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Principal's Report

Welcome to our Term 4 Week 2 newsletter.



Welcome to the final term of 2022 everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday.



Friday 16 December 2022 is now the last day of Term 4 for our students

Students will finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

All school-based staff will be participating in an additional School Development Day on Monday 19 December 2022 and will not be providing supervision to children unless no other arrangements can be made.

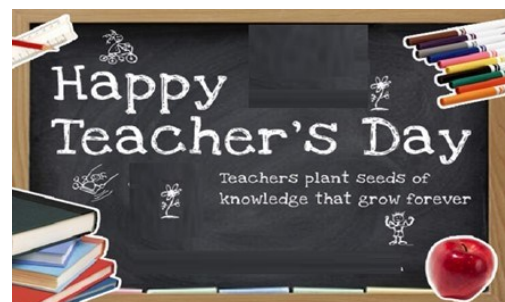
Parents and carers can find local vacation care providers through the Before and After School Care School Finder.

<https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au/>

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us on 9837 1600.

World Teacher's Day



This special day is celebrated in schools on the last Friday in October which is next Friday, 28th October. It is a time when we acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our teachers.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our wonderful Barnier teachers for the absolutely outstanding job they do for our students every single day! They go over and above on a daily/hourly basis and make the education and wellbeing of our children their highest priority. Please take the time to let your child's teacher know how much you appreciate what they do for your child. You could give them a card, send them an email or thank them personally. When this happens it means so much. This can happen at any time throughout the school year, not just on World Teachers Day.

P&C Meeting in Week 3

Our next P&C meeting in Monday 24th October at 7:30pm in the school library. Please feel welcome to join us as we work together to support our school. Our P&C Discos are today/tonight.

Thank you to all our P&C mums and also all those who have volunteered to help. All profits go directly to supporting all Barnier students through the purchasing of equipment and resources.

Congratulations to these wonderful KN students who are making amazing progress with their writing!!

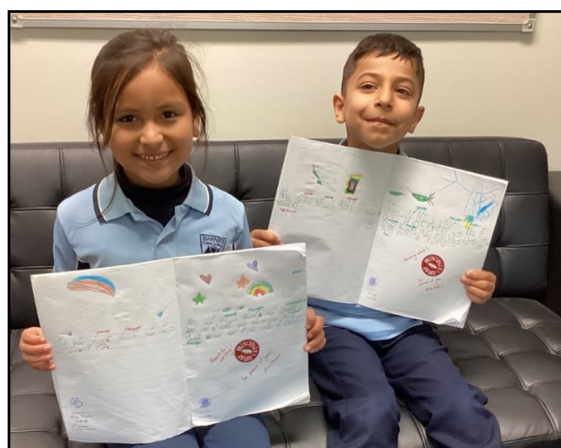
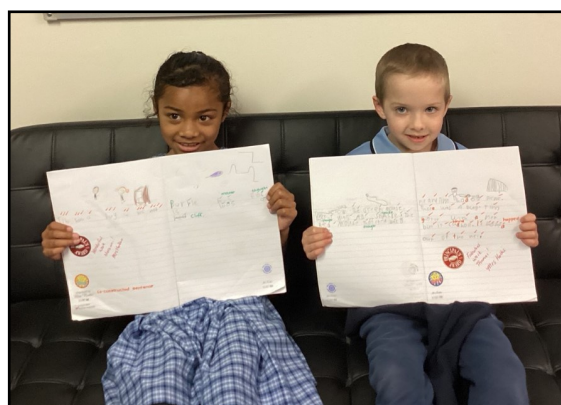
Staff Professional Learning this term



Even though we are now in Term 4 and the end of the year is just around the corner, professional learning for all staff is a high priority right up to the very end of the year. This term we will be undertaking professional learning as a whole staff in the areas of Mathematics, English, Programming and Planning, and Collection/Analysis/Use of student learning data to differentiate learning for all our students

All staff have Professional Development Plans that contain 3-5 individualised professional goals. These goals are monitored and reviewed throughout the year. This process ensures that we support a culture of continuous improvement within the school.

On Wednesday 20th October our teachers (and the teachers at Hambledon PS) were inspired by Eddie Woo in our school hall. We had a wonderful professional learning session on Mathematics!



Huge congratulations to these 4 wonderful girls and Ms Habib. You are looking at the Western Sydney debating champions!!

We are so very proud of these amazing, incredible girls.



School Attendance, Punctuality and School Uniform



Please ensure that your child attends school every day (unless they are sick, injured or infectious) and is always on time for school so they can make the very most out of every opportunity to learn and develop good habits for later life. It would be great to see all Barnier students in full school uniform (including hats) every day. This shows that they have pride in their school and promotes a sense of belonging and connection. We thank all parents for their support with these important matters.

Drinking Water

As we approach the hotter months of the year it is important to be mindful of the importance of adequate water consumption. The following information is important to consider:

DRINKING WATER

Many children and teens aren't consuming enough liquids especially water - and that lack of hydration could affect their physical and mental health.

Even though for most of youngsters this is not an immediate, dramatic health threat, lack of hydration is an issue that could be reducing their quality of life and well-being. Children can be more susceptible to dehydration than adults. That can lead to physiological problems such as neurological issues, increased demands on their kidneys and heat stroke. In one recent study, about half of the children and teens surveyed weren't getting enough hydration. The likelihood of inadequate hydration was 76% higher in boys than girls. Nearly 25% of the participants said they drank no plain water



Lack of water is a significant issue for children.

During the school day, access to water may be limited, and many children may even avoid consuming water because they prefer not to use the toilets at school. This may stem from lack of privacy, embarrassment or even bullying or other risks associated with being in the toilets. There is also the effect of selling of juices, sports drinks and bottled water. The good old water fountain or a refillable water bottle may lack appeal to trend-conscious youngsters.

Need for water.

Proper hydration is crucial for physical processes such as circulation, metabolism, temperature regulation and waste removal. Excessive dehydration can cause serious problems but even mild dehydration can cause headaches, irritability, poor circulation, reduced physical performance and poorer mental functioning.

However, the good news is that this is a problem with a simple solution. By helping children drink more plain water - a low-cost, no-calorie beverage - we can improve their hydration, which may allow many children to feel better throughout the day and do better in school. By increasing water intake by even 1 cup a day, hydration is improved.

Some tips to help boost children's water intake:

- Keep water cold. Add frozen water bottles to a child's lunch pack. The bottles will keep the lunch cold and thaw throughout the day so the water is cool to drink. Cold water often tastes better to children than water at room temperature.
- Don't rely on a child's thirst. Thirst is not always a good indicator of hydration. Children need to have access to water throughout the day.
- If a child dislikes water, try infusing water with fruit (such as lemons), vegetables (such as cucumbers), or herbs (such as mint) to give the water a flavour without adding extra sugars.

Acknowledgement: HealthDay News; Harvard School of Public Health; Nancy Copperman, M.S., R.D., director of public health initiatives, Office of Community and Public Health, Great Neck, N.Y.; Ron Marino, M.D., associate chair of pediatrics, Winthrop-University Hospital, Mineola, N.Y.; Harvard University, news release, June 11, 2015

Have a great fortnight, everyone!

Warmest regards,

Mandy Hollis

Principal

Gardening Club

Barnier was extremely lucky to receive a donation of supplies and tools for our thriving school garden from Bunnings Marsden Park. Miss Brindley and our dedicated Gardening Club now have access to brand new gloves, digging tools, watering cans, seedlings, mulch and food for our soil.



P&C

**READY,
SET,
GLOW**

We are very excited for our Disco's today. We hope all the children have a fantastic night. A huge thank you to our organisers for your time and effort in putting the event

together. Thanks to Kim, Catriona, Sarah and Kylie. You ladies are amazing!

Next meeting

Please join us next Monday 24th October at 7.30pm in the school library for our P&C meeting. We will be calling for nominations and voting for a new President. We hope to see you there.

Your Barnier P&C

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



Education

Event Reminders

2022 - Term 4

Week 3

Monday 24th October

- 5 days Diwali Celebrations
- Farm Excursion - Kindergarten

Tuesday 25th October

- SRC Fundraiser
- Book Club Issue 7 closes

Wednesday 25th October

- SRC Fundraiser
- Stage 1 Assembly

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
- Kindergarten Assembly

Thursday 3rd November

- Swim Scheme

Friday 4th November

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

Classroom News

1A Last term, 1A investigated and learnt about Australian animals. We thoroughly enjoyed going on our excursion to Sydney Zoo and seeing these animals in person. 1A created amazing artworks and informative pamphlets on emus when we returned. In reading, we are continuing this term to build our fluency and grapheme knowledge by completing fluency pairs each morning and learning new phonemes and graphemes each week! We have enjoyed having Mrs Hollis come into our class each Monday to listen to us read. 1A have also loved attending library this term with Mrs Losiak, where they have been learning to create algorithms to move their blue bot/robot from one location to another!

1S have been working very hard to improve their fluency when reading. In Library this week, 1S were very lucky to have a STEM lesson where they got to experiment using Blue-Bots. Their aim was following the direction cards and landing on the correct destination. They have also been playing some mathematics games to help them with their counting and adding.

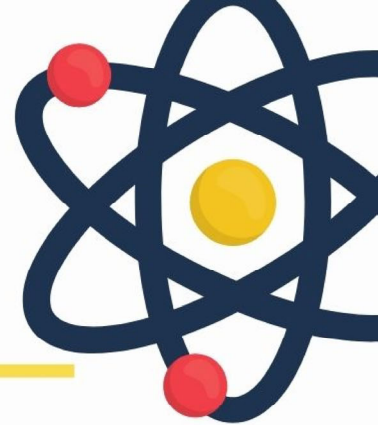


**New Uniform Bundles
now available through
Flexischools**

Please log on to our Flexischools app and view our new uniform bundles available for purchase.

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



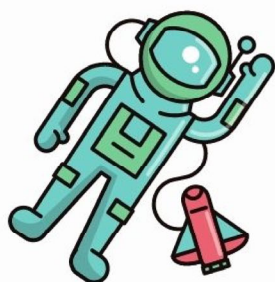
NEWTONIAN PHYSICS

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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School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback