



Barkly Blurb!!!

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Upcoming Events

P&C Meeting at 6:00pm.....10 February
 Leaders Induction20 February
 Book Fair.....23 February – 27 February
 Last day of term 1.....2 April
 Good Friday Holiday.....3 April

Upcoming Events

P&C A&M at 6:00pm.....10 March
 School Photos.....11 & 12 March
 Chappy Breakfast.....Every Monday & Tuesday

Payments Due

Book Club.....6 February

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

'Welcome to Barkly Highway State School' to our new students, families and staff as well as those families who are continuing with us in 2015. I am looking forward to working with the students, staff and families of Barkly Highway this year to continue to build the great reputation that our school has in the Mount Isa community.

For those of you who need to know the background of your child's Principal, here is a very brief personal history of me. I am the youngest of ten children who grew up on a farm near Warwick on the Darling Downs. I trained as a teacher in Townsville in the late 70's and proceeded to work in 15 schools over the next 36 years from Brisbane to Kowanyama, the Darling Downs and South West Queensland as well as the Sunshine Coast. I've spent the last 12 years as both Deputy Principal and Principal. Prior to coming to Mount Isa I was Principal at Ayr East State School.

Also new to the Barkly Highway staff are Mr Huw James (Year 4/5), Ms Claire Goss (Year 6), Miss Rhiannon Taylor (Year 3), Ms Lesley Hegarty (Year 4), Mrs Danya Benson (Prep), Miss Tania Leiter (SEP) and Mrs Natalie Blyth. They bring with them their previous experience and enthusiasm to add to the Barkly Highway mix of great teachers.

This week, 62 Prep students started their schooling at Barkly Highway. Their introduction to school was helped by the efforts of their parents who made sure that they were well prepared to start on the first day of school. Getting into routine is important for their continued success and I would ask parents to keep regular contact with the Prep Year teachers so that teachers and parents can work together to get the best learning for students.

Keeping in contact doesn't stop at the Prep classrooms so if you haven't introduced yourself to your son's or daughter's teacher, I'd encourage you to make some time to have a conversation with them. Find out what opportunities there are to be more involved in your child's learning.

At this week's parade I reminded students of the Barkly Bs that are the underpinning values for everyone at Barkly Highway State School. There are four of them:

1. Be responsible;
2. Be respectful;
3. Be resilient; and,
4. Be a learner

Teachers have reviewed these four values in class. It is important that students are encouraged to follow them and I would encourage parents to discuss what their behaviours look like and sound like when they are doing their best to uphold the Barkly Bs.

Across the school there has been a very settled feeling in the classrooms and the playgrounds during these first two weeks. This is a great start to the year and a good sign that 2015 will be a great learning time at Barkly Highway State School.

I look forward to meeting you around the school or perhaps at next week's first P&C meeting.

Regards
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DEPUTY'S REPORT

Welcome back to a new year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families. Barkly Highway State School is a great school and I am sure you will enjoy being part of our community.

The beginning of a new year sees new staff at Barkly Highway State School and I would like to welcome them all to our school. We are still awaiting the appointment of a HPE, Arts, LOTE and a SEP teacher (.6 fraction). It has been a wonderful first week of school and can I say how smart the students look in their school uniforms. Thank you to the parents who ensure children are in correct uniform each day and support our school image and also help teach children to respect and follow rules. Please help students learn to develop responsibility and respect for rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. I thank you for your support.

As I walked around the classes this week I was so pleased to see our students with their equipment ready to be engaged in learning. I don't believe in having a 'warm-up week' for school. Everyday counts, and class programs which have been carefully prepared by teachers over the holiday break begin on the bell on the first and every day. Please help us to help your children by ensuring they are ready for school each day, on time so that they don't miss out on any valuable learning time. I was also very pleased to see how well our three new prep classes started their first days of school life. Prep is a very exciting time for both students and parents. We have 62 prep students who commenced school this year at our school and they and their teachers have had a very busy and productive few days of school. All three prep classes seemed very settled when I visited and the students were eagerly engaged in their class activities.

I look forward to working with you all this year and encourage you to maintain communication with the school through the teachers to solve any issues which may arise. My experience is that the earlier a problem is addressed the easier it is to solve and move forward. Additionally, full communication gives a clearer picture of an issue and often a different perspective.

I am looking forward to a very rewarding and productive 2015 school year, where together we can make a positive difference to every student at Barkly Highway State School.

On a final note, if your child was away at the end of last year and did not receive their report card, they can be collected from the office any time over the next two weeks.

Regards,
Ash Wagh

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to an awesome year here at Barkly! Also, may I extend a warm welcome to our new Barkly families. I trust you all had a wonderful break and were able to recharge those energy levels. Here in the Resource Centre we are certainly ready for this term and have started borrowing this week as well as having handed out the first issue of Book Club. This term we will be also holding our first out of two Book Fairs for the year.

Borrowing:

Students from Prep (who will join us a little later in the year) to Year 3 do need a library bag in order to borrow a book. All student borrowing is due back every week. We encourage our students to develop and further this responsibility as well as looking after and respecting the books they borrow on a regular basis. We would greatly appreciate your parental help to assist us in this matter.

Book Club:

Our school participates in the Book Club each year which consists of eight issues that are distributed throughout the year. Please note that there is absolutely no obligation to order or purchase at all. Brochures are usually handed out on a Monday and are always due back on Friday of the same week. Late orders may be held over to the next issue. All payments are to be taken to the office. Ordering is very easy - simply mark the items on the order sheet attached on the back of each brochure and add it up. Make sure you have your child's name and class written on the sheet. If you are ordering across multiple brochures or for a couple of students simply add up all amounts and return as one payment. If you wish to pay by credit card, again combine all payment and simply ring 1800 557 908 which is an automated service and it will issue you with a receipt number. Record that number on the Payment Note on the order form and hand to the office. There is mention of the LOOP system, a new online way to order, on the order form, which we are investigating at this stage. We will pass on any information as we progress and would ask you to use the other available option in the meantime.

Please don't hesitate and see me in the Resource Centre with any queries or questions you may have.

Kind Regards
Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

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LITERACY NEWS

Hi Everyone,

"What is literacy?"

Literacy is the ability to read, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world. Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life." (<http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/pdf/factsheet-l-n.pdf>)

You are your child's first literacy teacher.

With your support, your child will grow up to become an excellent reader with strong writing skills – and what a difference that will make when he or she enters TAFE, university or the workforce one day! You don't need a lot of special skills to help your child learn to read and write. Just spending time with your child doing everyday activities makes all the difference in the world.

Whether your child is just starting out or can already read and write, there is always room for more learning. As your child grows older, he or she will enjoy new opportunities and new successes because a first teacher – you – took the time at home to actively talk, play and listen. All this helps reinforce what your child learns at school.

Remember, lifelong success starts with strong reading and writing skills. And that means your child's lifelong success starts with you. Learning to read and write does not take place all at once. Everyone learns at a different rate. It just takes time, practice and support. Whenever you can, wherever you can, encourage your child and show that you have confidence in his or her abilities.

Top Tip One: Talk with your child

It may seem obvious, but it is as important to listen to as it is to talk with your child. Children develop the skills for reading and writing through both talking and listening.

- **Talk with your child about problems and solutions.** Talk about how you might manage day-to-day problems, such as finding time to make dinner, so that you will be ready to watch a favourite TV show or go online together.
- **Make sure your child has time to think.** It sometimes takes time to think of what to say next. Be ready to wait for what your child has to say.
- **Ask questions that will lead your child to talk about his or her ideas.** Instead of telling your child something, try to ask a question that will lead your child to talk about what he or she thinks. For example, instead of telling your child how you are planning to celebrate a family event, ask for ideas about making a plan.

If you're stuck, here are some "talk starters" to get your conversation going:

- What did you notice about ...
- What else could you have done ...
- What would you do if ...
- What would happen if ...
- How do you know that?
- Convince me about that!

(This information comes from [Reading and Writing with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6, A Parent Guide](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit2012.pdf) available at URL: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit2012.pdf)

Have fun learning together!

Cheryl Gallagher
Literacy Teacher

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

Welcome back to Term 1, 2015. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Tuckshop is back up and running for a new year and I am sure most parents are still keen to be packing lunches for their children but for those of you who are strapped for time or just haven't got around to shopping we are here to help.

Our 2015 menu was sent home in the last newsletter last year but we do have spare menus available at the Tuckshop.

Just a reminder that Flexischools is a fantastic time saver when placing a tuckshop order. Just go to

www.flexischools.com.au and have a look. You won't ever want to see a brown paper bag again! We are also still offering the Birthday Club this year. We will make cupcakes or supply iceblocks to your child's class for their birthday for

\$1.50/head. You can come and order at the Tuckshop or order on Flexischools. Another convenience we offer at Tuckshop is EFTPOS.

Keep an eye out for our new specials starting on 23 February.

Hope everyone has a great week.

Deb Fisher



TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2015!

To help take the stress out of your child's class Birthday Celebration.

Another great time saver is our Birthday Club. For your little Darling's special day, we can make fresh cupcakes or supply ice blocks to your child's class. All we ask is that you give us a week's notice to be able to prepare for the special day. Cost is \$1.50 per head.

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop is open every Thursday 8:30am to 9:00am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note for the safety of our children, parents and the general public:

- Buka Street Staff Car Park – This is signed as no access by pedestrians and the general public. It is also out of bounds to students. Parents are asked not to park nor walk through there either alone or with their children
- It is illegal to park on the footpath. By doing so it is impeding pedestrian access to the footpath.
- Pedestrians are allowed on the inside of the guard rails on the Buka Street/Owen Stanley Road corner; this actually is the footpath and controlled by the council so parents, please let your children know that they are allowed to walk here and not on the road.
- Some parents are not using the supervised crossing and are walking their children across the corner on Buka Street. Not only is this unsafe but it is not teaching children road safety. It only takes a few extra seconds to follow road rules and use the crossing.
- Finally Buka Street is signed as no parking. It is illegal to stop and drop your children off as this impedes the flow of traffic causing hazards.
- We have a designated "Stop, Drop and Go" parking area at the Urquhart Street Car Park if parent would like to drop their children off safely. Parents are also reminded that there is a maximum of two minutes parking in the Stop, Drop and Go zone.
- Vehicles using the Urquhart Street Car Park are reminded that there is a Give Way Sign to give way to traffic entering the car park.
- When using the Urquhart Street Car Park please be considerate of others using the park and park so as not to obstruct others.

Mount Isa Junior AFL

Sign on day is Sunday the 15th of February at Legend Oval from 11am to 1pm.

Players can also pick up sign on forms from Power & Air Solutions on the Barkly Highway. For more information call Adrian Cameron on 0419 66 33 42

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