage Supervisor:** Mrs Gail Oakman (Assistant Principal)  
1S: Miss Emily Sullivan (Year 1 Team Leader)  
1J: Miss Jessica Sullivan  
1H: Mrs Robyn Hunt  
1P: Miss Maria Paglia  
1K Miss Amanda Keane  
1J: Miss Shama Javed  
2G: Mrs Amanda Gannon  
2J: Miss Guv Johal  
2S: Miss Katrina Scuglia  
2L: Miss Ainna Miranda  
2P: Miss Rebekah Prokop

**STAGE 2:**  
**Stage Supervisor:** 3/4H: Mrs Kelly Housbey (Assistant Principal)  
3V: Mrs Melissa Vasram (Year 3 Team Leader)  
3B: Mrs Merryl Blacker  
3D: Miss Samantha Davis  
4M: Miss Vanessa Mendel  
4W: Mr Andrew Whitney  
4SB: Mrs Erin Stellino / Mrs Kristen Bugden

**STAGE 3:**  
**Stage Supervisor:** 6C: Miss Dannielle Chew (Assistant Principal)  
5BT: Mrs Carolann Blazey (Year 5 Team Leader)/ Mrs Dyan Toledano  
5D: Miss Lauren Drummond  
5S: Mrs Alyson Stride  
6B: Miss Nayeree Basmajian  
6S: Miss Laura Brown

**SUPPORT STAFF:**  
**Support Supervisor:** Miss Elana Sampson (Assistant Principal)  
Library: Mrs Tamara Hopkins / Mrs Karen Wolff  
ESL: Mrs Emriye Sahin

Learning and Support Teacher: Mrs Melissa Hayhow  
Reading Recovery & Support: Mrs Margot Tillett  
RFF Teachers: Miss Caitlin Molloy, Mrs Trudy Despois, Mr Murray Robinson

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:**  
School Administration Manager: Ms Paula Brown  
School Administration Officers: Ms Bev Hurdis, Mr Gavin Palmer, Mrs Lynn Iemma, Mrs Belinda Watts

**TEACHERS’ AIDES:**  
Mrs Megan Parker, Mrs Belinda Watts, Mrs Jeanette Jones, Mrs Jo Sheraton, Mrs Donna Pugh, Mrs Eme Buendia

**SCHOOL COUNSELLOR:**  
Mr Richard Meagher

**GENERAL ASSISTANT:**  
Mr Neil Skeen

**Role Explanations:**  
The Team Leaders have been assigned to grades this year. They oversee learning programs for that grade, deal with minor student welfare / behaviour issues and mentor and support teachers in that grade.

The Support Teachers provide vital support for teachers and students across the school. Their role includes taking classes for specific subjects, team teaching with the class teacher, or withdrawing students for an individual focus.

ESL is an acronym for *English as a Second Language*. The ESL teacher works with the class teacher to assist students whose first language is not English.

RFF is an acronym for *Release from Face-to-Face* teaching. Full time teachers are entitled to 2 hours / week to prepare lessons and collaborate with colleagues for the benefit of the students.

**If you have any questions or concerns:**

**Step 1:** Class teacher  
**Step 2:** Stage Supervisor  
**Step 3:** Deputy Principal  
**Step 4:** Principal
Gate Opening and Closing Times:
For security reasons, the gate opening and closing times will change in 2013. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Farnham Road gate and back pathway to Aylwood Rd
Open: 8:15am
Close: 3:15pm
Barnier Drive gate will be accessible outside these hours.

Early Departures for Students
If you wish to take your child home early from school, please do the following:

1. Report to the front office to collect an early pass before collecting your child from their classroom (students will not be permitted to leave school without this pass).
2. You may be asked for ID (drivers licence etc) if you are not known to office staff. This is to ensure the correct and authorised persons are taking your child home early.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Visitors to the school
All parents or visitors to the school must report to the front office for a visitor’s badge. This allows staff and students to recognise authorised personnel in the school and ensures the safety of the students.

Money for Excursions / Incursions
Please ensure you check the payment due date on all notes sent home. No late payments will be accepted as attendance numbers have to be given to outside companies prior to students attending these events. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Kindergarten News
Welcome to Barnier, Kindergarten! We are so excited about the wonderful year we are all going to have together and are looking forward to watching you learn and grow.

Could you please make sure that you label all of your children’s belongings. Kindergarten take their lunchboxes out into the playground and sometimes things get mixed up. Clear labels allow us to sort lost property easily.

It is very important that your child does not bring any food containing nuts to school. We have children who are severely allergic. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Please make sure that you read all notes thoroughly and return permission slips to your child’s class teacher.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s class teacher.

Early Stage 1 Teachers

Anaphylaxis and Asthma
We have a number of students at Barnier who are anaphylactic. Please avoid sending products to school that contain nuts.

If your child is anaphylactic or asthmatic, please ensure you send a copy of your child’s health care plan from the doctor to school ASAP so we can ensure the safety of your child. Notes came home last week requesting this information from students who have been flagged on our system. If you did not get this note and your child has a plan, please contact Miss Sampson ASAP.

Infectious Diseases
We have number of students at Barnier with medically diagnosed low immune systems. If your child comes down with any infectious disease, such as chicken pox or other such diseases, PLEASE contact your child’s class teacher as soon as possible so the parents of these children can be contacted and the necessary action can be taken. Contracting these diseases can be life threatening for these children.

School Matters (Newsletter)
The newsletter is uploaded to the school website every fortnight. Please keep an eye out for this to remain informed about events and policies @ Barnier.

Technology @ Barnier
USBs and lanyards are currently available for purchase. Please see the website for order forms.
Barnier USB & Barnier lanyard (included with USB purchase)

Miss Laura Brown & Mr Andrew Whitney
Technology Coordinators

Uniform Shop

We still have the half price shirts available in most sizes and should have the new stock soon. You can also leave an order at the office which we can fill for you without attending the shop.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Monday 2pm-3pm (last customer 2.50pm)
Thursday 8am-9am (last customer 8.50am)

Order forms are also available on the website or from the school front office.  We appreciate support of our EFTPOS payment only policy.

Primary School

Help your kids enjoy reading
How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. There are some other tips on:  http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading

Parking & Safety Warning!

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN! Please be reminded to follow all parking signage around the school during drop off and pick up times.

DO NOT park your car in the bus stop near the Farnham Road gate as THIS IS NOT A LEGAL PARKING AREA. You WILL be booked if a police officer or ranger is present.

Parents parking in Aylwood Rd must also observe the parking signs please. Neighbours have been taking down number plates and will contact police and rangers should parents continue to park illegally. Please consider others.

Possible Solution to parking difficulties:
If you are having difficulty finding a place to park in the mornings, please consider leaving home a little earlier, finding a parking space a short distance away, and walking your child into school. What a great opportunity for quality conversations with your child! Alternately, consider contacting the Walking Bus (see above) to set up a route in your area.

Walking Bus

How can your children get on board the Walking Bus?
You can obtain an enrolment form from the school office foyer or it can be completed online at our website (walkingbus.com.au)

ILLEGAL PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS ENDANGERS YOUNG LIVES

Don’t double-park, or stop in pedestrian zones, bus zones or on footpaths.

BARNIER THE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL
From the Bookshelf…

Library Opening Hours

The school library is open for students every lunch time. Years 3-6 1st half lunch and Kindy-Yr2 2nd half lunch. The library offers children an alternate lunch area where they can borrow or read books, conduct research, play quiet games and use the computers located in the library.

Student items required for the library

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 require a library bag to borrow their books. Their bag must be a cloth bag – no plastic bags are allowed because they have a tendency to tear.

Library bags can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for $8. Alternatively a cloth bag or an environmentally friendly bag from the supermarket is acceptable. Please ensure that library bags are labeled.

Borrowing

All books are borrowed to students for a maximum of 2 weeks. Should a book be required for a longer period students are asked to bring their book to the library so that it can be renewed. Books that are damaged or not returned to the library need to be paid for at the office.

Students are encouraged to borrow at least one book per week. However, students will be unable to borrow books if they have overdue books standing on their account.

Term 1 Borrowing

Borrowing begins Week 3

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Book Club

Please send Book Club orders to the library foyer and place in the RED BOOK CLUB box! Orders are due by Wednesday 20th February.

Please note that all orders must be in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag with the student's name, class and amount written on it. Orders will not be processed if returned past the designated due date to avoid delays in processing. Book Club can take between 1 – 2 weeks to arrive as of the due date.

Please see the Barnier website for ordering instructions.

Library Monitors for 2013

Library monitors assist the TL in the library before school and during lunch times. Becoming a monitor gives students an opportunity to take on a leadership role within the school and it provides them with management skills.

Over 65 Year 5 students have nominated themselves to be a library monitor in 2013. They have each been delegated one timeslot per week during Week 3 and Week 4 as a trial. Successful library monitors will be announced on Friday Week 4.
Canteen Catch Up

Hello & welcome back to all our students & families. A very big welcome to all our Kindy students & new students.

We have put together some simple steps to make using the canteen easy for you and your child.

- For busy parents we have a lunch order box on the counter. Bags may be taken home if you wish and it may be popped into the box in the morning. If change is needed it will be taped to the bag.
- Please include the following on your order:
  - Name
  - Class
  - Order

- Any ice blocks ordered with lunch -- bags must be brought to the canteen and your child will receive their ice block.
- Recess may be ordered and this is to be picked up from the canteen at eating time.
- We have a separate line for recess and ice block orders so the children don’t have to wait in line with children who are buying.
- The new canteen menu is out so please check as there are a couple of price increases.
- Meal Deals will be coming soon so watch space – they will also be advertised at the canteen.
- We do encourage recess ordering, especially for hot food and ice block ordering especially in summer. This saves the children spending their play time waiting in line.
- Online ordering -- don’t forget our online system -- no fumbling for change for lunch orders and you can place your orders anytime from home or work. A great time saver.

Thanks you
The Neat Eats Team

Please refer to the school website for the canteen menu and price list.
**P&C News**

*Email: barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au*

Our first meeting for the year will be **Monday 18 February at 7:30pm** in the staffroom (admin block). All welcome!!

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**Fete News**

*Date: Saturday 23rd March 2013*

*Time: 10am - 3pm*

*Place: Barnier Public School*

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**(a) Sponsorship**

Sponsorship offers a great way to support our Fete. It is also a wonderful way of gaining valuable exposure for your business. For more information email the Fete Committee.

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**(b) Donations**

Donations of goods or services are another great way to support our Fete and gaining valuable exposure for your business. Donations of all sizes and value are required for the Chocolate Wheel, Raffles and other games to be played on the day. Contact the Fete Committee for details.

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**Games**

We have started to collect items to be used on stalls in sideshow alley as prizes for games.

Please refer to the note that went home for ideas. If you have any other items you would like to donate that we can use please send it in to the class teacher or bring to the Fete Committee members on Friday mornings/afternoons in the COLA.

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**Rides**

Discounted All Day Rides Passes are being sold Fete Friday.

Join the many families who have already started to pay off their rides passes for next year. We have an instalment plan available or you can pay the total amount. Fete Committee members will be in the COLA every Friday morning between 8:15 and 9:00am and Friday afternoons between 2:15 and 3:00pm to take your orders or answer any questions you might have.

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**(c) Stalls**

If you are interested in holding a private stall contact the fete committee for more information.

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**More Fete Information:**

*Email: barnier21fete@gmail.com*


or leave a message on 0402315100 and a Fete committee member will call you.