Principal’s Message

21st Birthday Celebrations
As you may be aware, this year marks 21 years since the school opened. Our major celebration revolves around our fete next Saturday. This is shaping up as a wonderful event and hopefully will be well supported by our Barnier community and the general public. To further celebrate this occasion, all our permanent, brick classrooms have been repainted on the inside in Barnier Blue colours. When you consider that these buildings have not been painted for 21 years, it has made a tremendous difference to these learning environments. We also have been very fortunate that all our recent demountable buildings have been of an extremely high standard and thoroughly refurbished. As a permanent celebration of our “coming of age” we are constructing a large rockery garden under our electronic sign. This will stand as a reminder to us all of the first 21 years of our fabulous school, our struggles and all our achievements.

Traffic Behaviour
It is extremely disappointing that we have received many phone calls from both parents and local residents about the driving and parking habits of our parents. Many of these practices are against the law but more importantly endanger the safety of our children and parents. We have called both the Highway Patrol and the Traffic Wardens from Blacktown Council who will patrol the school during peak periods and will book anyone breaking the law. You also need to be aware that some residents and parents are recording number plates of cars endangering others and passing these onto the police. Our school is so large now and with another school across the road, it requires everyone to follow the road rules. Thank you to all who do this.

Deputy Principal Position
Our unfilled DP position is currently at advertisement through the Merit Selection process. This ad will close next Wednesday and then the interview process commences. This should be completed two weeks after that and hopefully the successful person will commence duty at the start of Term 2. It will be fantastic to have two “carers” again!

School Development Days
Due to the release of the Australian Curriculum (scheduled for 2014), schools have been allocated an additional day for teachers to engage in professional development for its implementation. Teachers will also engage in ongoing professional development sessions throughout the year in their own time. What a committed bunch they are! This day will follow the normal School Development Day at the start of Term 2 (29 & 30 April). **Students will return to school on Wednesday 1 May.** We appreciate your support of our teachers in providing a quality education for your children.

Rod Gibbs
Principal’s Award Recipients

Aaron B - Aaron is a delightful member of 3/4H. He loves to be challenged in the classroom, but particularly enjoys sport – both playing and talking about it! Aaron is always trustworthy and reliable and thoroughly deserves his Principal’s Award. Well done Aaron!

White Award Recipients

Congratulations to:
Jedd G 2M
Braydan B 2J
Thawda H 1J
Angus R 3D
Aaron B 3/4H
Nathan J 3/4H
Daniel F 4SB
Isla H 3D
Amelia H 3B
Ben S 3D
Amelia S 5BT
Chelsea N 5D
Kristopher B 5D

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 27th February children from Year 3-6 (and a couple of 8 year old swimmers from Year 2) headed down to Riverstone Pool for our school swimming carnival. The weather was wonderful and the kids were amazing. It was really good to see so many children participating in events and achieving feats they never thought possible!

All children who were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in their event were presented with ribbons at a special sports assembly. Congratulations to the following children, who were named age champions:
Junior Boys: Carlo T
Junior Girls: Holly R
Senior Boys: Chris W
Senior Girls: Bailee S

Congratulations also goes to Rafter, who were awarded the swimming carnival champions!

Blacktown Zone Carnival

On Thursday 7 March, Mrs Blacker, Mrs Stride and Mrs Housbey took 37 children to the Blacktown Zone swimming carnival. The children were great Barnier representatives and our school managed to come 2nd place overall. This is our best ever achievement at a zone carnival. We also have 18 students successful in making the Sydney West carnival at Homebush including all four of our relay teams. We wish them all the best for next Tuesday!

EASTER HAT PARADE

It’s that time again!! Barnier’s Annual Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 28th March Week 9. This year it will be held at 11:45am on the grass. Parents will be welcome to stay for a picnic lunch with their children at the end of the parade. You may like to bring picnic rugs and chairs.

Easter Hat Making

It is tradition at Barnier Public School that students make their own Easter Hats with their buddies before our Easter Hat Parade. It would be greatly appreciated if you could start to collect materials that would be useful to make an Easter Hat and give them to your child’s teacher in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Teachers will let students know when they will be making Easter hats with their buddy class.

Some ideas:
- cardboard
- glitter
- stickers
- feathers
- eggs
- streamers/ ribbons
- chicken figurines
- craft glue
- any other crafty decorations that may be suitable

If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher.
Thank you,
Easter Parade Organisers
Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


Volunteers STILL Needed!

Can you spare some time assist on Fete day? Do you have some things that could be used as prizes? Can you help in other ways?
If you can assist in any way at all, please contact your class teacher ASAP to see how you can volunteer on Fete day, Saturday 23 March.

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)

'Barnier Public School' is on Facebook!!!

Please search for our informative Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with the latest photos, important class and whole school events, reminders and classroom updates.

Use our Barnier Public School Page to ask public or private questions to our school staff, network with parents, visit interesting websites and applications and view important dates on the school calendar.

Banking News

A reminder that 2012 rewards are no longer available.
Thank you
Banking Team

P&C News

Congratulations to Kirsten Moon who was elected as Treasurer of the P&C last week. We thank her in advance for her time and commitment to Barnier.

Parent Conduct

Please be reminded that parents should not approach, intimidate or chastise another child while on school grounds. If you witness an incident, please contact one of the teachers so it can be dealt with accordingly. Parents are not permitted to reprimand a child who is not their own.
The Department does not expect its staff, students or other visitors to Departmental premises to accept such behaviour. Additionally the Department has a legal obligation to ensure its premises are safe and free from intimidation for staff, students and other visitors. The Inclosed Lands Act may be applied and could lead to parents not being permitted on the school site in future.
Our Visit from Dannielle Miller by Alberta (6C), Serene (6S) & Mikayla (6B)

On Tuesday the 12th of March the Year 6 girls had a visit from Dannielle Miller (A.K.A Gorgeous). First she talked about her childhood and she told us about the 3rd degree burn on her right arm and neck. We got to make our own Princess diaries and they looked really pretty! After recess we went back into the classroom and Dannielle talked about friendship.

In our princess diaries, for the first time we wrote down some friendship and respect tips. When we finished that we passed around our diaries to the people in our circle and we were asked to write nice things in each other’s diaries. We then read the comments back to ourselves. Some people’s comments were very heart warming. As soon as we finished that we got a black affirmation card and read it aloud.

We then went into an anticlockwise circle and we got to practise massaging techniques! We then did relaxation techniques and almost all of us fell asleep! After lunch Dannielle talked to us about inappropriate clothes and toys for little girls.

At the end it was very sad to see Dannielle go, but in the end she taught us some great long term tips.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

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

Order forms are also available on the website or from the school front office.
Road Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parents acting in an unsafe way during drop off and pick up time (especially down on Farnham Road near the bus bay). U-Turns across double yellow lines, parking in a bus bay, double parking and not using the crossing to cross the road have all been serious concerns. Below is a list of penalties for committing an offence in a school zone. Please be aware that police will be patrolling these areas both before and after school, however, most importantly PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY.

For more information on this topic please visit:
Canteen Catch-up

Hi everyone,
Just a few reminders and some updates on the canteen.
Don’t forget the lunch order box on the counter in the morning, change if needed is taped to bag.
For ice block orders, just bring your bag to canteen.
We encourage everyone to order their recess especially hot food so the students don’t have to wait.
We ask that parents help us to encourage the children to order their lunch, especially hot food as we only have a limited amount of spare available.

We have some super duper meal deals available
MONDAY,TUESDAY,WEDNESDAY ONLY

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Don’t forget our pay in advance card system which is especially good for the littlies. It also means mum and dad can stipulate what may be bought and how much is to be spent.
If your child is going on an excursion don’t forget we have lunch packs that can be ready for them on the day. All you have to do is pick an order form up from your canteen lady or go online and print one off.

Coming soon to your canteen:

**Eftpos**

Thanks for your support
Julie, Yvonne & Staff

*P&C News*
Next P&C meeting will be on Monday 18 March @ 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

**Fete News**

**Date:** Saturday 23rd March 2013  
**Time:** 10am - 3pm  
**Place:** Barnier Public School

(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.

(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.

**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.

**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. 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.

(c) **Stalls**

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

**More Fete Information:**  
**Email:** barnier21fete@gmail.com  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/pages/Barnier-Public-School-21st-Birthday-Fete/135785833164519](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Barnier-Public-School-21st-Birthday-Fete/135785833164519) or leave a message on 0402315100 and a Fete committee member will call you.