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I really hope that families have been able to take up the opportunity last week and this week to meet with their child’s teacher to talk about their achievements this term. Discussing the learning allows the parents, teachers and students to all have the same understanding of what is required to reach the next set of learning goals.

In the first week next term we will acknowledge ANZAC Day both here at school and in the community. Our school’s ANZAC parade will be at 8:40am on Friday 24 April and all families are welcome to join us. Along with each of the classes, parents are also able to lay a wreath in memory of those that served.

On ANZAC Day (Saturday 25 April), the community will hold their Dawn Service at 5:30am on the Civic Centre Lawn and later I invite all students and their families to join the ANZAC parade and march as representatives of Barkly Highway State School. We will assemble near the Police Station car park at 9:30am before marching to the Civic Centre for the ANZAC ceremony where our school captains and vice captains will lay a wreath on behalf of Barkly Highway State School. It would be great to see a sea of Barkly Highway uniforms marching behind our school banner.

Keep an eye out for the school over the holidays. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number - 131 788. There will be a number of contractors working at the school over the Easter holidays – carpet cleaning and pest control, painting to the ECDU and amenities buildings as well as other maintenance repairs that have started and hopefully completed in this time. I hope everyone gets to have some time over the next two weeks to enjoy being with family and friends.

Regards

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**PRINCIPAL: Des Gribbin**

Thought I would start off with a graph to show the attendance rate across the year levels. Our attendance goal for this year is 95% across the whole school.

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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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Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?
If so, please email: admin@barklyss.eq.edu.au
DEPUTY’S REPORT
School Review – opportunity to have your say
Our school is scheduled for a school review from Monday 4 May to Wednesday 6 May. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and it will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office.

Further information about the review is available from the department’s website: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal.

If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jake Russell, Jake Egan, Brodie Roberts, Kael Trema, Te Arawa Tapu and Toby Burraston who have been selected in the Mount Isa District Rugby League team. Well done and good luck!

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
Here we are only days from our well-earned holidays! All library borrowing is overdue now and needs to be returned before the holidays. Unfortunately we still have well over 100 books outstanding and would greatly appreciate if parents could ask their children and possibly check their school bags for overdue notices which students received last week.

Goods from Book Club Issue #2 have been handed out. We are regrettably waiting on a couple of backorders which are hopefully arriving before the holidays. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday and am looking forward to seeing everybody back for an exciting term 2.

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.

When drafting a story, grab your reader’s attention with some action like in the movies.

Enjoy your April break and have fun writing with your children.

Cheryl Gallagher (Literacy Teacher)
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Easter Egg Giveaway

Thank you Barkly Highway State School families! You have outdone yourselves yet again. We have had a fantastic amount of donations for the raffle and have been able to make up lots of wonderful prizes for each class to reward those students who have been displaying great behaviour! Hopefully all students have plenty of tickets in the draw.

The parade and prize draw will be held on: Thursday 2nd April at 2:00p.m.

Students must be at the parade to win a prize so make sure you are attending school right up to the last day!

There may even be an appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Thanks, Rod Nelson

Free Dress Day

Our Student Council has decided to hold a Free Dress Day on Thursday 2nd April (the last day of school this term).

Students are invited to wear casual dress on this day and to bring along a gold coin donation. These donations will be given to the Cyclone Pam Appeal. This appeal will assist the school children of Vanuatu whose school buildings and resources were completely destroyed by the cyclone.

We look forward to your support on this Free Dress Day.

Student Council

P&C NEWS

The P&C Association is a group of community minded people, who promote the interests of Barkly Highway State School and assist with the development and improvement of the school.

All parents and carers are encouraged to join the P&C and by becoming a member, you are kept up to date with what is happening at our school. 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!

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of Term 1! We will have our new special starting in week 2 of Term 2 and it is a yummy (secret) recipe given to me by one of our beautiful volunteers, Lorraine Hilton. It is “Lorraine’s Creamy Chicken and Avocado pasta Salad.” It will be available in small $3.00 or large $5.00 containers.

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 veggie sticks and dip to Flexischools as a snack option for $2.00.

Flexischools is a fantastic time saver. Just visit www.flexischools.com.au and have a look, you won’t ever want to see a brown paper bag again!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Barkly children, families and staff a very Happy Easter and hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing break.

Deb Fisher

TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2015!

To help take the stress out of your child’s class birthday celebrations, we have a great time saver for you. It’s our very own Birthday Club! We can make fresh cupcakes or supply ice blocks to your child’s class to help celebrate their special day. Please allow us one week’s notice to be able to prepare and we’ll do the rest. Cost is $1.50 per head. See the friendly staff at the tuckshop for more information.

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 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 need further details.

“Like” us on Facebook

Keep up to date with the latest information and events on Facebook. Search and “like” us at ‘Barkly Highway State School’. www.facebook.com/barklyhighwaystateschool
Uniform Shop
Open Every Thursday
8:30 to 9:00am

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Kate Derry at 0411 811 212.

MOUNT ISA ATHLETICS CLUB
2015 Sign on days for ages 4 years +
Saturday 18 April 2015 at Sunset Oval from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
Birth certificates will need to be sighted for all new members.
Forms and information available at www.mountisaathletics.com.au or contact David Scott 0402 219 039

TAKING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER
Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international student in their home by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our facebook page or www.scce.com.au, call toll free on 1800 500 501 or email scceaust@scce.com.au

SUPERHERO DISCO
If you could have a super power what would it be?
Are you in PREP-grade 6? Come and show it off at a super hero disco! Come dressed up as your favourite super hero and dance the night away, play lots of games and best dressed super hero gets a prize!
...We’ll even have a lucky door prize :) The PCYC canteen will be opened to purchase from.
When: 17th April 2015
Time: 6.30pm-8pm
Who: PREP - grade 6
Venue: PCYC Mt Isa
Cost: $5.00
Event will be fully supervised by the PCYC

JOEY SCOUTS
Joey Scouts is the first section of scouts for boys and girls aged 6-8. Joey Scouts are encouraged to express themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. Building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, growing plants from seedlings or singing songs together, all develop a strong sense of belonging.
Joey Scouts meet on Tuesdays 6-7pm. For more information contact mitsajoys@hotmail.com

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2015
TRIX 4 NIX SK8 DAY
Planned to be one of the gnarliest days on the youth week calendar, come and be a part of our scooter/BMX/skate demos. Come down and meet some pro skaters and get the goss from them.
Score yourself some sweet free sk8 merchandise, grab a free sausage sizzle and make your mark on our graffiti wall.
Finish a big day with a performance by hip hop band Daze Affair, all the way from Townsville.
Date: Saturday 11th April 2015
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