Term 2 No 9
11 JUNE 2015

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Week 10

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

There are only ten more days left of this term – almost half way through the year. This time last year we were reaching 91.2% attendance across the whole school. This year with the support of the Barkly Highway families we have improved our attendance to 93.1%. We’re not at our target of 95% but we’re getting there. Let’s keep the attendance rate high and make every day count.

Report cards will be issued in the last week of this term and sent home on Thursday 25 June. As in other years they will be sent home with the students. Please keep an eye out for them. As always, you are welcome to discuss your child’s learning progress with their teacher. This is best done by contacting the class teacher to arrange a suitable date and time.

A great thing about Barkly Highway is that the school continues to support the Arts and Sports in the Mount Isa and North West Region. This has been a great term where we have seen students from Barkly Highway step out of the classroom learning environment and participate in the Eisteddfod and interschool sport. Other students have trialled for district and regional netball, touch, rugby league, football teams and this weekend for tennis. These opportunities are great for students and help to build their character. I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents and teachers who have given their time and support (lunch times, after school and weekends) to allow these children to be able to participate. With our athletics’ carnival coming up, I hope all our families are able to join us for next week’s sports days. The 800 metre events are planned for Wednesday 17 June and the Whole School Sports Day will be on Thursday 18 June.

Hopefully all families would know about The Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students received their recording sheets over three weeks ago and as every class in the school has a scheduled DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) TIME, the students should be well and truly reading their target number of books. We are aiming for 100% participation and hopefully share in the lucky draw prize. Every student who participates will also receive a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland. As a school we will also be offering incentives to encourage individual students, classes and year levels to do their best in their reading. The challenge closes on Friday 21 August, so keep encouraging your child to continue reading at school and at home and record their efforts on their recording sheets.

Enjoy the coming week. I hope everyone gets some great family time over the next long weekend. A great way to recover from Sports Day!

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 develop their characters by writing about their actions and behaviours rather than just telling us their character traits e.g. friendly, mean etc.

Enjoy writing,
Cheryl Gallagher, Literacy Teacher

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
It’s hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 2 already. As always, when nearing this time of the term, we ask for all books to be returned by Thursday 18 June. We would greatly appreciate it if you could keep assisting your child with returning their books on their library day, as books are due on a weekly basis. Overdue notes are frequently sent out as reminders to have books returned.

All Book Club orders have been handed out for this term. If you should have any questions regarding Book Club, please feel free to contact us in the library.

Our Premier’s Reading Challenge has started and we already have some busy readers returning their filled reading record forms. Every student is able to participate and forms have been handed to students in years 3 - 6. Our younger grades are involved as a whole class. This is a whole school challenge, so encourage your child to keep a record of every book they read, especially over the upcoming holidays! We have a few incentives this year for the first 3 overall finishers in year 3 - 6, the first whole class to finish in Prep - 2 and year 3 – 6, as well as the first whole year level for these two categories.

As always, please see us with any queries or questions you may have.
Kind Regards, Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

YEAR 6 CAMP
Final payments for the camp are due NO LATER than Monday 15 June 2015. Smaller payments are more than welcome before the due date.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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When: Wednesday 24 June 2015

Prep – 3: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Year 4 – 6: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: PCYC

Theme: Fancy Dress

Cost: $5 per person or $10 per family (3 or more children)

Tickets at the door

Students will need to be collected at the end of the disco from inside the PCYC by their parent/caregiver.

* Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase at the PCYC Canteen
SCHOOL CLEANERS’ DAY

Thanks to the hardworking cleaners at Barkly Highway State School for the role they play in maintaining a safe, clean and healthy environment in our school. This Monday 15 June, we celebrate the contributions of our cleaners on School Cleaners’ Day

SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday

HPE NEWS

Hi Everyone

Well done to both netball and rugby league teams which were undefeated last Wednesday in the first round of their respective competitions. Both teams look destined to play finals this Friday 12 June and we wish all players and coaches the best of Barkly luck!

Congratulations also go to Jake who was selected as the number two player in the under 12’s Mount Isa school tennis team to compete at the NW titles in Richmond later this month.

Please note that I am finalising all information and the program for our upcoming school athletics carnival and sports day. Stay tuned for a note home to families shortly.

Upcoming Date Claimers:

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 in 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 June: Interschool Sport
15 June: Final payment for Yr 6 camp due
16 June: ICAS Spelling test
17 June: ICAS Writing test
17-18 June: Athletics Carnival and Junior Sports Day
19 June: Mount Isa Show Holiday
25 June: Report Cards sent home
26 June: Last day of Term 2
12 July: Year 6 students leave for camp
13 July: First day of Term 3

BARKLY ARTS NEWS

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 two Free Community Concerts on Thursday 23 July and Friday 24 July 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.

Just a reminder to those students who are participating in the event, your commitment to the workshops and rehearsals are important.

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

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Julia Mpoumpis, The Arts Teacher

P&Co NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES

The Athletics Carnival and Junior Sports Day is happening next week! Does your child know what house they are in and do they have their school sports shirt?

The uniform shop will be open an extra day next week on Tuesday 16 June 8:30-9:00am to ensure there is plenty of time to purchase a sport shirt for your child before the Athletics Carnival. Please see Tammy at the uniform shop for all your uniform needs.
NEXT P&C MEETING: TUESDAY 14 JULY 2015 at 6:00pm
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 time is 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

Only one week left to make the most of our Winter Warmer, Baked Potatoes and your choice of toppings. YUM! Cost: 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 over the counter or on Flexischools.

For your information, I have also attached the menu we will be using at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday next week. **Please note that all Flexischools orders for this day are to be in no later than 10am on Wednesday 17 June.** All food and drinks on this menu will be available over the counter for children and adults to purchase throughout the day. Please see the back of the newsletter for the menu.

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 no cash 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 High State School P&C have two jumping castles for hire. Below is a table showing our rates:

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Price 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.

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.

WORKSHOPS
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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers at our VINNIEs store in Mount Isa! There are heaps of different things you can do to help.

Can you spare an hour? Can you spare a few hours? Would you like to meet new people and help out in our store? We would love to meet you! Interested? Want more information? Call Lisa at the VINNIEs store on 47432946