Term 2 No 8
28 May 2015

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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.

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?
If so, please email: admin@barklyss.eq.edu.au

PRINCIPAL: Des Gribbin

Week 6 marks the start of the last unit of work for this semester for most of the classes at Barkly Highway. Our Prep students are continuing with their current 10 week unit. This week, each teacher will be collating information from the pre-task activities being done in class and this will provide them and the students with information about what needs to be the focus for learning over these next five weeks. You could ask your child about their specific goals they hope to achieve or alternatively catch up with their teacher to see where you can help your child get to where they need to be.

No matter how much work the school does or you do at home to help your child with their learning, it is extremely difficult for children to succeed at school if they have poor attendance. Last week was the end of our 5-week cycle for attendance monitoring and this table shows how we are travelling on our target for the whole school to achieve 95% attendance.

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I believe that Year 2 Red is maintaining 98% attendance so far this term – outstanding!

From time to time a student may be absent from their educational program. Parents should comply with their compulsory schooling obligation by providing a satisfactory reason for these absences. Parents should provide a reason for a child’s absence as soon as possible after the absence.

Unfortunately over 30% of Barkly Highway’s absences go unexplained so it is important that parents let the school know when their child is absent. Please don’t assume we know – give the office a call or let the class teacher know.

While it is certainly inviting, undertaking a leisure activity such as shopping, visiting friends and relatives, or fishing, is not considered a reasonable excuse for an absence from school.

This week, we welcomed Miss Trotter to Barkly Highway SS. Miss Trotter was the Support Teacher: Literacy Numeracy at Mount Isa Central SS but is now the Year 3/4 Orange teacher. Great to have her on staff! Welcome back to Mr Wagh and a big thankyou to Mrs Kropp, Mr Nelson and Mrs Stehbens for their dedicated work for the students of Barkly Highway SS over the past 7 weeks.

Regards
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, encourage your child to have their characters involved in dynamic dialogue by going straight to the point of having their conversation in the story. Cut out the social conventions of greetings (if appropriate for the story) and build your characters through what they say and how they say it.

On Monday & Tuesday 15 & 16 June, there are two parent information sessions: one on maths (Marvellous Maths) and another on reading (Reading Rocks). The information sessions will be held on Monday for maths at 8:30am, 2:45pm & 6:00pm and for reading on Tuesday at 8:30am and 6:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy writing,
Cheryl Gallagher
(Literacy Teacher)

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Wow! We are halfway through the term already. It just goes to show that time flies when you’re having fun! Borrowing is in full swing with most students being able to enjoy a different book each week. Please help your child to be responsible by reminding them to return their borrowed book on their library day each week.

**Book Club**

Book Club Issue # 4 ordering has closed now and orders have been placed with Scholastic. A huge thank you goes to all our Barkly families for supporting Book Club. We do receive free resources with every order placed which in turn directly benefits your children. A quick reminder that Book Club brochures are generally handed out on a Monday and orders close Friday the same week. Late orders may be held over to the next Issue of Book Club. Our LOOP system for placing orders has been very well received by parents. If you should have any questions regarding the LOOP or Book Club, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

This year’s Reading Challenge started on Tuesday 19 May and will go through to Friday 21 August. The challenge is to read 20 books. For Prep - year 2 students this will be done through sharing books in class. Year 3-4 students are challenged to read 20 books individually and year 5-6 students need to complete 15 books individually. All students have received their reading record sheet to keep track. Literature can include: books, e-books, virtual and digital publications, graphic novels and comic books, audio and braille books, newspapers, magazine or recipe books. We would appreciate it if you could help with reminding your children to record their reading. We are aiming for 100% participation this year! So happy reading everyone!

**Read More in May**

This is a competition run by Scholastic and is still open. There are some great prizes to be won. Find out more at the Scholastic website or see us in the library for more information.

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

Kind Regards
Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

**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 9-12 June and permission notes received have been retained for future appointments. Families can also access audio testing via the hospital.

**YEAR 6 CAMP**

Please return the yellow medical form associated with the camp to the office as soon as possible please.

Final payments for the camp are due NO LATER than Monday 15 June 2015. Smaller payments are more than welcome before the due date.

**Homework Club**

Just a reminder for those students registered for Homework Club, this term it’s every Thursday from 2:30-3:00pm in the Science room.
Hi Everyone

Along with Mr Gribbin, I had the pleasure of taking 19 Barkly Highway State School students away to Happy Valley for district cross country last Friday 22 May. Congratulations to all students who raced and who were acknowledged on parade. All the students did very well, tried their best and represented the school proudly. In particular, well done to Tom, Chloe, Dylan and Hayden who all placed 2nd in their respective races. At the completion of the day Barkly Highway State School was awarded 2nd best school overall out of the 8 primary schools that competed.

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

**Touch Football** - Chloe, Calvin and Hermione who will be heading off to Alpha next weekend for NW trials.

**Upcoming Date Claimers:**

**Wednesday 3 June** Interschool Netball and Rugby League.
**Friday 12 June** Interschool Netball and Rugby League.
**Thursday 17 June** 800m Championship Races
**Friday 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

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**BARKLY ARTS NEWS**

**Eisteddfod News**

Congratulations to years 3&4 and 5&6 choir students who took part in the Mount Isa 2015 Eisteddfod. Both choirs were awarded second place. Congratulations also to St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School choir for taking out first place with their awesome choirs. The Barkly Highway State School intermediate choir performed at 1:00pm on Monday 18 May singing the set piece “Si, Si, Si, Dolada”, a cheerful traditional Congolese canon and as their free selection piece, an all-time classic made famous by the great Louis Armstrong, “Wonderful World” (Music and Lyrics by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele). The senior choir performed that same evening at 7:00pm. The set song was a piece entitled “Amani Utepe” by Patsy Ford Simms, an uplifting bilingual English and Swahili song and as their free choice song, they performed a popular song by Justice Crew “Que Sera”. It was a fantastic experience for all and I commend our students for their exemplary behaviour and professionalism. WELL DONE!

**Queensland Music Festival News**

The Queensland Music Festival and Mount Isa City Council have invited our Barkly Highway State School singing students to be part of the Biannual Festival held around Queensland. A series of rehearsals and workshops will culminate in 2 Free Community Concerts on Thursday July 23 and Friday July 24 at the Mount Isa Civic Centre. On stage in July, the Mount Isa Symphony Orchestra will be joined by James Morrison, Emma Pask (Vocalist) Ambre Hammond (Pianist) and a massed school choir. Gordon Hamilton (Guest Conductor) will workshop and conduct the choir. All Mount Isa schools will be participating.

If your child would like to be part of this amazing opportunity, they will need to commit to a number of rehearsals and workshops. Please note these rehearsal dates are compulsory and if for some reason your child can’t attend please discuss this with me. For more information and permission forms, please see Yvonne Moore or myself in the Music Room.

We are privileged to have Gordon visit our school to conduct the first rehearsal for BARKLY HIGHWAY STATE SCHOOL choir on Wednesday 10 June in the Music Room (E Block) at 1:30pm-2:30pm.

For more information download the Queensland Music Festive Program
http://issuu.com/queenslandmusicfestival/docs/qmf_program_2015_single_pages/1

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**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

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Julia Mpoumpis
The Arts Teacher

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**Important Dates!**

- May 29: Last day to book $15 family photo session
- 3 June: Interschool Sport
- 8 June: Queen’s Birthday - public holiday
- 9-12 June: Deadly Ears Team
- 9 June: P&C Meeting 6:00pm
- 12 June: Interschool Sport
- 15 June: Final payment for Yr 6 camp due
- 17-18 June: Athletics Carnival
- 19 June: Mount Isa Show Holiday
- 23 June: Report Cards sent home
- 26 June: Last day of Term 2
P&C NEWS

NEXT P&C MEETING: TUESDAY 9 JUNE 6:00pm

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.

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 in 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. We would love to see you there! Alternatively, you can email pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au for more information.

The P&C are in need of some volunteers for our uniform shop. The hours are minimal, only 30-60 minutes per week, so if you could spare some time, we would greatly appreciate it. If you would like to volunteer in the uniform shop or even the tuckshop, please email pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au.

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

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

Our new special started on Monday 25 May and is a Winter Warmer, Baked Potatoes and your choice of toppings. YUM!

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

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

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Search and "like" us at ‘Barkly Highway State School’. www.facebook.com/barklyhighwaystateschool

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 ASG Excellence in Teaching Awards

The ASG Teaching Awards is the only independent national awards program where schools and early childhood communities can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers and leaders who contribute excellence.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to have your outstanding teachers and leaders nominated this year. This is a great way for the community to acknowledge and celebrate their children’s special teachers.

All nominations can be made online at www.asg.com.au/nominate and nominations close Friday 31 July 2015. If you need more information, please see the school office.

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.

Absent from school? (Don’t let it be unexplained)
Ph: 4437 3633
Phone or leave a message!
Drop by the office or send a note!
All day - Every day!
Aiming for 95% or better
Queensland Music Festival (QMF) and Mount Isa City Council are calling out for community musicians and vocalists to join the Mount Isa Community Ensembles (MICE) to perform as part of Mount Isa Celebrates on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July.

Over two nights, MICE will join jazz star James Morrison, stunning vocalist Emma Pask, internationally renowned concert pianist Ambre Hammond, violin virtuoso Ian Cooper, and the John Morrison Trio, for a special performance at the Mount Isa Civic Centre.

As part of this amazing event, an Orchestra Workshop will be held on the evenings of Friday 29 May and Saturday 30 May with musicians from the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO2) and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO).

Event production will commence Monday 20 July with evening rehearsals each night leading up to the two performances.

If you wish to be part of Mount Isa Celebrates, please contact Yvonne Moore on ymoor2@eq.edu.au for more information.