

Barnier Public School

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Welcome to Early Stage One (ES1)

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Welcome to Barnier PS. We hope you and your families had a lovely, relaxing break. We are excited to be back and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. Mrs. Laura Sherlock (ES1 Assistant Principal) and Mr. Adam Vincent (Deputy Principal K-2) will oversee Kindergarten. The 2023 classes are as follows:

Early Stage One Staff	
KB Ms Kate Burton	KN Mrs Natasa Ristic
KI Miss Hazal Izci	KR Miss Rahana Rahmatullah
KM Mr Daniel Mackay	KS Mrs Laura Sherlock (ES1 Assistant Principal)
Mrs Melissa Vasram- Instructional Leader	Mr Adam Vincent – Deputy Principal K-2

The Kindergarten teachers are an enthusiastic team who are ready to get 2023 underway. Kindergarten is an important time for students to develop their basic literacy and numeracy, build social skills and develop a love of learning. We are excited to embark on this journey of growth with you and your child over the coming year.

Important Times

School Start:	8:45am (8:30am is a good time to arrive at school)
Recess Eating:	10:35-10:45am
Recess Play:	10:45 – 11:15am
Lunch Eating:	1:05 – 1:15pm
Lunch Play:	1:15 – 1:45pm
School Finish:	2:45pm

Drop off and pick up

Teachers are on duty from 8:15am. Students should not arrive before 8:15am. Students should be collected at 2:45pm. Students not collected from school will be kept with their class teacher or with the Principal/Deputy Principal and parents or emergency contacts will be called. If you need to change your pickup arrangements, please notify the school as soon as possible so the classroom teacher can be notified.

Absences

If a student is absent from school, please complete an absent notification on the Sentral Parent Portal App or alternatively send a note to their classroom teacher upon their return. Please include student's name, class, date of absence, reason for absence (sickness/leave) and your signature. If your child is ill or exhibiting signs of illness, they should not return to school until they are well.

Weekly Stage Timetable

Assembly:	Thursday afternoon (From Term 2, more information will be sent home towards the end of Term 1)
Stage Sport:	Wednesday
Library:	Friday

Sport Days

For Stage sport, children can wear sport runners and Barnier Public School sport uniform (school polo and shorts). Occasionally we have major sport functions such as Cross Country and Athletics. On those days' children are able to wear their house colour shirt. Rafter - Red, O'Neil - Blue, Freeman – Yellow & Waugh – Green. We will send a note home closer to when these events are happening. The Barnier P&C have optional sport shirts available for purchase and they will communicate when purchasing of these shirts is available.

RFF (Relief from Face-to-Face Teaching)

Teachers receive regular set time each week to complete planning and administrative tasks. During this time your child's class will be taught curriculum content by a qualified teacher. We aim for teacher consistency so students can build positive relationships and familiarity with routine.

Homework

Homework for ES1 will commence in Week 5. Homework for Term 1 will consist of literacy and mathematics tasks linked to classroom learning. From Term Two, a homework sheet, decodable reader and fluency strip will be sent home in a document folder. Homework will be issued on Monday and can be returned on Fridays.

Stationery

The stationery requirements for ES1 are available to view online on the school website. We would greatly appreciate frequent donations of wet wipes and paper towels.

Crunch and Sip

Our school is a 'Crunch and Sip' school. Crunch and Sip is a short break in the morning (roughly 10:00am) where children can eat vegetables or fruit and drink water. In Kindergarten it can be difficult for your children to juggle their lunchboxes, so it is preferred that Crunch and Sip is packed in a separate container that is quick and easy to access.

Birthday Celebrations

In Kindergarten we love celebrating birthdays as much as the children! However, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to accept edible class birthday gifts unless they have been individually wrapped or are in individual packets. To make things easier and equitable, if you plan on sending something in, we ask that it is an individually pre-packaged such as store-bought lollies, lollipops, ice blocks etc.

Digital Stories

In ES1 we use digital platforms to share some aspects of your child's journey in the classroom. This year your classroom teacher will be using Seesaw to share photos and anecdotes with you. Please speak to your classroom teacher if you have not yet been provided with a Seesaw login code.

Reporting and Progress

Barnier Public School formally reports on your child's progress twice a year. We have written reports at the end of each semester in Term 2 and Term 4 along with three-way face-to-face conferences in Term 1. If a need arises for you to discuss your child's progress, your classroom teacher is available for a formal appointment. Your classroom teacher's availability is dependent on their other school commitments and will be communicated to you.

Communicating with your class teacher

There are four ways to formally communicate with your classroom teacher.

1. Formal appointments for a face-to-face meeting, phone conferences and email contact can be made by emailing the school office: barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au A message will be forwarded to your classroom teacher and they will call you back at a convenient time. You are not able to email your classroom teacher directly. **Please note that all crucial information, such as changes in student circumstances and changes to pick up routines, should be communicated by emailing the school office**
2. Through the messaging feature on Seesaw. Please note that teachers may only read and reply to messages during school hours and at a time that does not disrupt their teaching.

If you wish to discuss anything with the stage Assistant Principal, you can follow the same processes outlined above with attention to: **Laura Sherlock**

How you can support your child's learning at home

One of the most important ways you can support your child at home is to read with them for 10 or more minutes a day. Discuss the book with your child, ask them literal questions about the story and talk about the characters and beginning, middle and end of the story. You can play simple maths games such as snap, memory and go fish to help your child recognise numbers. Assist them with their homework and talk about their day. Encourage them to pack their own lunchbox, schoolbag and fill up their drink bottle. Play games where they are required to share and take turns and assist them in building their resilience for changes in routines.

Barnier Parent and Community

The Barnier P & C are always looking for enthusiastic parents to assist with school events and fundraising. If you are interested in helping, please email: barnierpublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au

We hope that you have a wonderful year and look forward to working in partnership to develop your child's growth and progress in primary school. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2023.

Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Laura Sherlock
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Mandy Hollis
Principal