



NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message



We've had another beautiful Barnier fortnight! The term is progressing really positively and with an intense focus on teaching and learning right across the school.

P&C Mother's Day Fundraising Events

Sincere thanks to our P&C parents for their hard work with the organisation and running of our Mother's Day fundraising events which included a stall, a photography day and a raffle. The Mother's Day Stall was absolutely amazing! This year the P&C had a 'pay it forward' initiative. Over 75 of our parents paid extra to support Barnier families in need and make their Mother's Day special. What a wonderful and generous community response!!



Special thanks also to the P&C parents for managing our pre-loved uniform shop. We appreciate all that the P&C parents do to support our school.

School Attendance Matters

Every day our teachers provide the very best learning opportunities possible for every single student in our school. ***If students are absent for any reason, they miss learning opportunities.*** Of course we understand that there are times when students cannot attend school and this cannot be helped. ***Unless your child is sick, injured or infectious, it is very important that they***

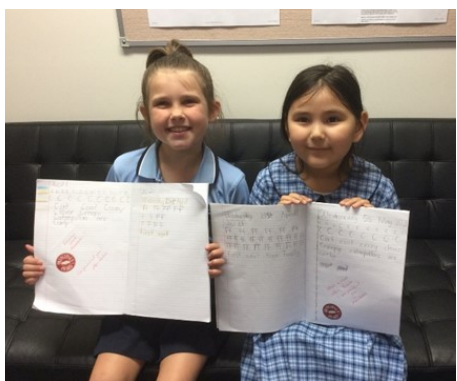
attend school every day, on time to make the very most of these learning opportunities. We want every student at Barnier to attend school **at least** 90% of the time. Currently, only 72% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% or higher. We want every student at Barnier Public School to reach their full potential as learners. This cannot happen if they are not at school. **Please ensure that your child attends school every day and on time.**

Lost Property

Every day we find abandoned balls, drink bottles, jumpers, jackets, hats, toys and lunch/recess containers left in the playgrounds. These items are placed in the lost property bins for a period of time and then, if not collected, they are disposed of. This creates additional and unnecessary waste as well as incurring additional costs for parents having to buy replacement items and disposal costs for the school. Please speak to your child about the importance of taking care of their belongings and property. Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and current class as then we are able to return items to their rightful owner.

Sensational Work

Congratulations Frankie, Gabrielle and Indie from 1W and Maddison and Fateme from 2L. These girls proudly showed me their sensational work. Thanks girls, you all made my day!!



Sienna and Lilly from 1C and Gabrielle & Jasmine from 1W shared their lovely, colourful and very detailed drawings with me. They had drawn me in my house and also at a restaurant enjoying one of my favourite foods. I recently starred in a video made for stage one to support a unit of study they are completing this term. I spoke about what life was like when I was at school.



Learning Support Processes at Barnier

We are very proud of our learning support programs and processes at Barnier Public School. Our Learning Support Team work very closely and collaboratively with staff and parents as well as DoE consultants and external professionals. Collectively, they have a tremendous amount of skill, knowledge and expertise. They do not hesitate to seek external support and advice when needed. They meet weekly and do everything possible to ensure that our students are supported in the very best ways possible with their learning and wellbeing. Please see below a flow chart that outlines the processes we currently follow.

Acronym Explanation for Flow Chart

LaST – Learning and Support Teacher

IEP – Individual Education Plan

PIP – Primary Intervention Program

AP – Assistant Principal

DP – Deputy Principal

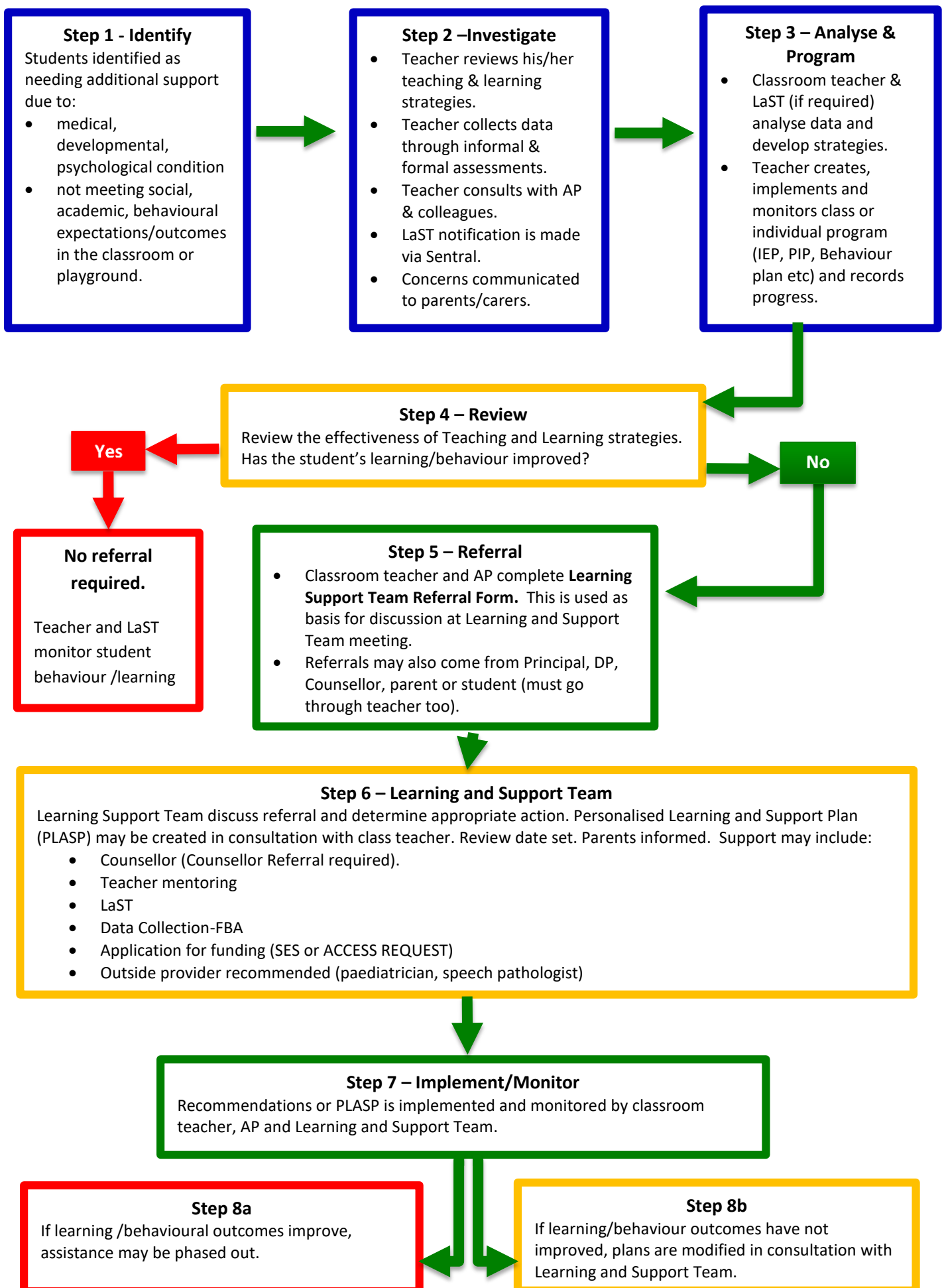
SES Short Term Emergency Support

PLASP – Personalised Learning and Support Plan

FBA – Functional Behaviour Assessment

Please find on the following page a flowchart outlining our Learning & Support Team Referral Process

LEARNING & SUPPORT TEAM REFERRAL PROCESS



We hope that parents and carers find this information helpful, informative and useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions or concerns about this or any other matters to do with education and wellbeing of your child.

Covid-19 in India

We are absolutely horrified and heartbroken to hear about the devastating events that the COVID 19 Virus is causing across the nation of India. Please know that our hearts and thoughts are with our Barnier Indian families and our local Indian community at this incredibly difficult time.

Great Maths Work

Congratulations Eloise, Ashton, Maskeen, Ella and Manraj in 2L! These students are making great gains in Mathematics! They proudly explained to me what they were learning and why and showed me their fantastic work. I was very impressed indeed!



NAPLAN

This week saw the commencement of NAPLAN for students in Years 3 & 5. As in 2019, the tests are mostly completed online. The online platform does enable the questions to be more suited to the students' ability levels and knowledge, so it will provide us with very valuable information. We want all our Year 3 and 5 students to be positive and calm when they sit the tests so that they can do their very best. It is important not to place too much importance on NAPLAN for students as this can cause pressure, stress and anxiety. NAPLAN is a 'point in time' assessment of Literacy and Numeracy, it is **one of many assessments that our students undertake throughout a school year** and is never considered in isolation to

all other sources of student data.

Parent Information Night Thursday 13th May

On Thursday 13th May a team of Barnier staff presented information to parents on how Reading is taught at Barnier. The night was very well attended, with over 100 parents participating. Special thanks to Mr Vincent, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Vasram and Mrs Allen for presenting such valuable information for parents. We will definitely be offering more information sessions for parents in the future.

Helpful Tips for Parents.....

Don't be a stranger!

Talk to your child's teacher early and when you feel the need. Parent-teacher conferences shouldn't be the only time you connect. Teachers can be emailed through the school email account:

barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Emails will be forwarded by our office staff to teachers at the first opportunity. Teachers will then phone parents asap to chat or organise an interview time.

Sometimes responses may take a little time as teachers are busy teaching, attending meetings, doing playground duties, counselling students who are experiencing challenges and participating in professional learning after school hours as well as making sure they get adequate break times themselves within the school day. Please be reassured that we have received your email and we will respond as soon as we can.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our PBL initiatives are up and running again following the challenges of Covid last year which were very disruptive to this program. Our core values are: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We have a very passionate committee who are leading this across the school. They are looking at implementing a school wide resilience program for our students. The team will also create lesson plans for teachers on our PBL expectations for behaviour and learning that will be based on student data.

Learning doesn't stop at 2:45pm.

You can help the teacher do a better job by encouraging your children to show you something they are working on at school. Every time your children get a chance to show off what they know, it builds confidence.

Let your child make mistakes.

Teachers don't want perfect students; they want students who try their best and confidently take risks with their learning. Sometimes parents think every assignment or homework task has to be done exactly right, and they can put too much pressure on their children. It's OK for children to get some problems wrong. Children learn by making mistakes. It's important for teachers to see what students don't know, so they can further support their learning at school.

Teachers are on your side.

Some parents go into attack mode when their child complains about a teacher or they take the problem to the principal. Timely, open and honest communication with your child's teacher can usually sort things out before issues escalate and help build great relationships and better understandings.

Our Teachers work hard

Teaching isn't easy so it's incredibly uplifting when someone takes the time to say thank you. Why not email when your child enjoys a class event or learning activity? If you feel the teacher is doing a good job, let them and the principal know. Teachers deserve to be respected, appreciated, valued, acknowledged and cared about.

Have a great fortnight, everyone!

Mrs Mandy Hollis, Principal

Event Reminders

2021

Week 5

Monday 17th May

- Naplan - Language Conventions
Morning Session: 3G & 3M
3S - Maths
Middle Session: Maths -
5MH, 5R & 3A
- Whole School Assembly @ 2pm

Tuesday 18th May

- Naplan - Maths
Morning Session: 3M, 5W, 3H
Middle Session: 5P & 3G

Friday 21st May

- Winter PSSA - Round 1

Week 6

Tuesday 25th May

- Penrith Trophy Boys Rugby Gala Day
- K-2 Cross Country

Wednesday 26th May

- BMFoPA Combined Choir Rehearsal
- Stage 2 Sydney Walking Excursion -
Online payments close @ 6pm
- Years K - 4 Life Education -
Online payments close @ 6pm

Thursday 27th May

- Year 6 Hire-a-helper Blind Auction

Friday 28th May

- Winter PSSA - Round 2
- Stage 2 Sydney Walking Excursion -
Last day for payment to the office
- Years K - 4 Life Education
Last day for payment to the office

Week 7

Monday 31st May

- P&C Meeting @ 7:30pm

Tuesday 1st June

- Stage 2 Sydney Walking
Excursion-3A, 3G, 3M, 3S & 3/4H

Wednesday 2nd June

- Stage 2 Sydney Walking
Excursion-4C, 4R, 4T & 4W

Thursday 3rd June

- Year 6 Hire-a-helper in class

Friday 4th June

- Winter PSSA - Round 3

Week 8

Wednesday 9th June

- Years K-4 Life Education -
Healthy Harold

Thursday 10th June

- Years K-4 Life Education -
Healthy Harold

Friday 11th June

- Years K-4 Life Education -
Healthy Harold
- Winter PSSA - Round 4

Executive roles on the P&C

At the last meeting our President - Preethi and Secretary- Juanita both resigned from their roles on the executive committee. We thank them both very much for their time and effort on the P&C and wish them well.

We are excited to welcome Rebecca Barton as our new secretary and thank her for taking on this important role.

New President needed

Currently the position of President has not been filled and we would love anyone who would be interested in this role to come along to the next meeting. The President does not operate in isolation but will be working within a small team of executive committee members who have the best interests of Barnier and its students in mind. Please send an email or message the Facebook page if you have any questions.



The P&C had a very busy few weeks organising the Mother's Day photo shoot, Mother's Day stall and the Mother's Day raffle.

Mother's Day stall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mother's Day stall. It was so wonderful to see so many smiling faces proudly selecting a gift for their Mum/Grandma/Aunty. We have heard from many Mums how much they loved the gift that their child chose for them.

A huge thank you to those who supported the 'pay it forward' initiative that allowed us to pass on a gift to another child within the school. We were overwhelmed with the generosity from our Barnier community.

A big thank you to our lovely volunteers for giving up their time at the stall and for

helping with wrapping gifts, picking up donations etc. We really appreciate your time and effort.

And lastly a huge thank you to the wonderful Sarah for coordinating this fantastic event. As our brand new events coordinator she hit the ground running and did an amazing job. Thank you!!!

Mother's Day raffle

Thank you to everyone for your support with our Mother's Day raffle.

A huge thank you for our raffle donations from these wonderful businesses.

You can visit them in store: Costi's at The Ponds, George's The Pizza Shop Stanhope Gardens, Bunnings- Rouse Hill and Blacktown, BIG W- Rouse Hill and Priceline The Ponds.

Visit their website or facebook page: Hawkesbury to Hills Good Food Deliveries (whatsapp 0422 461 504), AAT Kings & Inspiring Journeys, Origami World AU.

Thank you to two Barnier Mums, Angie from TLG Crafts & Designs and Sarah from Sarah Personalized Gifts & Favours for the creative decals on our Mother's Day Stall gifts.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Keilen H, Lily M, Balreen K, Jack R, Hayden C, Adam C, Sophie T, Chase C, Ranveer M, Vaani S, Ryder C, Archie P, Kabui C, Jordan J, Riley B.

Mother's Day photo shoot

A number of Barnier families participated in the Mother's Day photo shoot on 24th April with some beautiful photos being taken by Lizzie. We hope the photographs bring you some lovely memories to treasure for years to come.

Preloved uniforms

It was fantastic to be able to hold the first P&C preloved uniform stall of the year on Wednesday morning before school in the COLA.

Online orders through Flexischools will be open again from Monday and we are still gratefully accepting any preloved uniform donations that are still in great condition to sell both online and at future uniform stalls.

School banking



The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program operates every Tuesday. We are always looking for more volunteers to run it. Volunteers process the students' banking at school each Tuesday morning with lots of help and with an easy to manage system. If you can occasionally spare one hour on a Tuesday morning we would love to meet you and have you join our team, please email the parent volunteer coordinator at bpsdollarmites@outlook.com for more information.

Our wonderful banking coordinator Chrissy will be leaving Barnier at the end of the year as her youngest child will be moving on to high school. We would absolutely love someone to consider taking over the coordinator role next year. Chrissy is happy to train up and support someone this year that is interested in taking on this role next year.

Your Barnier P&C email us :

barnierpublicschoolpres@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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



life **KIDS CLUB**

MEDIEVAL QUHACKK

School Years K-6
Tuesday 29th June to Friday 2nd July

Costs: \$65 (4 Days & Funday Sunday)
Rego Opens Sun 2nd May & Closes Tues 13th June
Register at lifeac.org.au/kidsclub



life **ANGLICAN CHURCH**
MARSDEN PARK // QUAKERS HILL // RIVERSTONE