Uniform Shop

New Streamlined Ordering System
Effective Term 2 Week 2 2015, Barnier Public School will introduce a new streamlined Uniform Shop ordering system. The school understands that some of our busy parent/guardians may have found it difficult to get to the Uniform Shop during set opening hours and many are looking for an easier way to order and pay for uniforms. Orders can be placed at a time convenient to you and parents/guardians and students will no longer need to queue for items that do not require fitting at the Uniform Shop.

How to Order
Order forms can be downloaded from our website or you can collect a copy from the Administration Office foyer.

Completed order forms can be submitted by the following methods:
Email to barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au;
Fax to 9837 1858;
Drop into the box provided into the Administration Office foyer.

We accept EFTPOS and Credit Card payments only. Please include your card details in the payment section of the order form.

Orders submitted on:
Wednesday to Thursday will be delivered to your child’s classroom the following Monday;
Friday to Tuesday will be delivered to your child’s classroom the following Thursday.

New Enrolments
If you are a new family commencing at Barnier, we will continue to open the Uniform Shop for fittings for new enrolments by appointment.

We envisage that this new ordering system will make it a more convenient process in purchasing uniforms for our parents/guardians.
**P&C News**

Email: barnierpandc@hotmail.com.au

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

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**Welcome back from the P&C!**

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a fun-filled and exciting 2015!

Your P&C committee:

Denise Kegg—President  
Mel Shields—Vice President  
Deb Wicks—Vice President  
Kirsten Moon—Treasurer  
Ruth Sammons—Secretary

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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...**

**Movie Night**

**Friday 20th March**

*Come along and join in the fun!*

- Disco and bubble machine
- Famous P&C BBQ available (so give the cook the night off)
- Candy and Popcorn bars
- Snow Cones and Fairy Floss
- Kids corner—fun and games including face painting for small change cost.
- Best dressed competition
- Raffle with amazing Prizes
- BYO Blanket (limited Chair Spots Available)

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**Tickets on sale 6th February - 13th March.**

**Children $5.00  Adults $8.00**

Limited tickets available, so ....“don’t wait till the last minute”!

*No tickets can be sold after this date and tickets will NOT be available at the gate.*

*All tickets purchased before 22nd February will go in the draw for free double movie passes.*

*All Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.*

Gates Open at 5pm and Film Starts 7.30 approx. (dark permitting)

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**Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The P&C will be holding a second hand uniform sale on **Thursday 19th February** from 8:15am.

If you have any old uniforms you would like to donate to the uniform shop, please hand them to a P&C committee member in the P&C room (opposite the office) or leave them in the yellow P&C tub in the office foyer.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:

1. in school or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

If Principals don’t consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

**YES.** It is a condition of enrolment that you send your child to school every day.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (eg a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child's hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Translated information about head lice and how to treat them can be found at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.htm

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child doesn’t learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.
Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school.

Depending on the circumstances and how long the leave will be, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?

YES. Sport and other physical activities help to keep your children healthy. Children are expected to attend all regular school activities, including sport.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:

- birthdays
- shopping
- minding other children
- routine check ups or care such as hair cuts
- minor family events
- sleeping in.

Medical and other health appointments for your child should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absentee notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department’s website under the heading School Attendance (School Attendance) at


The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school.

The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?

Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child’s attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website address:


Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

- won’t get out of bed
- won’t go to bed
- can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
- school lunches not ready
- slow to eat breakfast
- homework not done
- watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- test or presentation at school
- birthdays
- screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting / ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided where possible for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents and carers who use sign language. For more information on interpreter services contact your school or phone the Telephone Interpreter Service and have them contact the school. The telephone number to ring is 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in the required language and the interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.