



# NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Report

*Welcome to our Term 3 Week 10 newsletter.*



Thanks to everyone in our school community for a wonderful Term 3 which has included amazing, enjoyable and happy whole school events, special celebrations, many opportunities for our students and some wonderful and great achievements. Thanks also for your tremendous support of our students and school. Special congratulations to all our wonderful students who have represented Barnier at district, zone and regional events. We are very proud of you all!!

## Thank you to our hard working P&C



Our P&C work really hard to raise funds for our students and our school.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful P&C parents who work together, giving up their own time to support our students and our school. Your efforts are very greatly appreciated!

## Year 5 Camp



Our Year 5 Canberra Camp was wonderful and all students had an absolutely fantastic time. Special thanks to Mr Whitney for his exemplary organisation and leadership of the camp. Well done everyone!!

Special thanks must go to our teachers and DPs who gave up their time with their own families to ensure that students are able to experience a school camp. Teachers are on duty 24 hours a day without breaks while away at camp. They do not get paid any extra to do this. This is a

gesture of goodwill on their part. They do it because they are dedicated and passionate educators who want the very best for our students. They take great care of our students, they work hard to ensure that students get the very most out of every learning opportunity presented to them at camp and arrive home safely. They have my greatest admiration and sincerest gratitude.

Without teachers who are willing to go over and above in this way, our students would not have amazing and wonderful opportunities like camps, excursions, dance groups, debating experiences, public speaking experiences and higher-level sporting opportunities.

## 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 2023

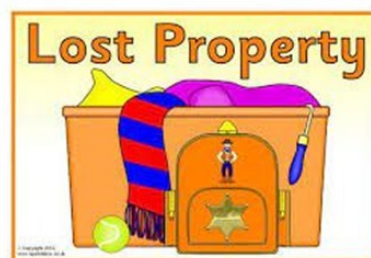
If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten here at Barnier next year, please submit an enrolment application immediately. We need accurate anticipated numbers so that we can plan classes and staffing for 2023.

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

We thank you sincerely for your support and assistance.

Our Kindergarten transition program commences next term, we are looking forward to supporting our 2023 Kindy students through the commencement of their big school journey.

## Jumpers, Jackets, Hats, Lunch boxes and Drink Bottles



Our lost property bins are emptied regularly. 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 remind parents to very closely supervise and monitor their child's use of the internet, especially Tik Tok and other social media platforms and also with the upcoming school holidays when children are at home using devices.

## Farewell Ms Mengelsons

Ms Mengelsons is sadly leaving Barnier and will not return next term. I would like to thank Ms Mengelsons for all her hard work and dedication and also for supporting our staff and students so passionately. She will be very greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

## Barnier Spelling Bee Superstars

On Thursday 8th September, two of Barnier Public School's finest spellers took part in the Regional Finals of the 2022 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. This Spelling Bee was unique in that it took place online on Zoom, with the champion spellers of each school in the region taking part.

Well done on all your hard preparatory work Xavier and Pranavi and **congratulations** on your participation at this very high level of competition. We are extremely proud of you both.



**Look at the work of these amazing Year 1 students!!**



Congratulations to Maryam and Sophie from 1K, their writing and art work is just absolutely outstanding. Just look at those beautiful emus! We are so proud of these girls!!



**Haya and Zara from KN** have been making great progress in Writing. Thank you for sharing your wonderful achievements with me girls, I am very proud of you both.

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy school holiday time. We look forward to seeing everyone's bright and happy faces back at school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October as we commence the final school term for 2022.*

*Warmest regards,  
Mrs Mandy Hollis  
Principal*

**National Science Week** is celebrated every year across the nation. It's a week where we come together as a school community and celebrate all things science and technology!

This year at Barnier, Kindergarten eagerly participated in rotational science activities which involved exploring aerodynamics with rockets, chemistry with slime, air pressure with a cannon, surface tension with bubbles and sound waves with music.

Stage 1 and 2 had an amazing time learning about and interacting with mini-beasts. They learnt how mini-beasts get their colourations, what spines and prickles are for and how they utilise the environment. Students were then given the opportunity to explore the vast diversity of physical characteristics and adaptations seen in invertebrate animals.

Stage 3 enjoyed watching the **Eaton Gorge Theatre Company** perform a mainstage play about Waste Reduction. The play involved a Waste Warrior who arrived on earth and was deciding if Earth should become the next waste planet. He left it up to Nikki and her earthling advisers to come up with ways that earth could reduce their waste and show the rest of the universe why Earth is worth saving.

The students were encouraged to think of other ways to reduce waste by exploring reusing, repurposing, and rethinking how we purchase things and then how to dispose of them. You may like to ask them, was the earth spared?





## Event Reminders

### 2022 - Term 4

#### Week 1

##### **Monday 10th October**

- K—6 Students Return

##### **Thursday 13th October**

- Year 6 Goodfella and Butterfly Effect Program

#### Week 2

##### **Friday 21st October**

- Stage 3 Assembly
- P & C Disco

#### Week 3

##### **Tuesday 25th October**

- SRC Fundraiser

##### **Thursday 27th October**

- Year 6 Digi Ed Incursion
- Kindergarten 2023 Parent Info Night 6pm—7pm

#### Week 4

##### **Monday 31st October**

- Swim Scheme

##### **Tuesday 1st November**

- Swim Scheme

##### **Wednesday 2nd November**

- Kindergarten Transition Session 1
- Swim Scheme

##### **Thursday 3rd November**

- Swim Scheme

##### **Friday 4th November**

- PSSA Summer Gala Day
- Swim Scheme
- Stage 3 Assembly

## Classroom News

**KR** This term, KR has been working extremely hard to become readers, writers and mathematicians. In Science, we planted our own beans and investigated the life cycle of our plants. We were very lucky to have received some chick eggs and spent 2 weeks observing them hatch and grow. We love exploring new topics and are very excited to continue celebrating our learning for the rest of the year.



**KS** In KS this term we have been busy learning in amongst all the fun events we've been able to participate in! During writing we have been focusing on re-reading our work to check for areas we could improve or correct. We've also loved sharing our writing with the class and giving each other positive feedback. We've also loved learning all about friends of 10, addition and subtraction this term. Book Week was a great celebration of stories and imagination. KS students loved talking about their favourite books, dressing up and participating in all the fun events throughout the week.







Dr. Chris STEAM Lab

# SCIENCE WORKSHOP



## EVERYDAY SCIENCE

EVERY MONDAY IN TERM 4  
3:00PM-4:30PM

Optics/Waves/Electricity/Force/Aerodynamics  
/Statistics/Special Relativity/General Relativity  
/Atoms/ Radioactivity

**Suitable for Kindy - Year 5**



## NEWTONIAN PHYSICS

EVERY TUESDAY IN TERM 4  
3:00PM-4:30PM

Force/Momentum/Kinetic Energy/Potential  
Energy/Acceleration/Newton's 1st Law/Newton's  
2nd Law/Newton's 3rd Law/Friction/ Gravity

**Suitable for Kindy - Year 4**

**[Year 5 students can enroll if siblings from K to Y4 are enrolled.]**

**\$36/ PER LESSON**

**\$340 /WHOLE TERM**

**SIBLING DISCOUNT: 2ND CHILD 30% OFF  
PREVIOUS STUDENT DISCOUNT: 10% OFF**

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