PRINCIPAL: Des Gribbin

Last week I was told that I was successful in my application to be the permanent Principal at Barkly Highway State School. It is never a great feeling when you are on a short term contract and not knowing whether or not the job is coming to an end. The news was very welcomed and I am looking forward to continuing the great work already being done at the school, as well as planning ways that we can make Barkly Highway the best it can be for the students and their families.

In the short while that I have been at Barkly Highway it is very clear that every staff member has a commitment to improving student outcomes; whether they be academic, sporting, creative or social. To have such a strong supportive staff is essential to the ongoing improvement of a school. Barkly Highway staff, whether they are teaching or non-teaching, are working towards making Barkly Highway State School the school of choice in Mount Isa.

Parent participation in the life of the school is equally important if we are to provide the best learning opportunities for Barkly Highway students. Parental support can be varied and may be as simple as a parent supporting their own child with their homework, through to volunteering time to help with reading in class or around the school. A community of learners will only come about if everyone in that community is striving for the same high learning outcomes, and in Barkly Highway’s case this means ‘every day, in every class, every child is learning’.

Getting a balance between the academia of school and the preparation of our students to be socially and emotionally ready for life is always going to be a challenge. Schools cannot work in isolation to achieve this and it is important for there to be a trusted and open relationship that allows both school personnel and families feel that they are listened to and their thoughts valued. The P&C is one avenue for this to happen, as is the opportunity that already exists to meet either formally or informally with staff or members of the leadership team. As the Principal at Barkly Highway I encourage parents to meet with me to discuss not just their concerns, but their ideas for making our school a great school.

When school resumes next term, every family will have an opportunity to respond to the School Opinion Survey. This is an online survey that happens every year and gauges general satisfaction about a number of aspects of the school. Log on details will be sent home in the first week of Term 3.

Next term our Head of Special Education Services (HoSES), Geoff Miller, will be acting Principal at Mount Isa Special School while Reno Tiepo, their current Principal, is on leave. I anticipate that an ‘acting HoSES’ will be appointed over these holidays to replace Geoff for the term.

A huge thank you goes out to Rachel Juillerat who replaced Rhonda Maier as one of our Administration Officers this term. Rachel has done a mighty job in the front office and her friendly and helpful attitude will be missed. This is also Joce Rueben’s final week at Barkly Highway. Joce has worked in the role of Family Support Officer, which is a role supported by Centacare to assist some of our families to engage with their child’s learning and improve students’ access to school. I would like to acknowledge the support provided to Barkly Highway by Centacare and thank them for their partnership over the past few years.

All the best to our Year 6 students and teachers who fly out of Mount Isa on the last Sunday of the holidays for their camp at Tallebudgera. It’s sure to be a great camp. Thank you for your support this term. I hope you get an opportunity these holidays to enjoy some family time and I look forward to being back at Barkly Highway next term.

Regards
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Well how quickly the semester has gone! Report cards will go home today informing you of your child(ren)’s progress. Please take the time to go through the report card with your child(ren) and discuss their strengths and achievements and help them set some goals for next semester. (Any students that are away, can collect their report card from the office next term.) Our report cards, in line with all Queensland state schools, report with a 5-point scale with different headings for different year levels. The report card scales refer to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B” or “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level. Receiving a “C” (or middle grading) indicates the student is doing everything required at their year level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” indicates the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be. In summary, attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level! The higher grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their year level. The “Effort” grades are also really important because they are a reflection of how, in the teacher’s opinion, the student is working consistently in class in that learning area.

**COMPLIMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**
The last couple of weeks have been delightful in the communications received from the community. Parents have shown their appreciation and acclaim of our school, teachers and students. Many “thank you” notes, messages and emails have been received in response to our success in the Gala Day carnival and the recent Athletics Day. The conduct of our students in the public gaze is great to see and a testimony to the spirit of community in our school. It shows that our high standards are not ‘old fashioned’ and are strongly valued.

**ATHLETICS DAY**
On Thursday 18 June the students in Prep – Year 6 participated in athletics competitions at our Athletics Carnival and Sports Day. The weather was superb and many students achieved their “personal best” on the day. Thank you to Mr Benson for a well organised event.

**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between Monday 29 June and Friday 31 July 2015. All families, all school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver survey will be sent home with students in the first week back next term. School computers will also be available to parents, if necessary. Please contact the school office to arrange a time.

**SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT**
The School Annual Report for 2014 will be uploaded to our website by the end of the month. This report looks at the achievement of the school for 2014. I encourage all parents to read the report as it provides a snapshot of the school. The report outlines academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, parent support and the staff profile. If there are any parents that cannot access the report online, a copy can be obtained from the school office.

**GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6 IN TALLEBUDGERA, GOLD COAST**
On Sunday 12 July, 47 of our Year 6 students will depart for their 2015 Tallebudgera camp. The itinerary for students and staff is jammed packed with a range of educational activities. We wish students and staff attending the camp, a safe and enjoyable trip. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to school in week 2 of next term.

**NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS**
Teachers and educators make a vital contribution to the lives of our young people and help shape the future of our country. The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) provides an opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding commitment of educators to students, their learning, their future and the community. NEiTA gives parents, grandparents, secondary student councils, school boards/councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations the opportunity to nominate their inspirational teachers and school leaders. Nominating a teacher is easy and all nominations can be made online at: [www.asg.com.au/neita](http://www.asg.com.au/neita). Nominations close on Friday 31 July – early next term.

**ICAS COMPETITION**
Seven students participated in the ICAS writing competition and eleven students participated in the ICAS spelling competition last week. I would like to thank each participant for putting in their best efforts. The next tests are the maths and English competitions which will both be held next term. The dates for the ICAS tests are as follows:

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I hope you all have a relaxing and safe break. Please remember that school commences again on Monday 13 July and that there is no student free professional development day to begin the term. Please help keep our school safe by reporting anyone you see trespassing or acting suspiciously on our school grounds over the holiday period to School Watch on 13 17 88 or the police.

Regards, Ash Wagh

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**KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
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 ban the boring bits and move away from the “warm up writing” by starting with the action like in the action movies. In the movies, characters won’t be seen in the plane travelling somewhere (unless this has a link to the action/purpose of the movie) they just arrive at this place and the action begins.

Enjoy the mid-year break. Enjoy writing,
Cheryl Gallagher, Literacy Teacher

Next term we will welcome our Prep students to the library and introduce them to borrowing books as well as teach them how to behave along with what to do when they use the library. Just a quick reminder that Prep - Year 3 students do need a library bag in order to borrow any books from the library.

Our Premier’s Reading Challenge is in full swing with some students having finished already! The PRC is continuing over the holidays though; so please keep encouraging your child to record all the reading done over the holidays. We are looking for 100% school participation this year and every student should have books recorded by now as we are doing DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) every day at school.

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A huge congratulations to Keili, Brooke, Alysha, Emily, Maddison, Hermione, Brianna, Hayley, Chloe and Alyssa. All of the girls played very hard and worked incredibly well together as a team. They should be commended for their great team spirit and sportsmanship on both days of the competition. Excellent job girls! Go Barkly!

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SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday

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Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You’ll receive one sticker for every $10 spent.

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box that we will have in the office at Barkly Highway State School or at your local woolies.
Important Dates!

- 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
- 14 July: P&C Meeting 6:00pm
- 23 July: QMF free community concert
- 24 July: QMF free community concert

Music Festive Program

BARKLY ARTS NEWS

Mount Isa Celebrates – Symphoney of the Inland Sea
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. 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

P&C NEWS

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. Please email the P&C at pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au for more information.

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

TUCK SHOP NEWS

Parents and caregivers please make note of the important dates below:

- Tuckshop Closed Friday 26 June – No Service.
- Tuckshop open for 1st Break only from Monday 13 July until Friday 17 July.

The tuckshop will go back to normal trading hours starting on Monday 20 July. I hope everyone has a safe and very enjoyable break. See you all in Term 3.

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 cashless moments.

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.

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

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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Julia Mpoumpis, The Arts Teacher
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 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

ESTELLE CARDIFF’S KINDERGARTEN
WINTER WONDERLAND FETE

Saturday 25 July – At the Kindy
9:00am to 12:00pm
ALL WELCOME

Major Raffle prize is an iPad Mini, so DON’T miss out! Gold coin donation entry

Jumping castle, slides, nail polishing, raffles, sausage sizzle, slushies and much, much MORE – mark it on your calendar TODAY☺☺☺☺☺

If you would like to make a donation to go towards our not-for-profit Kindy and Fete, please contact us.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Mount Isa Celebrates brings together a star-studded line-up of performing artists, with an impressive array of instrumental and vocal talent born and bred in the city.

Mount Isa Community Ensembles (MICE) has inspired the creation of one of the world’s most remote symphony orchestras. In their debut performance, the orchestra will share the stage with more than 300 musicians, including the Mount Isa Community Chorus and Combined Schools Choir.

Headlining both performances will be jazz star James Morrison, stunning vocalist Emma Pask, internationally renowned concert pianist Ambre Hammond, violin virtuoso Ian Cooper, and the John Morrison Trio.

The grand finale will be a world premiere performance of Symphony of the Inland Sea by acclaimed Australian composer, Matthew Dewey. This evocative work is inspired by the extraordinary landscape in and around this iconic city.

FEATURING
James Morrison, Ambre Hammond, Ian Cooper, Emma Pask, John Morrison, Paul White, Jake Barden
Mount Isa Basketball Association

Looking for a sport that’s fun and not in the sun?

Join our 2015 Winter Season starting Tuesday 14th July 2015

12-18 Year Olds
Cost: Registration $45 + $7 game fee (payable each Thursday)
When: Practice Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30
Game Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30
Where: Mt Isa multi purpose Centre – Jessop Drive

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Contact: 07 4743 5444 or email adminmtisabball2@bigpond.com.au for more information.

Study Cookery with us

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR THE KIDS
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Date: Saturday 11th July
Times: 10.00am - 1.00pm or 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Cost: $60.00 per child
Location: TAFE Queensland North Training Kitchen
4 Duchess Road, Mount Isa
Menu: Chocolate Croissants
Homemade Sausage rolls
Sushi rolls
Cupcakes decorated your own way

Items can be enjoyed with the group or taken home to share with the family.

Course requirements:
On the day please bring with you:
Clothed in shoes
Take home containers or snap lock bags
BYO drinks (water provided)
A parent to help supervise you while cooking

Enrol today!
To enrol please contact TAFE Queensland North: Mount Isa Campus Client Information Centre on 1300 656 999

Spaces are limited - suitable for ages 7 to 12 years. Confirm your booking by enrolling today.

*Any allergies will need to be discussed with the teacher prior to enrolment.

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