



NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

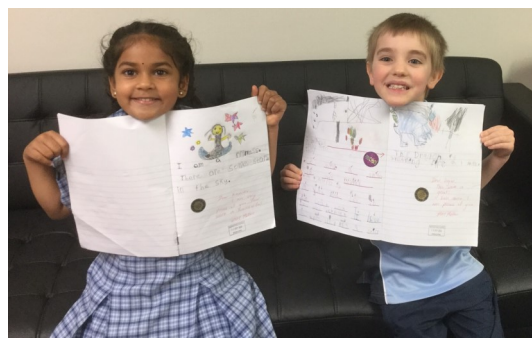


Thank you to everyone in our school community for a wonderful Term 3 that included a number of Covid-safe whole school events and celebrations, countless learning opportunities for our students and many great achievements along the way. I thank all parents and staff for their ongoing support of our students and school. Although we are not able to operate our school in the way that we would prefer in terms of parent and community engagement, we have been grateful for your online involvement, engagement and support as we navigate these unprecedented times. Our students have shown true resilience in coping with the changes in the way our school operates. We are proud of them.

Wonderful Barnier Students, Impressive Work and Great Ideas!!



Kaiya and Olivia came to visit me in my office to share their great work and awesome ideas about keeping our school playgrounds free from rubbish and litter. Thanks girls!!



Nainika & Logan from Kindy came to show me their wonderful work.

I love celebrating the learning of our students.

Thank you to our P&C

Our P&C work very hard to raise funds for our students and our school. Recently our P&C have provided us with \$10,000 towards playground improvements, \$10,000 for visual arts resources, \$5000 for reading resources, \$5000 towards the cost of student wellbeing programs and \$1900 for a defibrillator which is now located in the admin building. We are extremely grateful for their support. This year has presented significant challenges for them with regards to fundraising, which has been very unfortunate.

Covid-19 and Term 4

With Term 4 approaching, the Department of Education has been working closely with NSW Health to bring schools updated guidelines to assist with planning.

Some of the activities that can now proceed for Term 4, with strict COVID-19 safety plan requirements in place are: Kindergarten orientations, Year 6-7 transitions, interschool activities, end of year celebrations such as assemblies and formals and excursions. This is great news!

I will be communicating to all parents and carers in more detail about this asap.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Special thanks to Ms Araco, Mr Whitney, all S2/3 Barnier staff and the Sport in Schools staff for a fantastic Athletics carnival on 15/9. Our students were so engaged in the activities and the vast majority were really well behaved. The weather was gorgeous. It was a perfect day for all.



World Teachers Day 5th October

Without teachers who are willing to go 'over and above', our students would not have amazing and wonderful learning opportunities and experiences at school that they do. Teachers also work hard to ensure every student achieves the highest possible learning outcomes in all curriculum areas and is happy and safe at school. World Teacher's Day is Saturday 5th October. We'll be celebrating this event at Barnier early next term. Please take some time to thank your child's teacher and let them know how valued they are. It will make their day!

Safety on School Days

Please follow road and parking laws at all times when dropping off and collecting students. Please ensure your child crosses the road safely always using the pedestrian crossings provided. The roads surrounding Barnier are very busy, particularly in the mornings and afternoons, please keep your children and yourselves safe.

Helping Children to Cross the Road Safely

We need to be realistic about children's developmental level and not over-estimate their ability to judge safe distances. A small error can result in the child being seriously injured. To keep children safe, adults need to start by setting a good example. Children learn a lot just by watching.

If parents and older children behave in dangerous ways, younger children are likely to do so also. Older children may take greater risks dashing out between cars.

Pedestrian safety lessons need to start early when children have to cross busy intersections from a very young age.

For toddlers, parents can talk about what safety choices they make each time they cross the street, from looking both ways to making eye contact with drivers. By the time children are 4 or

5 years old, parents can start letting children make the decision about when it's safe to cross a street, starting with residential streets with light traffic before trying busy intersections. This lets parents gently correct bad choices so children can fine-tune their instincts about when it's safe to cross.

Talking to children about why they need to follow particular rules or procedures for crossing safely is a good approach, like pointing out the good sense in walking a little further to use a pedestrian crossing rather than take a risk.

This is a timely message as we approach the October school holidays.

Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten here at Barnier next year, ***please submit an enrolment application immediately.*** We need accurate anticipated numbers so that we can plan classes and staffing for 2021.

Please ring the school office on 9837 1600 if you need assistance with this.

We thank you sincerely for your support and assistance.

We are currently creating a Kindergarten Transition 2021 Website which will provide parents with an abundance of information and resources to support their child's transition to 'Big School'. We are looking forward to warmly welcoming our new Kindy students to Barnier next year.

Jumpers, Jackets, Hats, Lunch boxes and Drink Bottles

Every Thursday our lost property bins are emptied. Items that are clearly labelled with the student's name and current class are returned to the students. Everything else is disposed of or donated to the P&C's second hand uniform shop. You would not believe the amount of high quality unlabelled clothing and other items that are in these bins. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their full name and current class so that we are able to return them. Thank you.

Social Media

Although social media is a great communication tool and is wonderful if used responsibly, it does have its disadvantages. Sometimes, information shared on social media presents one side of a situation or viewpoint and sometimes

information placed onto social media sites is false. Sometimes people's perceptions are based on what they believe is true, which may be far from the truth. It is unfortunate and unfair that this often happens without people having the opportunity to state the correct facts of a situation directly relating to them.

I ask all parents who have a concern about the wellbeing or education of their child to contact the school office immediately and make an appointment to speak with me or a member of my staff. We will ensure that fair process occurs for all concerned, we will ensure all incidents are thoroughly and fairly investigated, we will ensure that everyone has a voice and that actions will be taken in line with department policy in a highly professional, fair and completely confidential manner.

I also would like to remind parents to very closely supervise and monitor their child's use of the internet, especially in light of recent disturbing video content appearing on Tik Tok and other social media platforms and also with the upcoming school holidays when children are at home using devices.

I wish everyone a safe and very happy school holiday time. We look forward to seeing everyone's bright and happy faces back at school on Monday 12th October as we commence the final school term for 2020. Please note there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of next term. All students and staff return on 12/10.

Warmest regards,

Mandy Hollis

Principal

Platinum Award Recipients

Tamryn H 3A
Neha E 3F
Tayla H 3G
Rashi P 3M
Mason R 3S
Anyia P 3S
Abbigail W 4C
Lachlan K 5B
Dhvani P 5/6B
Hayley G 5/6B
Kaden L 5D
Akein G 5D
Monique G 6T

Gold Award Recipients

Hassan N 1A
Nia S 1M
Alisha S 1MD
Jake P 1V
Sophie C 1V
Nimrit K 1/2V
William C 1/2V
Liara T 1/2V
Tarun N 2A
Fariza H 2B
Mishika P 2B

Sophie L 2S
Alexis L 2S
Jasmine S 2W
Jesinta T 2W
Michael B 3A
Nicholas H 3A
Joshua M 3F
Lucy C 3F
Fayyad H 3F
Lachlan S 3F
Mia M 3F
Sienna T 3F
Abel S 3G
Alayah H 3M
Lila S 3M
Zebastian T 3M
Samy S 3M
Pete N 3M
Afraz B 3M
Henry D 3S
Aseem G 3S
Anyia P 3S
Dominic B 4C
Sarah A 4C
Advit K 4C
Madison L 4C
Amelia B 4H
Aadya A 4H
Thomas B 4H
Anshumali E 4H

Kayzar L 4H
Advay W 4H
Aarush P 4H
John G 4H
Amalia C 4P
Alexia T 4P
Courtney M 4W
Lachlan K 5B
Sahara V 5B
Lilly D 5B
Oliver L 5D
Kaden L 5D
Alexis G 5D
Vanessa L 5D
Bohde L 5F
Niharika M 5F
Eliza G 5F
Lakshita V 5F
Jack D 5F
Dhvani P 5/6B
Tanveen K 5/6B
Cheyanne V 5/6B
Marek C 5/6K
Reina S 5/6K
Zoe P 6R
Luke S 6R
Stella B 6T

Year 1 Featherdale Incursion

Lauren from Featherdale Wildlife Park visited the Year 1 students along with some of her animal friends. The students learnt lots of facts about Australian animals and had a chance to meet and pat them. They met Levi the crocodile, Evie the pademelon and Luigi the shingleback lizard. It was a fabulous morning learning about the animals and discussing their habitat, diet and other interesting facts.



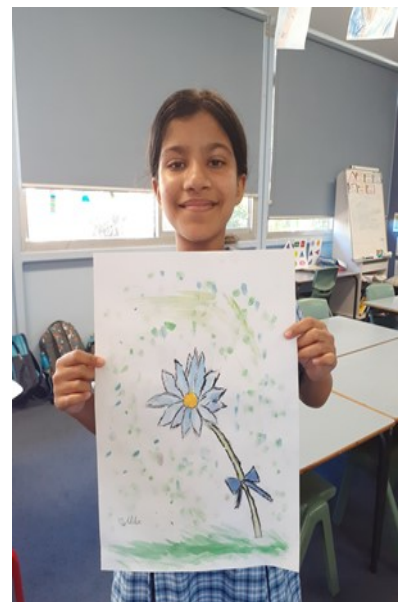
KI

KI have had a wonderful term learning lots of new things! We loved sports in school and getting to play lots of exciting games and doing gymnastics. We enjoyed celebrating being 100 days smarter and the K-2 athletics carnival. In the classroom, we have been working hard and having lots of fun. In art, we have been inspired by amazing artist such as James Rizzi and Jackson Pollack to use different art techniques to create our amazing artworks. We grew our own beans in science and enjoyed observing the different stages they grew. In maths, we enjoyed using concrete materials to play lots of different addition and subtraction games. In English, we received post cards from Uncle Upton every week. We enjoyed learning and writing about the different countries he visited. We have all improved so much with our reading and writing, we are very proud of ourselves and each other.



2A

In 2A, we have had a wonderful term learning how to represent a vase of flowers using different media. In this week's art lesson, we learnt to use oil pastels and watercolour paints to bring an artwork of a bouquet of daisies to life.



Creative arts is something 4H really enjoys, as it allows them to showcase their individual talents. 4H are proud to present some of their art from the year.



Science

In 6C, we have been looking at forces. There are several types of forces, which can be categorised as either pushes or pulls. In our most recent lesson, 6C students built a catapult to demonstrate elastic force and tension force.

Tension force: the pulling force that can be transferred along the length of a rope or cable when it is pulled tight.

Elastic force: the force of resistance to the change in shape.

Students needed to apply tension to their catapult to pull a spoon down, then the elastic force, augmented by various design elements (eg: tighter elastic bands, paddle pop sticks, etc.) would affect the distance the projectile would fly.





Dear Families,

It seems that we have literally ZOOMED through term 3, from parent teacher catch ups to assemblies. **A big thank you to our school who has worked through what was needed to hold athletics carnivals, pyjama days and book week.** These activities have been so healthy for the wellbeing of our children to try to give them some normality to the school year so far. We hope term 4 allows more of these activities and if all our prayers are answered, being there at school for our children. Our office and support staff also need a THANK YOU - they grease the wheels that make the things happen behind the scenes.

We should be proud of ourselves as a community for our resilience and adaptability to deal with all the challenges we have faced to remain COVID - 19 safe.

We hope you have a fun and safe break and look forward to seeing you in term four.



PRELOVED UNIFORM VIRTUAL STALL UPDATE

We are so pleased to announce we are at the testing stage of the preloved uniform stall. We are aiming to be up and running in term 4 - week 1.

The uniform stall will be accessible through Flexischools - the platform used to



purchase canteen orders. Unlike school orders you will not be charged the service fee. Thanks to Debbie for negotiating these terms to make it viable and more affordable for families.

We remind you that all items are preloved and have been washed. We won't sell anything that our children wouldn't wear. The preloved uniform stall and sports shirts are run by volunteers. We will aim to fill preloved uniform orders by Friday each week. As we are beginning a new process we anticipate some challenges. We ask you to be kind and respectful to us as we embark on this new process with our training wheels. As volunteers we all have the same pressures you have in your families.

Once the testing has been completed we will communicate the official date you can start ordering preloved uniforms through Flexischools.



KEEPING CONNECTED AT BARNIER

A big thank you to all the parents who run the year pages, as their consistent communication has allowed us to remain a connected community in this disconnected year.

Here is a list of the main FB groups in our Barnier PS community. Please note most of these pages are closed groups. Which means that you will need to send a request to be part of the group and be approved before you can be part of it. This is to ensure that all the members have students at the school and the appropriate year.

Barnier Public School

Barnier Public School P&C

P&C Barnier Families

Barnier Kindy 2020

Barnier Year 1 2020

Barnier Year 2 2020

Barnier Year 3 2020

Barnier Year 4 2020

Barnier Year 5 2020

Barnier Year 6 2020

NEXT P&C MEETING



Join us for the next P&C zoom meeting which is on Monday 26th October at 7:30pm.

All active members, please check your emails for zoom log in details. Please pm us if you haven't received login details for the zoom meeting. If you are not a P&C member and would like to join, we will need to register you and organise the \$1 membership fee through the Flexischools app.

Memberships last from 1 January to 31 December. You can pay through the Flexischools app, pay your \$1 at a P&C meeting or see one of the hard working exec's.



<https://www.facebook.com/barnierpandc/>

Email us : barnierpublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au

**The whole world
at home.**

HOME.

It used to be where we
came back to after work.

After school.

A place of family.

A place for relaxation.

**BUT THEN 2020
HAPPENED.**

And suddenly the whole
world was at home.

And, at least for a while,
home was our entire world
as, through our screens, we
entered the homes, and
the worlds, of strangers.

Important dates for entrants

**Entries close midnight,
Sunday 27 September 2020.**

Winners will be announced at the presentation
ceremony.

Presentation date: Thursday 3 December 2020
at 6 pm to 7 pm.

Venue: Max Webber Library Function Centre
Level 1, Corner Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street,
Blacktown.

Entries can **only** be submitted online at
westwords.com.au, or via admin@westwords.com.au

Max Webber Library
Corner Flushcombe
Road and Alpha Street,
Blacktown
Ph: 9839 6677

**Our Library @ The
Mount Druitt Hub**
Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt
Ph: 8886 2000

Dennis Johnson Library
Corner Stanhope Parkway
and Sentry Drive, Stanhope
Gardens
Ph: 9421 2670

Lalor Park Library
Corner Freeman Street and
Northcott Road, Lalor Park
Ph: 9624 5243

**Riverstone Library
& Digital Hub**
1st Floor Riverstone
Village, Market Street
and Riverstone Parade,
Riverstone
Ph: 9627 3823

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BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL

2020 Mayoral Creative Writing Prize

The whole
world at
home.

Open to adults and children aged 8 years
and above, who live in Blacktown city.

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BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL

2020 Mayoral Creative Writing Prize

Competition guidelines and criteria

Welcome to the Mayoral Creative Writing Prize 2020. It is open to adults and children (aged 8 to 17 years) who live in Blacktown city. The poems and short stories must be works of fiction.

Categories

All entries can be either poetry or short stories. They will be judged in the following age categories, 8 - 11 years, 12 - 14 years, 15 - 17 years and adult (18+).

Theme

The whole world at home. Weave your ideas, experiences and imaginings based on this theme into your short story or poem.

Judging

Your work will be judged on how original it is, how you have constructed your story or poem, the use of language, (including creative expression, grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling) and the way you have developed characters, atmosphere, or setting or used words in a creative way.

It is critical that this work is original and not copied in any way. Copied work will be disqualified.

An independent judging panel will assess all submissions.

For more information, please contact WestWords: Western Sydney's Literature Development Organisation, on 8677 4815 or by email: admin@westwords.com.au

Announcement of the prize winners

The presentation ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 December 2019, at 6 pm. All winners and Highly Commended recipients will be invited to attend.

Prizes

The total prize pool is \$1,600. Winners aged 17 or younger will receive \$100 and their school, if located in Blacktown city, will receive a corresponding \$100 as an incentive to encourage the budding authors of our local area. Adult winners will receive \$200.

Age	Categories	Prize	School prize
8-11 years	Poetry	\$100	\$100
	Short Story	\$100	\$100
12-14 years	Poetry	\$100	\$100
	Short Story	\$100	\$100
15-17 years	Poetry	\$100	\$100
	Short Story	\$100	\$100
Adult	Poetry	\$200	-
	Short Story	\$200	-

Submission criteria

1. The work must be original and completed in the last 6 months.

Entries can be either:

- poem, maximum of 25 lines
- short story, maximum of 500 words.

2. Only one entry per person is permitted in each category.

3. Each entry must have one entry per online form.

4. Members of staff, members of Council, their partners and members of their immediate families are ineligible to enter this competition.

5. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

6. All participants will receive a letter recognising their participation. A presentation ceremony will be held on Thursday 3 December 2020, where the winners will be announced.

7. Submit entries with a completed entry form online at westwords.com.au.

