Principals’ Message
One Size Fits All - Or Does It???
Traditionally schools have been based on an Industrial Age model of education, that is a machine-like model where “one size fits all.” Where the curriculum was narrowed into a hierarchy of subjects, some considered more important than others. Where the system suited some students and not others. Where the talents of students who didn’t fit the system weren’t recognised. Those students who did not learn at the pace of the assembly line either fell off or where forced to struggle to keep pace. This created uniformity of product and processes as norm, naively assuming all children learn in the same way, at the same rate and should be fostered to achieve the same educational goals as each other.

What this system doesn’t recognise is the uniqueness of us all as human beings. The starting premise should be, that we all have great natural abilities and talents and they should be developed and encouraged. That is, education has to cover some common ground for everyone. Yes, Literacy and the Sciences are vitally important but equally so are the Humanities, the Arts and physical activities. It’s about cultivating individual passions and talents and energising students so their latent abilities are allowed to flourish, it’s an entitlement.

The history of the world is filled with stories of individuals who later became famous but weren’t suited or recognised by the Industrial Age education system. Albert Einstein failed at school, Winston Churchill struggled also. Paul McCartney (The Beatles) went to school in Liverpool, England and went through the whole of his education and no-one recognised his musical talent. In the same class, was the lead guitarist of the Beatles, George Harrison and he went through the school as well and nobody saw his potential. So in the one class, you had half of the Beatles and everyone missed it because the system was rigid and inflexible.
Here’s the thing, talent is often buried very deep. It’s not lying around on the surface all the time and over the years many students have been marginalised because of this. Education should work with students to pursue their own particular talents and passion or frequently these abilities become hidden and inhibited as we grow older, and are lost to us all.

**Path and Poles**
The path leading down through the car park is now functioning. This has made this entrance and exit from the school more safe and accessible. It has been a considerable outlay of money from the Department and I would encourage everyone to make use of it. No-one should be walking through the boom-gate area as this is a heavy traffic zone most of the day.

We have employed a painter to paint all of the poles around the school so they are more visible. There are about 150 poles to paint so it is quite a big job. It will be completed this weekend.

Rod Gibbs

**Sport Update**
Welcome back to what will be another busy and exciting term of Sport. Here are a few reminders for sport events coming up in Term 2.

**Week 1** – Friday 2nd May Winter PSSA Trials – All permission slips should have been returned. Information for the students will be passed on through their teachers.

**Week 2** – Thursday 8th May Cross Country Carnival – A new permission note is being sent home. Please return to your teachers ASAP.

**Week 4** – Friday 23rd May Winter PSSA Starts (Weather dependent).

**Week 5** – Wednesday 28th May Zone Cross Country

We look forward to a fun term and will provide more information closer to the event!

**Your Library**
Welcome back to the Barnier Bookshelf!

This is just a little reminder that the Library Information note is available on the Barnier website if you need to read over it once again. It may help answer any questions you have!

During Term 2 the students will be enjoying a series of library lessons which will focus on different topic areas: These include:

- **Early Stage 1 – Story Books** – The students will be reading a selection of Junior Fiction titles with an emphasis on vocabulary and comprehension.
- **Stage 1 & Stage 2 – A Trip around the World** – The students will learn about famous landmarks found in several countries and learn to locate corresponding books from the Non Fiction section. The SENTEOs will be used as a form of quizzing and assessing the students.
- **Stage 3** – Research skills using Reference books including Encyclopaedias, Atlases, Street Directories and Dictionaries. The SENTEOs will be used as a form of quizzing and assessing the students.
- **Year 6** will begin preparation for their Story Fiesta presentation from Week 6 this term. This will give the students plenty of time to prepare for Book Week (Week 5 Term 3) when they will present a story to the students at Barnier.

- Library borrowing began during Week 1. All students must bring their library bag to borrow.
- All overdue items need to be returned or paid for before borrowing this term. Please check with the library if you have concerns.
- Book Club Issue 3 has been sent home to all families. Issue 3 is due Tuesday 20th May – Week 4. Please leave your orders in the Red Book Club Box in the Library entrance.
- Book Club due dates will always be displayed in the library window, on the Red Book Club box and also on Twitter. For information on how to complete the order forms please download the note from the Barnier website.
- Congratulations to those 52 students from Years 3-6 who have already completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge and received their book prize! The next 48 students to complete the challenge will still be eligible to receive a book prize! Please hand your completed and signed student reading log to Mrs Hopkins or Mrs Wolff in the Library. Remember, you have until August to complete the challenge!
A QUAKERS Hill High School mentoring program is demystifying the high school experience for Barnier Public School pupils.

It is the first time Prosperitas, a program which allows high school students to complete an extended project on the topic of their choice with a teacher’s guidance, has matched year 6 pupils with a student mentor from years 8 to 10.

Barnier’s Deputy Principal Craig Warner said pupils could access their mentors through school online collaborative network Edmodo, when they were not meeting face-to-face.

"They’re able to provide feedback to our students, who are comfortable uploading different information and drafts of what they have completed.

"They gain all those 21st century learning skills of analysing and creating, peer assessment and peer feedback.

"While the mentors and teachers are guiding them, they’re taking responsibility for their learning, setting targets and goals along the way. It’s a very fluid project."

The pupils’ projects span film, sport, soccer, history, wood carving, mythology, art and writing.

Quakers Hill High School's primary school transition co-ordinator Melissa Lachevre said the program had helped build the leadership capacity of students and promote self-directed learning.

"We've got quite a few budding novelists," she said.

"They’re quite ambitious and they’re very excited."

The projects will be displayed at the schools in August.

Canteen Catchup

Hi everyone, welcome back.

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.

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 to help us encourage the children to order their lunch, as we only have a limited amount of spare available.

We have some super-duper meal deals available.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY ONLY
3 sp-roll, corn cob, popper, sml popcorn $3.50
Meatball + wedges, rope, quench drink $4.00
Soup of the day, ½ garlic bread, milk $4.50
EVERY DAY
Spag bol OR fried rice, mami noodle snack, quelch stick $4

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.

New Item: chicken & corn roll $2.00.

EFTPOS is available at the canteen.

Thanks for your support.

Julie, Yvonne and Staff

Uniform Shop

Winter stock is now available - fleecy jackets $34, jumpers $26 and tracksuit pants $26.

The Uniform Shop hours are Monday 2:00-3:00pm and Thursday 8:15-9:15am. Order forms downloaded from the school website can also be handed in to the Administration Office for processing.

Thank you for supporting our EFTPOS only policy.

Limited stock available in our half priced polo shirts (superseded material) sizes 12, 14 and 16 (long sleeved $16 and short sleeved $14).
P&C News

Email: barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au

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

Welcome back to Term 2 2014! The P&C would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we raise money to provide additional classroom and school resources for our children. In Term 1 we raised more than $6,500 from the Movie Night, $1,300 from the Easter raffle, and $100 from the Easter guessing competition!

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/

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

Cross Country BBQ
The P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle luncheon at the postponed Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 8th May. All orders received by the due date of 3rd April have been accounted for. All parent and non-school sibling lunch orders will be available from your youngest or only child’s class on the day. Looking forward to a fun-filled day!

Mother’s 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 Wednesday 7th May and all gifts will cost $5.00.

Book sale
We have had a large number of books donated to our P&C by a local supplier. We would like to offer you all the opportunity to purchase these brand new books at a discounted price on Friday 9th May in the COLA, prior to school until recess. There are a range of books for different ages at a variety of prices. In addition, we have received a number of DVDs and CDs that are also available for purchase.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Back by Popular Demand - Billy G Gourmet Cookie Dough! Order forms coming soon. Orders due 2nd June. Delivery Week 10 ready for school holiday cooking!