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Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	16 March Chappy Breakfast PCYC Indigenous Sports on the oval: 10:40am	17 March	18 March "Making Friends" Performance	19 March Chappy Breakfast Newsletter to go home	20 March Prep Colour Day: Orange Nation Day of Action Against Bullying – Wear Orange to School Interschool Sport
Week 9	23 March Chappy Breakfast PCYC Indigenous Sports on the oval: 10:40am	24 March	25 March Parent Workshop: Oral Language (8:30am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm)	26 March Chappy Breakfast	27 March Prep Colour Day: Black/White
Week 10	30 March Chappy Breakfast PCYC Indigenous Sports on the oval: 10:40am	31 March	1 April	2 April Chappy Breakfast Prep Colour Party Easter Bonnet Parade Newsletter to go home Last Day Term 1	3 April Good Friday holiday



We acknowledge the Kalkadoon people, the Traditional Owners of the land where our school is built and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.



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PRINCIPAL: Des Gribbin

Over the next two weeks, teachers will be providing an opportunity for families to meet with them for parent-teacher interviews. This time is a great chance to see and hear how your child is tracking with their learning this term. I encourage parents to include their child in these discussions. With a focus on Reading, Writing and Number it is important that the skills required for improvement in these areas are understood so that the school and families can work together to help students reach their goals.

With Reading, the North Queensland Region has identified 'reading benchmarks' that they anticipate students to reach by the end of each term. For Prep it is a PM 2 by the end of Term 1, in Year 1 it is a PM 10, and in Year 2 a PM 17 is the target for the end of Term 1. In Prep, students are often limited from reaching benchmark when they do not have the early reading skills of sound/letter knowledge. While not

the only aspect of reading, having early phonological awareness and skills give students an early start to becoming a good reader.

Lately I've fielded a number of safety concerns from parents and staff as well as personally witnessing a few near misses. Predominantly these concerns have been about student safety at the end of the school day when students are being picked up, waiting to be picked up or travelling home from school.

- cars parked right up to the fence along Urquhart Street forcing students to walk behind cars;
- vehicles blocking pedestrian access;
- cars double parked along Bougainville Street or even in bus zones;
- students getting in to moving vehicles that are attempting to park;

- students retrieving balls from behind and under vehicles (Thorpe Street);
- students kicking balls on to parked cars and the road in Thorpe Street;
- students not exercising care when crossing streets when walking or riding.

While I'll continue to raise my concerns with local police and remind staff to be mindful while on supervision duty, I would also ask families to discuss strategies for safe travel and waiting responsibly, with their children. Please consider whether your own behaviour when dropping or collecting your children is putting them or other parent's children at risk. Accidents will always be what they are – accidents. However it is everyone's responsibility to try to reduce the likelihood of an accident. Please be mindful.

For the next six weeks, Ash Wagh will be acting Principal at Townview SS. Fiona

Kropp will step up to be the acting Deputy Principal at Barkly Highway. Rod Nelson will relieve as Head of Curriculum and Kym Stehbens will relieve as Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy three days each week. This will allow Kym to continue teaching Year 1 Red with Kylie Toms.

Congratulations to the 2015 P&C Executive. I look forward to working with Gavin Donnelly (President), Brooke Kings (Secretary) and Rachel Juillerat (Treasurer). P&Cs are often overlooked for the important work that they do in providing a convenient service for families (tuckshop, uniforms, ...) and better facilities for the children (playgrounds, equipment, ...). The executive are always looking for help and would be grateful of any assistance or time that you could give.

Thanks to all the families who supported the recent School Performance Tour – ‘making friends’. Receipting money for these productions is very onerous on a school as the performance company requires definite numbers and charges the school accordingly. For this reason we set a ‘due date’ for Monday 16 March. Unfortunately some payments were not received until just before the show and in some cases just after the show. By this stage numbers were already confirmed with the performance company and some students were not able to attend.

Enjoy the last two weeks of term.

Regards

Making Friends By Emily and Hayley

In Week 8 of Term One, Barkly Highway State School students enjoyed a highly entertaining performance by Karina from School Performance Tours. The event taught children about ‘making friends’. This play involved humour, puppetry and student involvement. All students who attended had a fantastic time. Thank you Karina for this memorable experience.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

We are having a fantastic time in the library with borrowing and also at lunchtimes. During these recent hot months, many of our students choose to spend their playtime in the cool of the library. We offer a wide range of books and magazines, reference material and photo books to entertain. Computer access for students from Grade 3 is a huge draw card too. Students enjoy cool math games, Study Ladder, Kids Pix and other games. Our younger students are also having fun with a variety of games to play.

With the term nearing its end, we are requesting that all books be returned by the end of next week (week 8). Overdue notices will be sent home with students during the coming week.

Thankyou to all families who have supported our Book Club Issue #2. All books have been ordered and should arrive next week for distribution.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries or questions you may have.

Kind regards, Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

LITERACY NEWS

Hi Everyone,

This newsletter we continue looking at **writing** and get some more tips from the author of the Seven Steps to Writing Success Program – Jen McVeity.

**Step 1:
Plan for Success**

SEVEN STEPS WRITING TIPS
Series One

If you got a dollar for every time you told your kids to plan their work, you'd be living on a tropical island now, right???

It's hard to show people HOW to plan, so here's a quick method. Good stories (like movies, books, poems and even jokes) are all planned - and they all have a similar structure. This is what it looks like.

1. Start with a bang - this usually has the main character in an action scene.
2. Back fill - the Who, What, Why is filled in while the action unfolds
3. The main problem is introduced
4. Complications and more problems. Things get very bad indeed
5. Tension scene where hero/heroine fights against incredible odds
6. Climax - incredibly, wonderfully they win!

Once writers know these basics, they have a SYSTEM to their planning - and this really improves their writing.

TOP TIP:
Think first, write second.
Draw yourself a graph like this one and plot your stories out BEFORE you start writing.

ACTION ACTIVITY:
Watch TV ads - you know the ones that 'tell a story.' In 30 seconds, some ads can create a start, tension scene and great ending, exactly like the story graph.

© Jen McVeity, author and National Literacy Champion

Seven Steps to Writing Success

The full *Seven Steps* program is available:
For Parents: www.sevenstepswriting.com
For Teachers: www.highlightingwriting.com
Email: office@highlightingwriting.com
Phone: 61 3 9521 8639

Seven Steps
TO WRITING SUCCESS

Uniform Shop

Open Every Thursday

8:30 to 9:00am

It's good to start by brainstorming ideas and using these to plan the story before you begin writing.

Have fun writing with your children.

Cheryl Gallagher
(Literacy Teacher)

Reminder: Parent Literacy & Numeracy Workshops

Our first workshop will be in Week 9 on **Monday 23 March**. We will be holding a workshop at **8:30am**, a repeat session at **2:45pm** and the same workshop is offered again in an evening session at **6:00pm**. This workshop will be about Oral Language – **Let's Talk about Talking** (the importance of 'talk' and how to build oral language skills).

More workshops will be held in Term 2 ☺
Hope to see you on Monday 23 May.
Nicola Nyugen, Rod Nelson and Cheryl Gallagher
(Master Teacher, Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy, & Literacy Teacher)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Breakfast club continues to be a popular part of the school week for many students at Barkly Highway State School. Every Monday and Thursday from 7:30am to 8:15am, cereal, toast and milo are available free of charge to help students have a great start to their day of learning. It is also a social occasion where students can hang out with their friends and talk to teachers in a relaxed environment away from the classroom. There is a roster of staff members allocated to help serve food and instruct students in the ancient art of washing their own dishes. It would be great if parents were able to be a part of the school community in this way. If you would be available to assist with breakfast club two or three times a term before school, please make contact with the school office.

Also a big round of applause is deserved for Brumby's Bakery, who have generously offered to sponsor the bread required for breakfast club each week. Good on you Brumby's Bakery!

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all of those who supported the Barkly Highway State School P&C by attending our AGM last Tuesday. Please let me introduce our Executive Committee for 2015.

President: Gavin Donnelly
Secretary: Brooke Kings
Treasurer: Rachel Juillerat

The position for vice-president is currently vacant. If you would like to be involved in the school P&C, either in an executive role or as a member, please feel free to attend our next meeting 12 May 2015 at 6:00pm. We would love to see you there!

SCHOOL BANKING 2015

The School Banking program encourages good saving habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items! After every 10 deposits, students can redeem a reward from our **OUTER SPACE SAVERS** range.

Please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking for more information or come to the school office and we can give you all the information you need to get started.

STUDENT COUNCIL



National Day Against Bullying

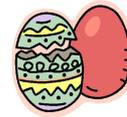
Just a reminder that this Friday, 20 March is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. To show that our school supports this cause, we are asking all staff and students to wear orange on this day. Students will be taking part in discussions and activities during the day to stress this anti-bullying message.

There is no gold coin donation required for this event.

We look forward to seeing a sea of orange across Barkly Highway State School on Friday!

Thanks for supporting this cause.
Barkly Highway Student Council

Easter Egg Giveaway



HUGE thank you to those of you who have already sent a donation of Easter eggs into school for our Easter Egg Giveaway. **With the raffle only 3 weeks away we need lots more donations !!!!!**

Each class has a book of raffle tickets that are being awarded to students in recognition of outstanding classroom behaviour. In the last week of school we will hold a special parade to select a raffle ticket winner/s from each class. This student/s will win an Easter basket full of goodies. All remaining tickets will be placed in a central draw for a large Easter basket as the 'school-wide prize'.

Last year this was a very exciting event. So, any eggs you are able to donate to help make these baskets fantastic would be much appreciated. Don't worry about the heat and storage, we can make sure they are refrigerated!

Thanks again for your support!
Rod Nelson



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NAPLAN Test Timetable 2015 Term 2 Week 4

Monday 11 May	Tuesday 12 May Official test date	Wednesday 13 May Official test date	Thursday 14 May Official test date	Friday 15 May
	Language conventions Yr 3: (40 min) Yr 5: (40 min)	Reading Yr 3: 45 min Yr 5: 50 min	Numeracy Yr 3: 45 min Yr 5: 50 min	<i>Catch up tests permitted</i>
	<i>Minimum 20 minute break</i>			
	Writing Yr 3: (40 min) Yr 5: (40 min)			

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

Our new special for the next 2 weeks is Homemade Quiche and Salad for \$5.00 with \$0.50 extra for salad dressing. The salad is: lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese and beetroot. This special is available every day and can be ordered at the counter or on Flexischools.

We have introduced a new drink in the tuckshop to replace LOL's. The new option available is called 'Glee'. It is a sparkling fruit juice that is under 300kJ per serve, 100% Australian Owned and Made! Natural ingredients, no preservatives, no added sugar, natural colours, natural flavours, no preservatives and is rich in Vitamin C. The flavours we have available at the moment are 'Slammin Strawberry' and 'Blackcurrant Burst'. If anyone would like more information please don't hesitate to visit us at the Tuckshop.

We have also added Vege sticks and dip to Flexischools as a snack option for \$2.00.

Just a reminder that Flexischools is a fantastic time saver, just go to www.flexischools.com.au and have a look, you won't ever want to see a brown paper bag again! Another convenience we offer at Tuckshop is EFTPOS.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT?

Learn about another cultures, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills?

Hosting - An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Important Dates!

20 March: National Day Against Bullying
23 March - 1 April: Parent-Teacher Interviews
25 March: Parent Workshops (Oral Language)
2 April: Last day of Term 1
3 April: Good Friday (public holiday)
20 April: First Day of Term 2
24 April: School ANZAC Parade (8:40am)
25 April: ANZAC Dawn Service (5:30am)
25 April: ANZAC Community March and Service (9:30am)



ABSENT FROM SCHOOL (Don't let it be Unexplained)

Ph: **44373633**

Phone or leave a message!
Drop by the office or send a note!

ALL DAY - EVERY DAY!

AIMING FOR 95% OR BETTER

JUMPING CASTLE HIRE

Having a party? Need something to entertain the kids on the weekend? How about hiring a jumping castle! The Barkly Highway State School P&C has two jumping castles for hire. The Disney themed jumping castle is \$200 and the Batman slide is \$300. Price includes hire for a 24 hour period and includes all necessary tools and equipment. All money raised from the hire of our jumping castles goes right back into the P&C and ultimately the school and our students. Email jumpingcastle@barklyss.eq.edu.au if you are interested or want further details. *From the P&C*

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