



NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message



Welcome to our week 8 newsletter for the year and I do hope everyone is enjoying the term so far. It's been so busy with Education Week activities, Book Week activities, Athletics Carnivals, Wakakirri, Public Speaking, Fundraising and P&C events, the Performing Arts Festival, PSSA finals, Debating, and lots of other big events to organise, oversee and enjoy. I'm always impressed by the way that everyone works so supportively, collaboratively and positively together here at Barnier.

Students Representing Barnier

This term we have had so many students representing Barnier in areas such as Sport, Dance, Wakakirri, Choir, Band, Debating and Public Speaking. Our students always represent their school with great pride and exemplary conduct. It is an absolute pleasure to see this and also have it mentioned to me by others outside of our school community. On Monday evening, 9th

September, I had the very great pleasure of seeing our students perform at the Blacktown Performing Arts Festival at Wyndham College. They were amazing! We are so proud of all our students. Well done to all involved!

Bullying

Students attend school to participate in quality education that will help them to become self-directed, lifelong learners who can create a positive future for themselves and the wider community. Any inappropriate behaviour that gets in the way of teaching and learning at Barnier Public School and interferes with the wellbeing of students **will not be accepted.**

Students, teachers, parents, caregivers and members of the wider school community have a shared responsibility to create a safe and happy environment, free from all forms of bullying.

Every student has the right to come to school every day and feel happy and safe.

We have Zero Tolerance of Bullying at Barnier Public School

Bullying can be verbal, physical or psychological.

Students are strongly encouraged to report any incidents of bullying to a member of staff immediately. Such reports will be taken very seriously. Staff will take a strong, proactive, positive and problem solving approach to these incidents.

Parents *can* make a difference

Please report any incidents of bullying immediately to a member of staff so that bullying can be dealt with in a timely and effective manner.

All school policies are regularly and routinely reviewed in schools.

Barnier Public School has a detailed and comprehensive Anti-Bullying Policy. Barnier is also a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school. This initiative promotes caring for others positivity and wellbeing as well as high expectations for behaviour and conduct.

Reporting bullying does help to stop it occurring and enables us to deal effectively with such incidents when they occur.

A recent study into this issue in schools found that the most powerful action someone witnessing bullying in the school setting can do, is simply go and stand next to the person being bullied and show their support. This gesture is an extremely powerful one and sends a strong message to everyone that bullying is not acceptable or tolerated and that people being bullied will be protected and cared for.

Please speak to your child about this. We thank all members of the Barnier Public School community for your support and cooperation ensuring that Barnier Public School is a safe and happy school for everyone!

Complaints, Concerns and Issues

Occasionally parents or members of our school community may be concerned about an incident or issue or may have a complaint they would like addressed. A complaint can simply be an expression of dissatisfaction or it can be a problem that you want fixed. Sometimes things do not go the way you expect. Sometimes the decisions made or the actions taken need to be explained better. At other times, we need to look more closely at what we did or how we are doing our work.

The DoE has a policy to assist in the dealing of complaints. The policy aims to:

- encourage the resolution of problems by informal means wherever possible
- ensure that concerns are dealt with quickly, fully and fairly
- maintain good working relationships between all people involved with the school

- provide effective responses and appropriate redress
- be confidential
- be unbiased

How to make a complaint

- Discuss your concerns with a member of our staff or make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Principal.
- You may bring a friend or relative to support you.
- If a complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, you may be asked to put your complaint in writing.
- It is important that your written complaint includes specific details of the situation/issue and an indication of what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint.
- We can assist you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

What can you expect?

- Most complaints can be resolved quickly and informally to everybody's satisfaction simply by talking to the person concerned or the Principal.
- Some complaints are covered under another policy or by special legislation e.g. WHS (Workplace Health and Safety) or anti-discrimination policies. You will be advised if this is the case with your complaint. You will also be told how and by whom your concerns will be addressed.
- Occasionally more serious or complex complaints require investigation. These can take a longer time to resolve. If this happens, you should be informed of the progress and outcome of your complaint by phone or in writing at regular intervals until the matter is resolved.
- If you have not heard from the person handling the complaint within a reasonable time, call to ask them what is happening.

What are the possible outcomes?

1. Your complaint is upheld (in part or in full) and, where appropriate, one or more of the following actions may be offered to you:

- action to remedy or amend the situation
- an apology
- an explanation
- an admission that the situation could have been handled differently or better
- an assurance that the event complained of will not recur

- an explanation of the steps that have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again
- an undertaking to review our policies in light of the complaint.

2. Your complaint is not upheld. The reasons for this should be clearly given.

If you are not happy with the outcome, you may request a review of your complaint.

I encourage all parents or members of our school community who have a concern or an issue to approach a member of staff or myself so that matters can be resolved as quickly and effectively as possible.

Warmest regards, Mrs Mandy Hollis

Event Reminders

Week 9

16th September 2019

- Stage 3 - Broken Bay Camp. Students attending to be at school by 6:30am
- Sport in Schools K-2

17th September 2019

- Stage 3 @ Broken Bay Camp
- ICAS - English (Years 2- 4)

18th September 2019

- Stage 3 @ Broken Bay Camp
- Kindergarten Assembly @ 2pm

19th September 2019

- Stage 3 @ Broken Bay Camp
- Kindergarten - Community Walk
- ICAS Maths (Years 2-4)

20th September 2019

- Stage 3 @ Broken Bay Camp. Returning by 3pm
- Summer PSSA - balance of payment due by end of Term 3

Week 10

23rd September 2019

- **Fruit & Veg Week**
- Sport in Schools K-2

24th September 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion
Online payments due by 6pm

25th September 2019

- Reading Club Breakfast @ 8:15am
- Stage 1 Assembly @ 2pm

26th September 2019

- Whole School Assembly @ 2pm
- Stage 1 Science Excursion - **Last day for payment at the office.**

27th September 2019

- Stage 2 Assembly @ 2pm
- Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1

14th October 2019

- All students return to school
- P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm

15th October 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion

16th October 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion
- Kindergarten assembly @ 2pm

17th October 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion

18th October 2019

- Stage 3 Assembly @ 2pm

Week 2

23rd October 2019

- P&C Colour Run K-6
- Life Education - Healthy Harold
Last day for online payments
- Kindy information evening @ 6pm

24th October 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion

25th October 2019

- Stage 1 Science Excursion
- Life Education - Healthy Harold
Last day for payment at office
- Stage 2 Assembly @ 2pm

Athletics Carnival

On Monday 19th August, students attended our annual athletics carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark. The students rotated with their age groups to undertake track and field events throughout the day. It was a great day, celebrating the achievements of all students. Well done to those that cheered on their house mates and to those who made it to the zone carnival.



Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 3rd September, 49 Barnier students made their way to the Zone Athletics Carnival. All students represented the school with pride. It was a fantastic day and great teamwork was demonstrated. Our overall point score earned Barnier to be the winners of the carnival. Well done Barnier students!





ENROL NOW FOR 2020!

Kindy 2020

Is your child starting school in 2020?

Please ensure your enrolment is in before Friday 20th September so that you don't miss out on your invitation to our Parent Information session and 4 Kindergarten Transition sessions in Term 4!

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. Kindergarten at Barnier PS will give your child the opportunity to experience:

- Quality teachers committed to your child's social, emotional, physical, behavioural and intellectual development;
- State of the art facilities across all grades;
- Quality educational experiences

Enrolment packs for Kindy 2020 are now available from the school office

For more information about enrolling your child at Barnier PS, please contact the office on 9837 1600



Parramatta High School

Open Night

Wednesday 23 October 2019
Commencing in the School Library
5pm School Tour
6pm Information Session

*An information session for
parents of students in the
2020 Selective Classes, and
parents of students in Year 5
seeking placement in 2021.*

*Contact the school on
9635 8644 for further details, or
visit the school website
[www.parramatta-
h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)*

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Respect - Responsibility - Honesty



Barnier P&C



Dear Families,
Welcome to spring and the season of new blooms and life. Thank you to the team of volunteers who worked on the Father's Day events, the Father's Day Stall and BBQ Breakfast. Volunteers gave the school children an opportunity to purchase a \$5 gift. A big shout out to Jessica Gisborne-Coleman who organised the Father's Day stall and managed a team of volunteers to hold the stall.



Thank you to Kylie Gleeson for leading the team of volunteers so that everyone could enjoy a special BBQ breakfast with dad. The Father's Day BBQ created a great community spirit shared by all.



We are excited and the countdown is nearly over. Our team of volunteers are busy preparing for a fun glowing night. THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers who have already made themselves available to help for this event.



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 14th October at 7:30pm in the library.

Barnier P&C

Thank you to Chrissy Kellett and the dedicated team of volunteers, who process the student banking on Tuesday mornings. Without their help the program could not operate.

If you have any questions please email Chrissy
bpsdollarmites@outlook.com.au.



Lost property bins

On Wednesday the 11th September we sorted through the lost property bins. Sadly 60% of items were not labelled or the name was unreadable. Did you know items that are not labelled are sent to charity bins or sold in our 2nd hand uniform stall. We are seeking your cooperation in labelling your child/children's clothes so they are returned to your children. We are looking into this process and labelling options to minimise uniform waste. We are so glad we didn't have many drink bottles or lunch containers. When you go past the uniform bins have a quick look as you may find an old ball, teddy and bag. Thank you to our volunteers for your help with sorting through the uniforms. Your time is really appreciated.



Key dates to remember:

P&C Meeting – Monday 14th October at 7:30pm in the library.

Colour Explosion - Wednesday 23rd of October



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