



13th September 2024

Principal's Report Term 3 Week 8

Message From The Principal



Welcome to our 14th 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, fundraising events, the Blacktown Performing Arts Festival, our School Band Concert, PSSA finals, Debating, Public Speaking and lots of other big events to organise, oversee and enjoy! I am always impressed by the way that everyone works so collaboratively and positively together here at Barnier.

Sincere Thanks to Northwest Children's Ministeries

Northwest Children Ministeries operate the Out of School Hours Childcare Service here at Barnier, in our school hall. They provide an outstanding, much needed and caring service for our Barnier families. They also make regular financial donations to our school. We are so grateful for their support and assistance. This money will be used to support Barnier families in need and purchase learning resources for our students.



Students Representing Barnier

This term we have had so many students representing Barnier in areas such as Sport, Dance, Choir, Band, Debating and Public Speaking. Our students always represent their school with great pride, exemplary conduct and their very best efforts. It is an absolute pleasure to see this. We are so proud of our students. Well done to all involved!

Teacher/Parent Communication

Occasionally parents have questions and concerns regarding school and school events, education, student related matters or other issues. While we want to support and assist parents in any way that we can, we very respectfully request that parents and carers not approach staff to discuss these matters when staff are teaching and/or supervising students. Please arrange a suitable time to discuss these matters either before or after school so that staff can give you their undivided attention. This can be done via email through the school office or by leaving a message at the school office. We thank all parents for their cooperation.



We have had a number of students left unsupervised at the **Aylward Avenue park** in the afternoons. This is absolutely not safe, for all students but particularly our younger students. If your child is collected from school by you, please ensure that they are collected promptly at 2:45pm from a school gate, their classroom or a pre-arranged location within the school grounds. If you are going to be late, please let the school office know. We will ensure that your child is safely supervised while they wait for you. If students are old enough to walk home from school, they must walk straight home.

Students at the park after 2:45pm without their parents or carers are unsupervised and anything could happen to them. They are not safe!



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 which is currently being reviewed.

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

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.

Rubbish in the Playgrounds

This term we have seen an increase in rubbish left on the ground in our playgrounds. Please speak to your child about the importance of placing rubbish in the bins provided. There are plenty of bins, there are no excuses for this behaviour. Students have also been leaving unwanted food and food scraps on the ground and this has resulted in a bird (specifically, pigeon) problem at our school. Large numbers of pigeons have now decided to call Barnier home because there is an abundance of food left on the ground for them every day. These birds defecate everywhere and spread disease.

The only solution to this problem is to remove their food source by putting all unwanted food and food scraps in the bin.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform every day, clothes must be in school colours and appropriate for school. This includes hair ties, hats and jackets.

I thank all parents for their support and cooperation.



A big thank you to all Barnier staff who attended camp last week and this week. Opportunities, such as camp, do not happen without the generosity and goodwill of staff who give up their personal and family time to supervise students 24 hours a day.

Everyone had a great time and our students returned safe and sound due to the dedication, diligence and care of our amazing Barnier staff.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Mrs Mandy Hollis

Principal



Election day BBQ and Preloved Uniform Stall

The P&C is running an election day BBQ at Barnier this Saturday 14th September from 8am- 1pm. Come along and vote and grab your democratic sausage and a cold drink and support the P&C to raise money for our school.

EFTPOS available.

Preloved uniforms will also be for sale.

We hope to see you there supporting this event.



Barnier's Extra-Curricular Photos Are Now Available To Order!



Order **before 24/09/20204** to secure your **20% discount!!**

Discount will automatically be applied at checkout.

Images can be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the code: **W4T MQL QDY** and clicking on "Group Photos"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



- Can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school.
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted **early** order period has closed.
- **advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to Barnier Public School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Stay Connected with Barnier Public School

- Office hours are from 8:15am to 3:00pm
- School Email: barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au & Phone: 9837 1600
- School Bytes (permission notes and payments)
- Sentral Parent Portal (all other school business)
- Seesaw (class communication Years 1 - 2)
- Google Classroom (class communication Years 3 - 6)
- Facebook (whole school communication)



Check out our school website

<https://barnier-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



Seesaw



School Bytes



School Leaders - Guardian Childcare Visit

On Monday, our school leaders were invited to visit Guardian Childcare in Acacia Gardens, where they thoughtfully and creatively designed a series of educational activities for the preschoolers. The preschool students were divided into small groups and engaged in a variety of fun experiences, including making pasta necklaces, watching a puppet show, participating in outdoor interactive games, and learning about rhyming words. The leaders also organized an interactive story where the preschool children went on a mission to find Miss Jacki's coffee cup. The morning concluded with the preschoolers participating in their favourite activities and interacting with the school leaders.

On behalf of Mrs. Hollis and myself, we would like to congratulate and thank you for providing the Guardian preschool students with such an enjoyable and fun experience. You have made your school proud. We also want to express our gratitude to Guardian for offering our school leaders such a memorable leadership experience.

Miss Habib



CAMP QUALITY'S **CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAM** HAS BEEN BOOKED TO VISIT YOUR PRIMARY OR PRESCHOOL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Camp Quality's cancer education program has been teaching kids about cancer with a fun and interactive puppet performance, for over 33 years. The program focuses on telling the broader cancer story, including how to support someone who is facing their own cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one.

The free Cancer Education Program visits primary schools and education and care services around Australia, and is shown to reduce bullying, absenteeism and the need for mental health support services for kids impacted by cancer. An independent KMPG report showed the total Social Return on Investment of the Cancer Education Program is \$5 for every \$1 spent.

The program includes newly developed Teacher Resource Packs aligned to the Australian Curriculum, Early Years Learning Framework and state-based curriculums. **Teacher lesson plans, classroom activities and our Talking About Cancer guide** provide further learning on the social and emotional impacts of cancer. We also offer a free Kids' Guide to Cancer App that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet. Our resources have been developed in consultation with subject matter experts in the health and education sectors and help to facilitate conversations about cancer.

THE BIG PARTY

AGES: EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
– YEAR 2
DURATION: 30 MINUTES

Ariel has a brain tumour. Her big brother Tom knows she's having a tough time in hospital, so today he's bringing her something he's sure will cheer her up straight away - an invitation to Lucy Carmichael's Bouncy Castle Birthday Party on Saturday! Only, Ariel can't go... how will she ever explain to the other kids why she doesn't have any hair, and why she's tired and skinny...? The Big Party by Julianne O'Brien is an empowering story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths.

THE BIG SCORE

AGES: YEAR 3-6
DURATION: 1HR (INCLUDING
POST-SHOW Q&A SESSION)

Siblings Tom & Ariel's lives are turned upside down when Ariel is diagnosed with a brain tumour. Leaving their home on the country farm and moving to the city for Ariel's treatment at hospital, they must start fresh at a new school, with new teachers, new friends and a whole new normal. Will Ariel ever make it through Year 5, and will Tom ever become a soccer superstar? The Big Score by Julianne O'Brien is a touching story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of hope and acceptance.

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased empathy in the other children too"
– Principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner"
– Educator

1300 662 267

campquality.org.au

puppetprograms@campquality.org.au



EVENT REMINDERS

Term 3

Weeks 9 & 10

Week 9

- Wednesday 18th September**
- Waste-Free Wednesday
 - Band - Evening Concert from 5:30pm
- Thursday 19th September**
- Reading Club 8:10am - 8:45am
 - Year 5 Leadership Speeches
 - Stage 1 Assembly - (years 1 and 2) Hosted by 2S
- Friday 20th September**
- Stage 2 Assembly (years 3 and 4)

Week 10

- Monday 23rd September**
- Whole School Assembly 1:30pm
- Tuesday 24th September**
- NAIDOC performance
- Wednesday 25th September**
- Year 6 Games Day
 - Kindergarten - Featherdale Excursion Payment Due
 - Waste-Free Wednesday
- Thursday 26th September**
- Reading Club 8:10am - 8:45am
 - Kindergarten Assembly
- Friday 27th September**
- Sydney West Athletics
 - Stage 3 Assembly (Years 5 and 6)
 - Last Day of Term 3 (Students Return Monday 14th October)

KINDERGARTEN 2025

If your child turns 5 on or before 31 July 2025,

they are eligible to commence formal schooling in 2025. Some children may benefit from being a little older and waiting until the next year but by law, all children must start school by their sixth birthday.

To enrol please visit our school website: barnier-p.schools.nsw.gov.au and select the ENROLMENT tab at the top of the page.

To assist us in processing your enrolment, please attach these items to your online enrolment:

- Your child's Birth Certificate
- Up to date immunisation statement
- All supporting documents for passport and visa holders
- 100-point proof of residential address check (using the guide provided)
- Any current health care plans

2.1 Residential Address Checklist

Under the Education Act 1990, principals may require proof of address to their satisfaction in order to establish a child's entitlement to enrol in the school. However, any requests for proof of address must be reasonable in the circumstances.

Schools that are at or nearing their local enrolment buffer as calculated in accordance with sections 9.1 and 9.2 will use the following **100 point** residential address check to determine the student's entitlement to enrol at the school.

Document showing the full name of the child's parent	Points
1. Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) 1.1. Council Rates notice (current) 1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months OR rental board bond receipt 1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year.	40 points each
2. Any of the following: (all documents must show names and the service address) 2.1. Private Rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months 2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address. 2.3. Electoral roll statement	20 points each
3. Any of the following: (all documents must show names and the service address) 3.1. Electricity OR Gas - (current bill* up to 3mths) 3.2. Water - (current bill* up to 3mths) 3.3. Telephone OR internet bill - (current bill* up to 3mths) 3.4. Driver's Licence (1 only accepted) OR Government issued ID (current) 3.5. Home building OR home contents insurance - (current) 3.6. Motor vehicle registration (1 only accepted) OR compulsory third party insurance (current) 3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and supporting information or documentation to support this.	15 points each

*Up to 3 months old



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Mental Health Services and Support

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Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling for young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(Open to late hours)
headspace.org.au/headspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 16-25 YEARS

This course empowers young people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to provide support to their peers.

Participants learn about the signs of developing, worsening or crisis-point mental health problems, and are given a practical plan for how to respond.

Details:
Tues 17th Sept, Tues 1st Oct & Mon 7th Oct 2024
4-5pm each day
@ Castle Towers Community Hub:
Old Castle Hill rd, Castle Hill
(At the entry where gold class cinema is)
Note: you must attend all 3 sessions to get certified

For young people within the Blacktown, The Hills, Parramatta & Cumberland Council areas



<https://bit.ly/yfrc2024>

Get in touch and find out more!

Call: 1300 889 855
youthrez@saintscare.org.au
Instagram: @youthrezolutions
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How are you going?

	WELL	UNWELL
How are you feeling?	Self-aware & calm	Irritable or impatient
What's your stress level?	Coping well	Worried or nervous
What's your outlook?	Positive	Overwhelmed
How are you working?	Motivated & kicking goals	Putting things off, forgetting stuff
How are you sleeping?	Sleeping normally	Trouble sleeping
What's your energy level?	Energetic	Low energy levels
What's your activity level?	Keeping active	Not doing as much as usual
How social are you?	Feeling connected	Withdrawal from social activity

What can you do?

Keep it up!	Ask for support, try not to judge yourself	See your GP	Seek help now
Talk to friends and family	Do something you enjoy	Don't put it off, act now	Help is available
		Contact Community Health or your EAP	Help is available



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Dear Parents and Carers,
Please drive and park safely when dropping off
and picking up your children from school.
Please adhere to all road and parking laws at all
times. This is extremely important.
The safety of our students is our highest priority.

NO SMOKING
 **OR** 
VAPING

*No one is permitted to smoke
or vape on school grounds or
near school entrances or
exits.*

*Thank you for keeping our
school healthy, safe and clean
for our students, staff and
school community.*