Principal’s Message

New Classroom Design
We have been planning a new classroom design for next year. This design will be trialled in two rooms and will involve a different approach from our podded rooms Grades 3-6. As technology and classroom furniture have changed and advanced, it has allowed schools to be creative and to move away from traditional approaches in terms of classroom layout. It will feature flexible approaches to the delivery of teaching and learning and will enable teachers to respond to changing students' needs throughout the day. Also next year, we will commence our partnership with Microsoft who will be providing Training and Development for our staff. It should be an exciting year!

Staff Changes For 2015
There will be numerous changes to staffing for next year as a result of staff promotion, staff gaining permanent appointment, maternity leave and other personal reasons. Fortunately, we will have fantastic replacement teachers for 2015 and I am confident the wonderful delivery of the school curriculum will continue. Further details of these changes will be in a future newsletter.

Grounds Work
There will be work commencing on the school’s grounds in the coming weeks. This will involve concreting in different spots around the school and returfing damaged areas of the grass. We envisage that the extension to the COLA will occur next year and hopefully can negotiate for the relaying of the netball court as well.

Rod Gibbs
Principal

School Student Transport Scheme
Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel for students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2015. Some students may not be eligible due to living too close to school. Please check the eligible area map in the display board outside the Administration Office. New applications are available from the Administration Office. Please let the staff member know you are applying for 2015 when you submit the completed form. Completed forms are to be submitted by Friday 12 December.
On 17th November, the P&C held its AGM (Annual General Meeting) where our 2014 P&C Committee resigned and all positions were put forward for nomination. We would like to say a big thankyou to the hard working team of 2013/2014, comprising of President Denise Kegg, Vice Presidents Melissa Shields and Kerry Howe, Treasurer Kirsten Moon, and Secretary Ruth Sammons. We appreciate all the time and effort you have put in over the year to drive fundraising, and support our teachers, students and families to continue making our school the envy of all others.

**Introducing the 2014/2015 P&C Committee:**
- President—Denise Kegg
- Vice presidents—Melissa Shields and Deb Wicks
- Treasurer—Kirsten Moon
- Secretary—Ruth Sammons

**Looking back on 2014**

2014 started off with a bang with the P&C organised movie night. A fantastic night was had by all in attendance, and due to popularity the movie night will return in 2015.

Over the course of the year, many other events took place which showcased the wonderful community spirit found at Barnier Public School. The Easter Raffle, Easter Guessing Competition, Mothers Day Stall, Fathers Day Stall, Fathers Day breakfast, Summer Disco, Entertainment Books, Cross Country Sausage Sizzle, Cookie Drive, Camel Calendars, Bingo Night, Vending Machine (staff room), Kindergarten Transition Day Morning Tea, and the Kindergarten Tears and Tissues morning tea are all examples of the fantastic opportunities the P&C has organised to celebrate our community spirit and fundraise to help make our school a better place for our children to learn and play.

In addition, we are delighted to include Reading Cinemas, Athletes Foot and My Name Label as fundraising opportunities that run throughout the year. Information regarding how to redeem movie coupons, purchase shoes for all the family, and order labels for the new school year, can be found on the Barnier Public School website under the P&C tab:


**Thank You to all our volunteers:** these are the people who have supported the school by giving up their time helping with our events. We have had many P&C members, non P&C members, and teachers who have volunteered to give up their time to help at the various events, inside and outside the classroom, weekdays or weekends.

**Thank You to all our sponsors:** many of whom are Barnier families who have a business, or work for a business, that have been wonderful supporters of our school, either in monetary donations or products and services donated.

Finally, thank you to all Barnier families who supported the P&C run events this year.

**This year we raised in excess of $13,500!**

Money raised this year has paid for self awareness programs for our senior students, funds for our CAPA groups and PSSA teams, classroom readers, and readers for the reading support group. This year we have also continued to campaign for the COLA extension, and have recently begun campaigning for the resurfacing of our school netball court.

We hope all Barnier families enjoy their time together these holidays. We also wish the graduating year 6 students all the best for their years at high school. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday February 16th @ 7:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone Welcome. Parking available in school car park.