Principal’s Message

School Catchment Area

NSW Public schools are bound by catchment areas. These boundaries, control to a large degree, the number of enrolments schools can accept. With a current enrolment in excess of 800 students our situation is under significant pressure. When you consider that our catchment area contains no housing development or demographic increase (in fact, our boundaries stop at the back fence of the first row of houses in The Ponds) it is a credit to our school that we have grown to such a significant size. We have grown through reputation, through the wonderful work our staff has done over a number of years, the programs we implement and the resources the school has developed. It is anyone's guess what the future holds and how this potential growth will impact on the school. Currently, there is a review of boundaries at a regional level and this may further add pressure to our enrolment structure. Fortunately, we still have significant area for expansion in comparison to other schools so planning is already in place to cope with further demand.

Easter Hat Parade

My special thanks to all the school community who supported this year’s Hat Parade. It was a great event and it was the first time we have conducted the parade on the oval. This seemed to work in a positive fashion and gave us greater scope to showcase all our students’ work in a more organised way. I am very grateful to the staff for all the preparation they put into the event and the incredible way the teachers joined in the festivities, as they always do. We are very fortunate that we have a staff who participate so keenly in all these types of events. It certainly has an infectious influence on our children.

School Development Days

A reminder that all Public Schools will hold two School Development Days at the beginning of Term 2. The dates for these days are Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30th of April. These are pupil free days so parents will have to make alternate arrangements to accommodate their children. The extra day has been granted to allow schools to familiarise themselves with the new Australian Curriculum. We will be working with Quakers Hill PS to develop our understanding of the new syllabus and will be off site for some of this time.

Rod Gibbs
Principal’s Award Recipients

Oliver M
Oliver loves Mathematics and particularly likes problem solving activities and puzzles. Oliver enjoys sports, especially athletics and swimming. He is a well-mannered young man who has a great sense of humour. Oliver’s hobbies include building and flying model airplanes. He loves cats and has attended Barnier Public School since Kindergarten in 2008. Congratulations, Oliver!

White Award Recipients

Congratulations to:
Lachlan P 3D
Anika S 3B
Cameron P 3B
Selina H 4SB
Kristopher B 5D
Travis C 2P
Ellie T 2S
Clarissa S 2S
Melanie H 3D
Oliver M 5S
Ryan M 1S
Hayley K 1S
Bianca H 1K
Kodi E 1K

Soap Concerns

We have had a few concerns about the fact that there is no soap in the toilets. This has been an ongoing issue with the current solution being that each classroom has a soap dispenser, supervised by the class teacher, that children can use after they have been to the toilet and when going out and returning from breaks. In the past, bars of soap and liquid soap dispensers have been used in the toilets but have had to be removed due to misuse, wastage and vandalism which then became a safety issue. Dispensers in the classroom were a necessary compromise.

We are currently in negotiations with a number of companies to find a better solution and are working to resolve this as soon as possible. We will update you on this as soon as possible.

Teachers always remind students to wash their hands when returning from the bathroom and when going out and returning from breaks. We would appreciate your support in speaking to your children about the importance of personal hygiene, and remind your child that they should be washing their hands in the classroom at the above-mentioned times.

Please be aware that the best way to express your concerns over issues like this one is by contacting the school directly. Slanderous, threatening comments on social media sites do not set a good example for our students on how to properly resolve issues.

‘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 questions to our school staff, visit interesting websites and applications and view important dates on the school calendar.

Please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teacher for further information or clarification.

Barnier School Fete

Lights! Cameras! Action!
After almost 2 years in the planning phase, the Barnier 21st Birthday Fete day arrived. By 10am the scene was set and it was WONDERFUL! Dodgem cars, a giant slide, teacups, Zorb balls, a jumping castle, kindy farm, side show alley games, sponge throw at the teachers, face painting, art show, silent auctions, emergency vehicles, Harley rides, show bags, chocolate wheel … the list is endless of the events that were at the fete. The estimated crowd was between 1500 and 2000 and the excitement was high. The feedback has been remarkable. Whilst our thanks need to go to the fabulous P & C who organised the whole event, we must also thank the Barnier Community for the support in their donations and on the day. Every teacher who attended the Fete remarked on the atmosphere created by the crowds.
Barnier – you are simply amazing!
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)

Emailing Hotmail Accounts
Please be aware that teachers cannot send emails from their DET account to a Hotmail account. We have spoken to the DET help desk as it seems that this may be a problem that cannot be resolved. It does seem to only be a Hotmail issue and all other types of accounts (Gmail, Yahoo, etc.) should work.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

TIME CAPSULE
There is a time capsule on the grounds of Barnier. We were hoping to dig it up and open it at the fete, but unfortunately we were unable to find it. There have been a few ex-students who remember placing things in the capsule and have a vague idea of where it was. If you have any information as to its whereabouts, please let us know. We will find it!

Easter Poster Competition Winners
Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Poster Competition:
Charli (Kindergarten)
Chloe O (Year 1)
Clarissa & Bimashi (Year 2)
Hayden, Paige, Camilla (Year 3)
Teo & Aaron (Year 4)
Braith & Alex (Year 5)
Chris & Jordan (Year 6)

FETE WRAP UP
We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the Fete Committee and volunteers for making our fete such an AMAZING experience! The countless hours spent before, during and after the event is what made it such a huge success!

Thank you!

Kindergarten News
What a wonderful term we have had! Kindergarten students have been busy learning new letters and sounds on Letterland, counting and exploring ‘teen numbers’ and creating many colourful pieces of craft! Many fabulous friendships have been made, both with kindergarten peers and our buddies, and we are currently learning about how to be a BRAVE student on the playground.

We have had so many exciting days at Barnier Public School lately. We learnt how to respect and care for each other on Harmony Day and had lots of bunny-hopping fun at the Easter Hat Parade. We can’t wait for our colour-filled adventures on Rainbow Day and to entertain our parents during our CAPA Performances!
Canteen Catchup

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 the bag.
Just bring your bag to the canteen to collect ice block orders.
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

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Don’t forget our pay in advance card system especially good for the littlies. It also means mum and dad can stipulate what maybe 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 one up from your canteen lady or go on line and print one off.
Coming soon to your canteen

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Thanks for your support
Julie, Yvonne & Staff