### CALENDAR

#### WEEK 6
- **Mon 29 February**: National Young Leaders
- **Wed 2 March**: Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
  - Second Hand Uniform Stall
  - Auskick – Paterson Reserve after school
- **Fri 4 March**: Summer PSSA Round 2

#### WEEK 7
- **Wed 9 March**: Auskick – Paterson Reserve after school
- **Thurs 10 March**: Selective High School Placement Test
- **Fri 11 March**: Summer PSSA Round 3

#### WEEK 8
- **Mon 14 March**: Stage 2 Cosmodome Incursion
  - P&C Easter Guessing Competition until 16 March
- **Wed 16 March**: Year 6 Fundraiser – Games Day
  - Auskick – Paterson Reserve after school
- **Thurs 17 March**: Stage 2 Cosmodome Incursion
  - 8:30-9:30am Prosperitus at QHHS
- **Fri 18 March**: Summer PSSA Round 4

### REGULAR ASSEMBLIES

Please check term calendar

#### ODD WEEKS
- **Wed**: Stage 1 Assembly - 1.55pm
- **Fri**: Stage 2 Assembly - 1.55pm

#### EVEN WEEKS
- **Wed**: Early Stage 1 Assembly - 1.55pm
- **Fri**: Stage 3 Assembly - 1.55pm
First Term is now well underway and routines and classroom procedures are now all up and running. I would like to thank all of the parents who made it to our annual meet the teacher evenings and also the teachers for giving up their time. It is a great way to open up communication with families and we appreciate your participation. Below are just a few updates and reminders:

**Oval**

We are very excited to announce that some foundation work will begin on the artificial turfing of the oval next week. At the moment we are hoping to officially start procedures in Week 11 this term. All going well and weather permitting, we hope that the back oval will only be out of action for 1 week (plus the school holidays). During this time we will be putting alternate play areas in place according to stage groups to ensure student safety. Teachers will communicate this to the children so they are aware of their areas for play.

Once again, we appreciate your support during this time while we upgrade our facilities to benefit the students. We again want to thank the P&C for their thoughtful deliberation, fundraising and support over the past few months during the planning of this project. We trust it will be a long needed sustainable solution to the ongoing degeneration of our oval.

**Attendance**

This is a friendly reminder that punctuality is so important during the primary school years. Research indicates that lateness to school, even by a couple of minutes, leads to truancy in high school. The habit of arriving to school on time and an understanding of the importance of being punctual, continue into adulthood. Being a couple of minutes late puts children on the back foot for the day. They also miss vital information and find themselves trying to catch up on learning.

**Student absence:** If your child is absent from school (or late to school), please send a note, email or telephone the school/teacher within 7 days to explain the absence. The class roll is a legal document and while it may seem ‘nosey’, teachers are required to record the reason for an absence as per the guidelines from the Department of Education (DoE). Unjustified or unexplained absences are followed up to ensure students develop regular and punctual attendance habits.

**Family holidays during school time:** If you are lucky enough to find yourself going on a trip with your family or request an extended period of leave from school, please contact your child’s class teacher or the office prior to departure to collect an exemption certificate. This is a legal document signed by the principal, indicating the reason your child is not in school and should be produced by you should you be approached by authorities questioning your child’s reason for not being in school (yes, this happens)
Congratulations to the following students who were successful in auditioning for the 2016 Barnier Gleeks Choral group. These children will be performing at the Blacktown Festival Performing Arts night as well a variety of school events.

The choir will be rehearsing every Thursday lunch time after eating time.

Mrs Marks will be conducting the choir with the assistance of Mrs Green.

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DEBATING

every wednesday @ lunch in 6M with

Mrs Marks and Miss Egic

Congratulations to the selected Stage 3 students who made it into Barnier Public School Debating 2016

Year 5
Dulya
Tahlia
Bimashi
Ajaydeep

Year 6
Alexis
Anika
Ishaan
Tuianinimo

keep calm and debate
FROM THE LIBRARY...

This year there will be three teacher librarians in the library. Mrs Baldwin (Mon & Tues), Mrs Gross (Wed) and Mrs Colyer (Wed-Fri).

Teacher Librarians are the school’s information and resource specialists, with professional qualifications in Primary Education and Teacher Librarianship. The Teacher Librarian works with students, teachers and parents to support learning in the classroom, at home, and for further education. You are welcome to visit before or after school, or arrange a time to see one of us.

The school library is open for students every lunch time. Kindy – Yr2 1st half lunch and Yr3 – Yr6 2nd half lunch. The library offers children an alternate lunch area where they can borrow or read books, conduct research, play quiet games and use the technology available in the library.

CLASS LIBRARY TIME
All classes will visit the library once a week during the RFF rotation. During this time students will engage in Inquiry Based Learning or literature based lessons, and borrow from the library. The sessions are 40 minutes.

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STUDENT BORROWING
All books are borrowed to students for a maximum of 2 weeks. Loans can be extended if books are brought back to the library for renewal. Students are encouraged to borrow at least one book per week. However, students will be unable to borrow if they have overdue books outstanding on their account from 2015.

Please encourage good habits with your children and practice looking after library books while they are at home. If a book is damaged or lost, please see Mrs Colyer in the library.

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The Crunch & Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

Crunch & Sip is a set break to eat fruit, salad or vegetables and to drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students bring fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom at a set time. Each child has a small clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

The objectives of the Crunch & Sip break are to:
- increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit or vegetables and drinking water every day
- enable students, teachers and staff to eat fruit or vegetables during an allocated Crunch & Sip break in the classroom
- encourage students, teachers and staff to drink water throughout the day in the classroom, during break times and at sports, excursions and camps
- encourage parents to provide students with fruit or vegetables every day
- develop strategies to help students who don’t have regular access to fruit and vegetables

**CRUNCH:**
Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with strawberries, a mandarin or banana

**OR**
Canned fruit in natural juice with a spoon

**OR**
Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas

**AND SIP:**
A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

**It’s a simple way to stay healthy every day!**
REGISTER NOW!

Barnier Public School AFL Auskick Centre - After School (Paterson Reserve)
Each Wednesday starting 2nd March – 23rd March from 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Each child will receive:

4 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS* to:
GWS GIANTS v Hawthorn at Spotless Stadium,
Saturday 10th April, 4.35pm

*Auskick Lunch Pack
includes:
- AFL Sherrin Football
- Footy Cards
- Height Chart
- and much more!

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only $40!
To register visit www.AFL-AUSKICK.com.au and enter your postcode then click on 'Barnier AFL Auskick Centre - After School' or register in person at the first session. Payment via cash or cheque is also accepted.

For more information contact: Matthew Mich on 8667 7410 Email: Matthew.Mich@affinswact.com.au

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BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL
**P&C News**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday March 21st 2016 @ 7:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone Welcome. Parking available in school car park. ALL enquiries regarding P&C events MUST be directed to the P&C contact details above. The school office does not have all information regarding P&C events.

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**Second Hand Uniform Donations**

Each term, the P&C holds a **second hand uniform stall in the COLA**. We are running low on many popular sizes and styles, so **please consider donating any uniforms** that do not fit anymore to the clothing pool. All money raised will go directly to the P&C, which in turn is used to improve our childrens' schooling. **Donated uniforms** can be left in the yellow P&C bucket located in the office foyer or drop them off at the P&C room.

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**Easter Raffle and Guessing Competition!**

The P&C are excited to announce the **Easter Raffle** will be held again this year at the Easter Hat Parade!

We are asking for **donations of Easter eggs, Easter present bags, and baskets for the raffle**, which will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on Thursday 24th March. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. **All donations can be left in the yellow P&C bucket in the office foyer**.

**Raffle tickets** have been sent home, and can be **purchased for 50 cents each, 6 for $2.50, or 12 for $5!** All raffle tickets and money MUST be returned to the class teacher in a **SEPARATE ENVELOPE** marked ‘P&C Easter Raffle’ by Thursday 17th March. The school office does not process P&C related payments, and so all school and P&C money must be kept separate. **All items for the P&C handed in to class teachers will be given to the P&C for processing.** Tickets for the Easter raffle will **also be sold at the Easter Hat parade.**

We will also be holding the **Easter guessing competition** for all our students! Entry is only **20 cents per guess**! Students can have up to **5 chances to guess** (totalling $1). Try to guess the number of Easter eggs in the jar to win the Easter egg filled jar! The P&C will be visiting your class between **Monday 21st March and Wednesday 23rd March** to show you the prize and collect your entries. Don’t forget to bring in your money for the chance to win!

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**Look at the amazing COLA!!**

The P&C are proud to say that the **COLA extension is complete!** This project, years in the making, has been a labour of love, begun by the 2012 P&C committee and members, the Fete committee, our Principal Rod Gibbs, and our wonderful staff. Without the support of all the families in our community, we would not have achieved this goal. Thank you to all involved, to all the families that supported all of the P&C events over the past few years, to help make this dream a reality.

We hope all the students enjoy the additional shade from the sun and protection from the rain the extension provides!

As you can see in the photo from the whole school assembly that took place in Week 5, it’s fantastic that all the students, teachers and parents fit comfortably underneath!

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**NEXT BIG PROJECT:**

Let’s work together this year to raise the much needed funds to fix our school oval! Watch this space for more to come on this amazing new project!
Welcome back to what is starting out as another exciting year. The Barnier Public School P&C Association will, during the year, set objectives and goals which will be determined by its members. The executive committee that were elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will lead the association by liaising with the school to ensure the goals are met.

Members of the association work together as a team to give all the students at Barnier better opportunities in all facets of their primary school life. This is done by providing a forum to promote communication and co-operation between the school and its community, as well as providing additional resources through fundraising activities. The P&C have already had their first meeting for the year and we were very excited to see some new faces join the association. We would like to invite all members of the Barnier community to be a part of the association and all the exciting things we will achieve in 2016.

Over the last few years we have been very well supported by the Barnier community in the events we have run. This has allowed us to purchase many things to enhance the quality of the education and school life that all Barnier students enjoy. Some of these include shade sails; house-coloured marquees; class readers for all years; technology equipment; sporting, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), and school band uniforms and equipment; synthetic grass in the Kindy passive area; external personal programs for students; and air-conditioning for classrooms.

In recent years, we have been working extremely hard to help fund two projects that have been desperately needed due to our increasing student numbers. This was the replacement of the damaged netball court for a hard surface mutli-game court area, which was completed in mid-2015. This year we have seen the completion of a project that was started in 2012 by the 21st birthday fete committee - the extension to the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) roof.

Last year, the BPS P&C Association asked the school community what the next BIG project was – to fix the worn and damaged school oval. This year, one of the association’s goals is to raise enough money to co-fund this project with the school. It is another big project, but we have been extremely lucky to have been selected as a recipient of a community grant worth $50,000. The P&C applied for this grant in 2015, with approval given by Kevin Connolly for its use on repairing the oval. This is a major boost that will allow the project to start earlier than anticipated.

This year is looking to be a very exciting one and we would like to invite you all to be a part of it. Many of our current members will be leaving the school in the next few years. We would like to invite parents/caregivers of the younger students to come and be a part of the decision making process, as it will be your school for many years, and you should have a say in how and why things are done.

If you would like to find out more but cannot make the night meetings, we are going to trial holding informal meetings in the morning after the bell to discuss with a wider cross section of the community what is happening and find out what is important to YOU.

Thank You.
Denise Kegg,
BPS P&C President.
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