



# NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message



This is the last newsletter for Term 2 and Semester 1. We have had a wonderful 2019 so far, full of exciting events, wonderful achievements and joyful moments as a school community. I thank everyone, students, staff and parents, for the wonderful contribution they have made to the positive culture of our school.

Special events this semester have included: The Premier's Debating Challenge, fantastic professional learning opportunities for our staff, positive and productive P&C meetings and events, wonderful school assemblies, our swimming and cross country carnivals with many students representing Barnier beautifully at district and zone events, many opportunities for our students to participate in extension and enrichment activities both within and outside our school, our Easter Hat Parade, wonderful excursions, participation in Sport in Schools as well as PSSA competitions with students selected for zone and state teams,

leadership development opportunities for our students and our staff.

We are very blessed at Barnier Public School, we have incredibly passionate and dedicated staff who work hard to ensure that every student achieves their very best and has daily opportunities to learn and improve. Our students are respectful, kind and caring. We have many generous and caring parents who contribute their time and positive energy to our school.

### Attendance

The majority of our students attend school every day and are on time every day, which is wonderful. Many students, however, arrive late for school every day and have very frequent absences. If a child's school attendance rate is consistently 90% from Kindergarten to Year 10, then when they finish year 10, they would have missed a whole year of their schooling.

Children should remain at home if they are sick, infectious or injured, otherwise they should be at school making the very most of every learning opportunity provided for them.

### Class Visits

I have so enjoyed my time in classrooms teaching this semester. This will continue next semester.

### Three Way Conferences Next Term

All students received their semester one report on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Three Way Conferences will take place next term

in week 2 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July. Three Way Conferences are meetings involving parents, students and teachers. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss your child's semester one progress and plan directions and goals for semester two. Three Way Conferences can be booked online by parents. All parents have received information and instructions about this. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure about this process or need support with booking a time.

### **Information for Parents (as flu season is well and truly upon us)**

Acknowledgement: TED talk by Myriam Sidibe, public-health expert

Diarrhoea and pneumonia are among the top two killers of children under five. We can prevent these diseases with one of the world's oldest inventions: a cake of soap. Handwashing with soap can reduce infections like flu, diseases that cause blindness, cholera and even Ebola. Handwashing with soap keeps children in school. It stops babies from dying. Handwashing with soap is one of the best ways of saving children's lives. It can save over 600,000 children every year.

I think you need to get to know the person next to you. Why don't you just shake their hand. Please shake their hand. What if I told you that the person whose hand you just shook didn't wash their hands when they were coming out of the toilet? Pretty yucky, you would agree with me. Statistics tell us that four people out of five don't wash their hands when they come out of the toilet. Even when we've got running water and soap available, we still don't wash our hands.

And we know most homes, even in poor countries, have a cake of soap. And the simple cake of soap is the most effective way we have of stopping disease, in rich countries and in poor.

You are unlikely to die from the horrible diseases that kill children in poorer countries but if handwashing was a daily habit, you wouldn't get so many colds or stomach aches or sore throats or skin rashes. Washing your hands helps protect you from all kinds of infections.

We all need to make handwashing part of our daily lives and help more children throughout the world reach their fifth birthday. We can also help cut down the amount of illness in this school and in our own homes.

All with a simple cake of soap, the most beautiful invention in public health!

## **Hand-washing: Do's and don'ts**

### **Hand-washing is an easy way to prevent infection.**

Frequent hand-washing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness. Hand-washing requires only soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer - a cleanser that doesn't require water.

### **When to wash your hands**

As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. In turn, you can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Although it's impossible to keep your hands germ-free, washing your hands frequently can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

### **Always wash your hands before:**

- Preparing food or eating.
- Treating wounds, giving medicine, or caring for a sick or injured person.
- Inserting or removing contact lenses.

### **Always wash your hands after:**

- Preparing food, especially raw meat or poultry.
- Using the toilet or changing a diaper.
- Touching an animal or animal toys, leashes or waste.
- Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands.
- Treating wounds or caring for a sick or injured person.
- Handling garbage, household or garden chemicals, or anything that could be contaminated — such as a cleaning cloth or soiled shoes.
- Shaking hands with others.
- In addition, wash your hands whenever they look dirty.

### **How to wash your hands**

It's generally best to wash your hands with soap and water. Follow these simple steps:

- Wet your hands with running water - either warm or cold.
- Apply liquid, bar or powder soap.
- Lather well.
- Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds.
- Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
- Rinse well.
- Dry your hands with a clean or disposable towel or air dryer.

- If possible, use a towel or your elbow to turn off the tap.

*Thank you, everyone, for an absolutely outstanding semester, we look forward to another happy, productive and positive semester after the holidays.*

*I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable school holiday period spending special time with loved family members and friends. See you all next term.  
Students return on Tuesday 23rd July.*

*Mrs Mandy Hollis*

*R/Principal*

## Platinum Award Recipients

Daniyal A 3W

Sai J 4M

Oliver L 4M

Kris P 4/5V

Anshvir A 5L

Ethan H 5T

Amitoj K 6H

## Gold Award Recipients

Maddison B KB

Areeb H 1B

Scarlett W 1R

Logan S 1T

Liam N 2B

Anya P 2B

Benjamin C 2D

## Gold Award Recipients

Mason R 2D

Izayah W 2D

Atreyu A 2R

Vedant P 2S

Dhoon S 2W

Amalia C 3B

Harjot G 3B

Lachlan N 3B

Charlotte M 3L

Sienna C 3S

Jansi K 3S

Nadia D 3W

Jack D 4B

Lisa P 4B

Monique L 4M

Antonella M 4M

Jacob B 5T

Monique G 5T

Bailey W 5T

Emily W 5T

Freena R 5/6K

Sebastian T 5/6K

Dean C 6G

Sakina G 6G

Amitoj K 6H

Thomas M 6H

Jiro P 6H

Tanvi K 6T

Ryan M 6T

## Event Reminders

### Term 3

#### Week 1

*22nd July 2019*

- Staff Development Day

*23rd July 2019*

- All Students Return

*24th July 2019*

- Kindy 100 Days Celebration
- Kindergarten Assembly @ 2pm

*25th July 2019*

- **Payment for Round 6 PSSA due to office by 9am**
- WSW Blacktown School Cup

*28th June 2019*

- Winter PSSA Round 6
- Stage 3 Assembly @ 2pm

#### Week 2

*29th July 2019*

- Sport In Schools Years K-2

*30th July 2019*

- 3-Way Conferences 3pm-6pm

*31st July 2019*

- Stage 1 Assembly
- 3-Way Conferences 3pm-6pm

*1st August 2019*

- **Payment for Round 7 PSSA due to office by 9am.**

*2nd August 2019*

- Winter PSSA Round 7
- Stage 2 Assembly @ 2pm

#### Week 3

*5th August 2019*

- Sport in Schools Years K-2

*6th August 2019*

- Year 6 PJ & Pancake Day

*7th August 2019*

- Kindergarten Assembly @ 2pm
- **Online payment of Jollybops Science Show due by 6pm today.**

*8th August 2019*

- **Payment for Round 8 PSSA due to office by 9am.**

*9th August 2019*

- K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Winter PSSA Round 8
- Stage 3 Assembly @ 2pm
- **Last day for payment of Jollybops Science Show at the office.**

#### Week 4

*12th August 2019*

- Sport In Schools Years K-2

*14th August 2019*

- Jollybops Science Show K-6
- BFoPA Choir Rehearsal 3
- Stage 1 Assembly @ 2pm
- Year 6 Farewell - **Online payments due by 6pm today.**

*15th August 2019*

- **Payment for Round 9 PSSA due to office by 9am.**
- Whole School Assembly @ 2pm

*16th August 2019*

- Winter PSSA Round 9
- Year 6 Farewell - **Last day for Payment at the Office.**
- Stage 2 Assembly @ 2pm
- Book Fair Opens 2.45-3.05pm



## PSSA Netball

PSSA school netball has been good so far for all teams. We have learnt how to cooperate and to work with each other's ability's and unique skills.

Although it has been a privilege so far it was a bit pressuring at the start, since we didn't know each other's strengths or skills. Since then, we have taught each other to always try our best. All teams have had some really good wins.

We love being there as a team and winning as a group. We make sure we play fairly against other teams. However, no one is perfect so we are always looking for improvement along the way.

In conclusion, playing together as a team has been an amazing experience so far whether we have been winning or not, as long as we are still playing for Barnier as a team, whilst always showing pride and support as we play every Friday!

By Alex, Keliyah, Mavi and Rylee

## Drama & Dance Club

Drama and dance club have been having fun with Mrs Lehn this term. We took our dance and drama lessons outside last week and had lots of interest from other students in the school. We enjoy lessons with Mrs Lehn on Tuesday's 1st half lunch in 5L. Come and join us!



## 6R & 6H

6R and 6H enjoyed exploring a range of coding activities this week in class. They experimented with Osmo, Bee Bots and Makey Makey. Coding allows students to build their problem solving skills and allows them to work collaboratively.



## Kindergarten 2020

Kindergarten enrolment packs for 2020 are now available for collection from the office for students who are in the schools local area.





## End of term 2

We've had a great term 2. We are so pleased with the events that we held for our school community; Mother's Day Stall, Mummy & Me Booth and Election Day BBQ. For the BBQ alone, the P&C raised over \$1800 which will go towards helping our kids with their schooling. Our P&C and dedicated families made it all possible and not to mention the families who donated sweets and cakes to further enhance the fundraising.



Our creative head Jessica Gisborne-Coleman worked tirelessly to make the Mummy & Me Photo Booth come to life.

Our events are a community effort with contributors, supporters and our dedicated volunteers. Without the synergy of all parties our events would not be possible. We welcome new suggestions at P&C meetings and try to work creatively to raise funds for the school to benefit all students.

After months of research and discussions the P&C were able to buy mats for the kids to sit on during assemblies. Kylie Gleeson initially raised this issue through the P&C on behalf of the students and managed it all the way through to completion. It was a timely purchase arriving before winter and has made sitting on cold concrete just that little more comfortable for the kids. A big thank you to thank Kylie Gleeson for her hard work organising these beautiful mats.



The P&C were thrilled to receive this donation of picture books, early readers and chapter books. Thank you to the amazing staff at Walker Books Australia for donating over 70 books to the Barnier School Library.

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and for all the volunteers who dedicate their time on Tuesdays. Especially to the dedicated coordinator Chrissy Kellett who makes it all happen behind the scenes.



Student School Banking will resume in Term 3 - If you have some free time on Tuesday mornings, come and help Chrissy and the team count the Student School Banking.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe break and look forward to seeing you in Term 3.









### NEXT P&C Meeting

Don't forget if you want a say in the types of events we should run or where the funds should be spent, please come along to our P&C meetings. It costs \$1 to join and you will be able to vote and receive the agenda and minutes. The next meeting is on Monday 5th August, 7:30pm in the library.



## Barnier P&C

Going to the movies in the school holidays? Don't forget to take a Reading Cinema Coupon with you when you buy your movie tickets. Hand over one coupon per movie ticket purchase and we will receive a free movie ticket with every 10 tickets sold.

 <b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b> Hand in this coupon at the box office when you purchase a ticket and earn 1 POINT for your school SCHOOL NAME/STAMP: BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C BARNIER DRIVE QUAKERS HILL ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET	 <b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b> Hand in this coupon at the box office when you purchase a ticket and earn 1 POINT for your school SCHOOL NAME/STAMP: BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C BARNIER DRIVE QUAKERS HILL ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET	 <b>SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM</b> Hand in this coupon at the box office when you purchase a ticket and earn 1 POINT for your school SCHOOL NAME/STAMP: BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C BARNIER DRIVE QUAKERS HILL ONE COUPON PER PAID TICKET
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