Principals’ Message

Ground Improvement
Currently we are undertaking several ground improvement programs. The footpath to the side of the school car park is being extended so that pram and wheelchair access is safer and easy. It will be retained and fenced on the car park side of the path with the same fencing as our security boundary fence. This will improve the security of this entry and exit point for our community. The fencing at the northern end of the netball court will also be extended so the path will be the only way to come and go at this part of the school and will avoid the slip hazard through the bush area. Also a garden has been built behind I block towards the bus bay to also make this area safer. Most of the money for these projects has been supplied by the Department. In the next couple of weeks all of the poles that are in our school will be painted to make them more visible to everyone.

P&C Movie Night
Congratulations to the P&C for a highly successful Movie Night. Special thanks to all who supported it. I know the P&C was thrilled with the response and how the night was organised. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people on the P&C and how they do everything with such good humour and teamwork. The school wouldn’t be the same without you!

School Enrolments
We currently have 854 students enrolled in the school. Barnier has become a very large school and this puts particular strain on many areas of the school not the least being space and teaching and learning resources. The school has grown considerably over the last few years. What is most pleasing is this growth has come from reputation as we don’t have any housing development within our boundaries. I am anticipating this growth to continue for the next two or three years as our smallest numbers are in the senior grades.

Rod Gibbs

CALENDAR

WEEK 10
Monday 31 March  Whole School Assembly - 1.55pm
Wednesday 2 April  Canberra Excursion Stage 3
Thursday 3 April  Canberra Excursion Stage 3
Friday 4 April  Canberra Excursion Stage 3

Summer PSSA

WEEK 11
Monday 7 April  School Photo Day
Wednesday 9 April  Cross Country
Friday 11 April  Easter Hat Parade

Term 2
WEEK 1
Tuesday 29 April  First Day Term 2
ANZAC Ceremony

WEEK 3
Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN Language and Writing
Wednesday 14 May  NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN Numeracy

CALENDAR – REGULAR ASSEMBLIES

ODD WEEKS
Wednesday  Stage 2 Assembly - 1.55pm

EVEN WEEKS
Wednesday  Stage 1 Assembly - 1.55pm
Thursday  Early Stage 1 Assembly - 1.55pm
Friday  Stage 3 Assembly - 1.55pm
White Awards
Liam S 3P
Isaac C 3/4C
Methody S 3M

Staff Car Park Safety
Yesterday afternoon in the staff car park, an accident was narrowly averted. This area is currently out of bounds to all pedestrians as it is a safety risk. We have posted notifications on the website, in the newsletter, on the electronic sign and there are numerous signs on the gates themselves but parents are ignoring these and walking their children through the staff car park. If this continues, it is a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

The school was audited last year and the pedestrian access through the staff car park was flagged as a major safety risk. As a result, construction is underway to build a safe path for our community to use without any risk of harm. Until this is completed, this area is not accessible for pedestrians.

For the safety of your children, PLEASE use one of the other 3 entry/exit points located around the school.

Thank you
Sharon Moon

ANZAC Day Service
You are invited to attend the Barnier Public School ANZAC Day Service to honour and remember the courageous sacrifice of those who served our country in war and conflict.

During the service, class representatives will place flowers under the flags as a symbol of remembrance.

All students are encouraged to bring in flowers on the day to place at the Lone Pine tree outside E Block as a sign of respect.

When: Tuesday, 29th April 2014
Where: Barnier Public School COLA
Time: 11:10 am

Borrowing will continue until the end of Term 1. Students will be allowed to borrow books for the holiday period. Please ensure that books are taken care of when taken on holidays. All books borrowed during Week 11 will be due Term 2 Week 1.

Overdue reminders will be sent home with students during Week 10.

Book Club Issues 1 and 2 orders have been distributed to students. If you have any concerns about your order please contact the library as soon as possible, or email tamara.hopkins@det.nsw.edu.au

Book Club Issue 3 brochures will be sent home at the start of Term 3. If there are parents or guardians who would like orders to be reserved for collection – please indicate your preference on the order form with your contact details. You will be notified when the order arrives.

Premier’s Reading Challenge opened online as of March 3rd. A note has been sent home with information about PRC or is available on our Barnier website. PRC finishes at the end of August.

Congratulations to our 30 Stage 2 and Stage 3 students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge already! They will be the first of 100 students to receive a NEW BOOK from the library as a reward during Week 11.
Sport Update

Zone PSSA
On Friday 7th of May were the Zone PSSA trials for Rugby League. Out of the students that attended the trials we had 1 student who was selected to represent Blacktown in the Opens Rugby League team. Congratulations Dane (6V) we look forward to hearing about your achievements throughout the year.

Alex (6V) was selected to represent Barnier at the Sydney West Boys Football Champions. This takes place on Monday 31st March. Good Luck Alex and well done on making the team.

James (6V) was selected to trial for the Eastern Division Touch Team. This took place on the 19th of March. Good luck James.

Holly (5D) was selected for the Eastern Division Touch Team. Congratulations Holly on making the team, we look forward to hearing about your progress.

Girls Soccer Gala Day
In Week 7, a group of fantastic girls represented Barnier PS at a Zone soccer Gala Day at Marayong Park. The day was full of big tackles, kicks and goals which led to some great wins and a place in the semi-finals. In the semi’s had a tight nil-all-draw with Hambledon, which unfortunately resulted in us being eliminated.

Thanks to all the parents who helped transport and support Barnier on the day. I was very impressed with the level of sportsmanship and teamwork shown by girls. Well done and hopefully there are more fun Soccer Gala Days ahead!

Holly (5D), Ally (5D) and Moana (6B) were selected from our team to trial for the Sydney West Girls Football team on 1st April. Good Luck girls we look forward to hearing about you your success.

Swimming
On Thursday 20th of March, 18 Barnier students competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre. They represented Blacktown with other schools within our region. They all swam their best and were great supports for their team mates. Congratulations to every swimmer on such an achievement.

Band
We have been thrilled to see the dedication and progress of Band members at Barnier this term. Students have been attending tutoring lessons and Band rehearsals each week and have amazed us with their passion and enthusiasm towards music. A “Term 2 Band Information Sheet” will be available on our school website in Week 11, the last week of school. This will contain everything you need to know about your child joining or continuing Band in Term 2.

Miss Mendel & Miss Davis
P&C News

Email: barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 19th @ 7:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone welcome. Parking available in school car park.

President: Denise Kegg; Vice Presidents/Fundraising Coordinators: Mel Shields & Kerry Howe; Treasurer: Kirsten Moon; Secretary: Ruth Sammons

We are always looking for volunteers that can donate some of their time to help out, or businesses that would like to donate prizes, to assist our fundraising efforts. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the P&C via email. The P&C committee thanks you for your ongoing support.

Barnier P&C Facebook page

The P&C has created an INFORMATION ONLY Facebook page, which will provide our community with details on P&C news and fundraising activities only. If you would like information about any of the P&C activities or would have any suggestions for the future, please contact us on the email above. Please keep up to date on P&C happenings on https://www.facebook.com/barnierpandc

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are here! There are a variety of books on offer, including ‘Sydney North’, ‘Sydney & Sydney North’, and ‘Sydney & Greater West’. If you are interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book, please contact the P&C via email or you can order online at http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/

Cross Country BBQ

The P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle luncheon at the Cross Country Carnival on Wed 9th April. A note was sent home in week 8 to order your lunch. Orders must be in by 3rd April. All parent and sibling lunch orders must be ordered on your child’s form, and the food will be available from your youngest or only child’s class on the day. Sausage sandwiches are $3.50, vegetarian sausage sandwiches are $4, and poppas are $1. We will also have a limited number of bacon and egg sandwiches on sale for $4. We would love volunteers to help anywhere between 9:00am and 2pm on the day. If you can help out please complete the volunteer section of the note or contact the P&C via email.

Easter Raffle & Guessing Competition

The P&C will be holding the annual Easter Raffle at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April. A note for the Easter extravaganza was sent home in week 9 with raffle tickets attached which can be purchased for 50 cents each, 6 for $2.50, or 12 for $5! Raffle tickets will also be sold at the Easter hat parade.

Your donations of Easter eggs and baskets for this year’s Easter raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please leave all donations in the yellow P&C tub in the office foyer.

This year we will also be holding an Easter guessing competition for all our students! The P&C will be visiting your class on Tuesday of week 10 to show you the prize jar and collect your entries. Entries will cost 20 cents per guess.

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C will once again be holding its annual Mothers’ Day Stall. Students will be allowed to purchase a small gift of their choice that they can give to their mum on Mothers’ Day. It will be held on Thursday 8th May and all gifts will cost $5.00. A note for the Mother’s Day stall will be distributed to families prior to the event.

Reading Cinema Coupons

Anytime you purchase movie tickets at Reading Cinema, please remember to give the cashier one of the Barnier Public School Reading Cinema coupons. For 10 movie tickets sold, we receive 1 free movie ticket that we can use as prizes in one of our fundraising activities. Please download a copy of the coupons from the school website http://www.barnier-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes/all-students-k-6