Principal’s Message

2015 Projection
We are probably looking at locating and installing two new demountables for 2015. One can be placed alongside 1A room but a decision will have to made about the second one. Our anticipated enrolment for 2015 is approximately 900 students and we will probably continue to grow for a couple of years more. When you consider we take in no demographic growth areas like The Ponds it is quite remarkable.

Our new turf has taken quite well but we will need to nurture it for a while longer. Barnier Park is looking quite bare and it may need returfing as well in the future.

Strategic Plan 2015-2017
The teaching staff are currently working on the new School Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the school’s direction for the next three years. It involves developing a shared vision surrounding teaching and learning and incorporating the new NSW Syllabus’ and innovative teaching approaches. This is quite an involved and lengthy process but it will be completed by the end of the year ready for implementation in 2015.

School Disco
We are looking forward to the P&C Disco in Week 3 of next term. We are really fortunate to have such hard working P&C parents who do such fabulous things for our students and our staff. The school would look quite different without all the effort they put into our school.

Rod Gibbs

Principal’s Awards
Tanishq A is a delightful student who consistently works hard to meet his learning goals. He always has a smile on his face and his curiosity towards learning is to be commended. Tanishq is a valued classmate for his kind, patient and mentoring nature. He is a keen athlete who always demonstrates fair sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Tanishq can be relied upon to lead any class activity and he adds a sparkle of fun into every day. He is a very deserving recipient of the Principal’s award.

CALENDAR

WEEK 8
Monday 1 September  Stage 2 Cosmodome Incursion
Tuesday 2 September  Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 3 September  Kindergarten Farm Excursion
Writers’ Camp (through Friday 5 Sep.)
Thursday 4 September  P&C Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Stall
Stage 2 Cosmodome Incursion

WEEK 9
Monday 8 September  Group Photos
Tuesday 9 September  Blacktown Music Festival Evening
Performance
Thursday 11 September  Hire-a-helper Year 6 Fundraiser

WEEK 10
Monday 15 September  Fruit and Veg Week
Whole School Assembly 1.55pm
Wednesday 17 September  Clean Up Barnier - Kinder & Stage 3
Thursday 4 September  Clean Up Barnier - Stage 1 & Stage 2

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
Chelsea P 6V
Georgia P 6S
Tanishq A 6S
Siddak K 5S
Lauren C 5S
Hetty F 1J
Joshua G 1J
Charli X 1J
Emily Q 1J
Thinara S 1K
Chenuth G 1K
Lachlan S 1K
Emma B 1K
Lachlan S 1R
Jake T 1A
Rahmon H 2H

Sport Update
PSSA
Due to continued poor weather, the PSSA Winter Grand Finals have now been cancelled. All Grand Final teams will be recognised as Joint Premiers for Winter 2014.

Zone Athletics
This week is the Zone Athletics Carnival; we have 45 students representing Barnier Public School. We wish you Good Luck and look forward to hearing your results.

Ribbons Assembly
The Athletics Carnival ribbons will be presented at the whole school assembly in Week 10 at 1:55pm. The winning house will be announced on the day as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

“Say Cheese”

BPS Sport and Group Photos 2014
Sport and Group Photographs will be taken at the school on Monday 8th September, 2014.

Special Group photos that will be photographed on the day include: Year 6 Cohort, Years 2-6 School Choir, Library Monitors, Year 1-2 Dance Group, Zone Swimming, Zone Cross Country, Zone Athletics, SRC, Senior Dance Group, Junior AFL, Senior AFL, Senior Rugby League, Junior Rugby League, Year 5&6 Debating Team, Junior Girls T-Ball, Junior Boys T-Ball, Junior A Netball, Junior B Netball, Senior A Netball and Senior B Netball.

If your child is involved in one or more of these group photos you will have the opportunity to purchase them after photo day. Students will be given an order form on the day where you can pay for any photograph your child is in. The cost of each photo is $15. Money will need to be sent to the school office via your child’s teacher.

Spare order forms will be available in the office foyer after photo day if required. If you require multiple orders, you are able to place them in the one envelope or in separate envelopes clearly labelled. For example “Mum’s Order” or “Dad’s order”.

Please note that all late fees will incur a late/search fee of $20.00 per order so remember to bring in your order envelopes with correct payment no later than Monday 15th September, 2014! The school cannot accept any late orders as they should be ordered directly through MSP Photographs.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to our 589 Barnier students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year.

115 students from Years 3-6 have been rewarded with a Book prize for being the first 115 to get their completed records in to the library teachers!

We have amazing students at Barnier who really do value their reading and have put a great amount of effort into committing to their reading achievement. Well Done!

The PRC Certificates will be handed out at the end of the year with the Semester 2 School Reports.

Book Club
Book Club Issue 7 will be the next issue of Book Club to be handed out to our families at the start of next term.

We are very sorry if you were anticipating the delivery of Issue 6. Please accept our apologies.
2015 Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are currently being accepted and processed.

If your child is turning 5 by July 31st 2015 and you live within the school’s designated catchment area, they are eligible to enrol.

Enrolment packs are currently available from the school administration office.

Please refer to the school’s enrolment policies published on our website for additional information.

Non-local applications are available for siblings of Barnier students, currently enrolled. Please collect an Application for Non-Local Primary School Enrolment form from the administration office.

Calling for Volunteers - we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help. School Banking day is TUESDAY. If you have any time on a Tuesday morning we would love your help regardless of whether it is once a week, once a fortnight or once a month. The program requires volunteers to help process the student’s bank books. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the section below and returning it to the school office or email Tracy Leys on jtleys@bigpond.com

Mentors help pupils to achieve goals

By Jade Wittmann

BARNIER Public School pupils turned out art, writing, woodwork and a whole business in the six months they received mentorship through Quakers Hill High School’s Prosperitas program for the first time.

Each of the 12 year 6 pupils involved was helped through a self-directed project by a student from the high school whose interests or skills matched their chosen topic.

Zoe Morgan, 11, created a business and website to support her horse magazine Everything Equine.

“Sometimes trying to put all of the information I’d found into one page of the magazine was challenging,” she said.

“I did a few interviews for my magazine with people who were related to horses or animals and put a few tips in there and advertised businesses that sell horse products.”

Zoe’s year 10 mentor Sally Husking provided her with advice in person and through Edmodo, an education-based social network.

She learnt a lot through the process.

“It was interesting,” she said.

“Zoe definitely taught me a lot about in-depth business things that you wouldn’t normally think of.”

Grace Luckman, 11, made a short film about a girl on a farm who discovers her dream after her family have died.

“My favourite part of the project was probably filming and discovering how to put a movie together,” she said.

“The challenges were to make sure my actors knew their script, that every single scene was filmed with the correct amount of characters, and then editing on time.”

Prosperitas co-ordinator Bronwyn Tweedale said the program encouraged critical thinking and other skills.

“For our students it was very much about the mentoring but also honing their own skills by guiding a younger student through it,” she said.

Blacktown Sun, Wednesday 21st August
P&C News
Email: barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au
NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th September @ 7:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Parking is available in the school car park.

Fathers’ Day Stall & Fathers’ Day Breakfast BBQ!
On Thursday September 4th, we will have our annual much-loved **FREE Fathers’ Day Breakfast BBQ**! Dads and Grandfathers are invited to join their children for **breakfast from 7am in the COLA**.

Come along, meet their friends and teacher, and enjoy one of the famous P&C sausage sandwiches with a nice hot beverage!

Later in the day, after the dads have gone to work, we will be holding our first ever **Fathers’ Day Stall**—just like our Mothers’ Day stall! There will be a range of items available for our children to purchase a special gift for $5 to show their dads how much they love them!

Donations for the Bingo Night Term 4
The P&C are looking for any donations for prizes for the upcoming family fun Bingo night in Term 4. We would love donations for both adults and children prizes please!

If you are a small business owner or work for a company that would love to promote their business, donating prizes or providing sponsorship will provide your business with exposure to a school with 600+ families!

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the P&C on the email address above.

FYI: School Netball Courts
The school has approached the Department of Education for a grant to help repair our damaged netball courts near Barnier Park. Unfortunately, the application was not successful. The P&C will be supporting the school by writing to the Department of Education regarding the state of the courts which is a health and safety issue.

Postponed Walkathon
The Walkathon to be held on Thursday September 18th has been postponed until 2015 due to a large number of events that have been organized during term 3.

More information will be made available soon.