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**

We celebrate birth and find many opportunities to celebrate special times in our lives. Why is it so hard for us to see dying as much a part of living as being born?

The past week has tugged at the hearts of so many in our school and across the Mount Isa community. We have cried. We’ve tried to understand. We have comforted others. Yet the feelings are still there.

Ché Mellick was a passionate teacher who embodied every aspect of what a great teacher is all about. She understood her students and made sure that each felt special. She tailored her teaching to make sure that everyone was considered and when they went into their next class they never forgot Miss Mellick. Unbelievably organized and devoted to her students.

Colleagues modelled their teaching on her and regional leadership recognized her teaching as best practice; teaching practice that gave every student in her class the best opportunity to succeed in their learning.

I acknowledge the feelings that our staff, students and families have at this sad time. I also extend my sincere thoughts and condolences to Ché’s mum and dad, Jeryl and David, her sister and brother, Kea and Jace, her partner Stu and other family members. I pray that they find the fortitude and compassion to deal with their deep hurt.

Ché embraced life; never a reason not to smile. Her friends were drawn to her and the friendships strong. I hope that we can all learn from Ché and take a little of her into who we are to continue her legacy of starting every day as a bright new and happy day.

I hope that you can join us on Friday afternoon when we celebrate the life of a most loved teacher. Our remembrance service for Ché will start at 1:45pm. The Barkly Highway P&C will provide an afternoon tea to those families who choose to stay after the service.

Please be aware that parking at and near the school will be at a premium tomorrow afternoon. I would suggest that those attending Ché’s service as well as those picking their children up at the end of the day arrive early and be prepared to park in some of the nearby streets. Please be mindful of our school neighbours as well as student safety when choosing your park.

Kind Regards
DEPUTY’S REPORT

STAFF CAR PARK
The school carparks are only for staff parking and not a thoroughfare for students or parents. When entering the school grounds please use the walkway entry points for the safety of all concerned.

NAPLAN 2015
Today our Year 3 and 5 students completed the last of the 2015 NAPLAN tests, Numeracy. We have been very proud of the students’ approach and attitude to each of the tests. Great work to our Year 3 and 5 students!
This year, students were given the opportunity each morning to have a fruit snack prior to beginning the tests. Thank-you to parent Bettina Burraston who was able to fill in for Janelle Stuart-Russel at the last moment, and with support from teaching staff, prepared the fruit each morning. Your efforts were appreciated. Thank-you.

Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure!
This education program presented by Bravehearts will be offered to our P-Year 3 students on Tuesday 26 May. It will provide the basic principles of personal safety and the knowledge needed to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.
Although the cost of the performance is free, a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

P&C Fundraiser
Combined Family Portrait Fundraiser
Recently a flyer was sent home advertising “Family Portraits”. There is a limited number of appointments available, so get in quick and forward your form and $15.00 to the school in a marked envelope labelled “Family Portraits”. Book and pay before Friday 29 May to secure your appointment.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
The term seems to fly past and our students are enjoying the library borrowing as well as coming in during their playtime. Our younger students love the toys and games, while the older ones take advantage of computer access and play games, but everyone likes to roam the book shelves or look at the photo books.

Book Club
Thank you to all the families who supported the last Book Club #3. All orders have been distributed apart from 2 backorders we are waiting on, and those students have been informed.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is back and will start on the Tuesday 19 May and finishes on Friday 21 August. During this time we ask all students in years 3-6 to record the requested number of books or other reading materials on their reading record sheets that will be handed out shortly. Years Prep-2 will be experiencing their books together and recording them. We are hoping for 100% student participation this year as every student is reading during our daily DEAR time. Certificates will be given to all participating students during PRC Celebration Weeks in November.

Reading More in May
This challenge, run by Scholastic, is still ongoing and recognises May as the National Reading month. To find out more go to www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm. You could win $250 worth of books for you, your family and books for the classroom.
As always, please contact us with any queries 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.

When drafting a story, tighten the tension with characters facing problems prior to the exciting ending like in the movies. Children can create nail-biting tension in their writing by filling the scene with detail to make the reader feel as if they were really there. Jen McVeity’s “Top Tip” to do this is to visualise the scene, then list the details. Use the five senses. What did they see, hear, touch, taste and smell? Add in their feelings. Now the tension scene is easy to write.
Enjoy writing,
Cheryl Gallagher
(Literacy Teacher)
YEAR 6 CAMP
A camp letter plus medical forms have been sent home. Please return these as soon as possible to the school office.

Final payments for the camp are due NO LATER than Monday 15 June 2015.

Deadly Ears Team
The team had to limit the number of students seen in their recent visit to Barkly Highway. They are returning this term from 9-13 June and permission notes received have been retained for future appointments. Families can also access audio testing via the hospital.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Homework Club
Just a reminder for those students registered for Homework Club, it has recommenced this Term every Thursday from 2:30-3:00pm in the Science room.

HPE NEWS
Hi Everyone

I have really enjoyed my first few months back at Barkly Highway State School. For those of you who don’t know, I was the PE teacher here back in 1999 and 2000, so it has been fantastic being back in my old school and an experience I never really dreamed would ever happen.

One thing that hasn’t changed is the great kids we have at this school. I have already noticed just how enthusiastic the kids are to sport and PE. It makes my job easy when the kids love coming to PE and they all have such a great “give it a go” attitude.

Congratulations to a number of students that have made school representative teams:

**Rugby League**: Jake Egan (selected as shadow NW Player)
**Boys Soccer**: Leo Schafer, Leon Laughton and Calum Ingram all selected in Mt Isa Team
**Girls Soccer**: Chelsea Page, Keili Eggmolesse and Ella Beaumclerc also selected in Mt Isa Team

**Upcoming Date Claimers**:
**Friday 22nd May Mt Isa Cross Country Trials**......NB. Our school cross country squad is being finalised this week.
**Wednesday 3 June** Interschool Netball and Rugby League.
**Friday 12 June** Interschool Netball and Rugby League.
**Wednesday 17 June** 800m Championship Races
**Thursday 18 June** Whole School Athletics Carnival and Junior Sports Day
**Friday 31 July** School Fun Run (Notes and sponsorship forms will be going home on the first week back after school holidays)

Good luck to all students competing in school and Mt Isa Teams during Term 2.

Yours in Sport
Ash Benson
HPE Teacher

Important Dates!

12-14 May: NAFLAN
14 May: Mining Expo (Year 6)
15 May: Memorial for Charlie (1-3pm) (Covered Area)
15 May: Applications Close for Cleaners Position
26 May: DITTO’s Keep Safe Adventure
28 May: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea - free dress (yellow) and gold coin day
May 29: Last day to book $15 family photo session
3 June: Interschool Sport
8 June: Queen’s Birthday - public holiday
9-13 June: Deadly Ears Team
9 June: P&C Meeting 6:00pm
12 June Interschool Sport
17-18 June: Athletics Carnival
19 June: Final payment for Yr 6 camp due
19 June: Mount Isa Show Holiday
25 June: Report Cards sent home
26 June: Last day of term

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 to hire 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.qld.edu.au if you are interested or want further details. From the P&C

POSITIONS VACANT

**Cleaner Position Vacant x2**

Permanent Full Time – 38 hrs/week
Permanent Part Time – 35.25 hrs/week

Job description and application packages are available from the school office. All prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People.

Written applications should be addressed to “Private & Confidential” Business Services Manager, Barkly Highway State School, PO Box 2214, Mount Isa Qld 4825.

Applications will remain current for twelve months. Applications close Friday 15 May at 3:00pm.
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.

If you would like to know more about the P&C and attend a meet and greet and P&C know-how on Friday 22 May at the School of the Air, or how to be involved, please contact pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au and we would be more than willing to pass on the information.

If you would like to volunteer in the Tuckshop or the Uniform Shop, please email pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au.

Uniform Shop
Open Every Thursday
8:30 to 9:00am

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

Our special until May 22, is Lorraine’s Delicious Creamy Chicken and Avocado pasta salad. Small is $3.00 Large is $5.00. This special is available every day and can be ordered over the counter or on Flexischools.

Our new special which will start on Monday 25 May is a Winter Warmer, Baked Potatoes with your choice of toppings. Toppings options are bacon, cheese, sour cream, bbq, tomato or sweet chilli sauce. These will come in half or whole potato.

Cost is: Half Potato $2.00, Whole Potato $4.00. Extras: Bacon $0.50, Cheese $0.50, Sour Cream $0.25, sauces no extra cost. This special will run until Wednesday 17 June. This will be available every day and can be ordered at the counter or on Flexischools.

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! We also have EFTPOS for those empty wallet moments.

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, we offer you our Birthday Club! On 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.

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ANZAC DAY CENTENARY

Below is a picture of the Art display Barkly Highway State School entered into the Buffs Club Anzac Centennial Commemoration Art Competition.

The art display is entitled ‘Lest We Forget’. It was created by the whole school, each and every child from Prep to Year 6. Each child created a poppy with a special message attached for a relative who fought in a war or a general Anzac Day greeting.

Barkly Highway State School is proud to announce that we are the winners of the Buffs Club Anzac Centennial Commemoration Art Competition! CONGRATULATIONS!
Graham Rodger, a balladeer, Golden Guitar winner and writer of Slim Dusty’s ‘You can’t take Australia out of Me,’ presents BROTHERS 3. This concert also features Gr.aham's special Tribute to the Anzacs.