



Barkly Blurb!!!

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Term 3 & 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	14 September Chappy Breakfast School Parade 2:00pm Full School Review	15 September Full School Review	16 September Full School Review	17 September Chappy Breakfast	18 September Last Day of Term 3
Week 1	5 October Public Holiday	6 October First Day of Term 4 Year 5 camp 8:00am	7 October	8 October Chappy Breakfast	9 October Year 5 camp return 4:00pm



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?
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PRINCIPAL: Des Gribbin

Over the last three days we have had three reviewers in our school asking staff, students, parents, Elders, community groups, council and state government representatives how everything is going at Barkly Highway State School; whether we are on the right improvement pathway and whether we are doing the best that we can to meet the learning needs of our students.

Yesterday afternoon, the review team, made up of three members of the School Improvement Unit, (a Lead Reviewer, a Peer Principal Reviewer and an External Reviewer from Griffith University), confirmed that everybody at Barkly Highway State School is focussed on student improvement and that there is an atmosphere of learning across the whole school.

It was great to get the recognition for what we do but equally so, it was important that the Full School Review Team share their observations and recommendations for how we are able to make a good school great. They will formalise their recommendations over the next few weeks and their summary will be made available via our website. The recommendations from the Full School Review will help to shape the

direction for Barkly Highway State School over the next four years. It is the first step in what is called our school's Quadrennial School Review.

The next step is to make sure that everyone has a chance to contribute their thoughts about our school's direction for the next four years. Next term there will be opportunities to attend forums to share thoughts about specific topics, respond to a survey to gauge satisfaction levels about the school and communicate possible strategies that will make the good school we already have, an even better school.

By the end of next term (it's only 11 weeks away) we will have developed our next 4 Year School Plan. I encourage you to gather your thoughts about Barkly Highway State School so you are able to share your ideas for improvement when the opportunity comes next term.

Thank you to the contestants of 'Barkly's Got Talent' for having the courage to perform in front of an audience and the talent and skills to showcase their passion. It was a great night and I congratulate Sharon, Christine and Jensen and Will who were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively. I hope they enjoy

the read they will get from their book voucher prizes.

I trust that all parents and carers have taken advantage of the parent/student/teacher interviews over these last couple of weeks. They are the best way to know what is being learnt in class and how well your child is going with the learning.

As this is the last newsletter for this term, I would like to acknowledge the community spirit that has again been very evident as our school, students, staff and parents have been tested by a series of tragic and upsetting events. I would also like to congratulate the effort that your children have shown to do their best in all areas of their learning. The work of all school staff and the support of families have been invaluable in helping Barkly Highway State School do the best by its students.

Have a safe holiday and enjoy the company of family over the next two weeks.

See you on Tuesday 6 October.

Regards,

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Another term has almost finished and once again we pause to take note of what has been achieved. At our school, the most obvious has been the engagement of the students in their learning. It has been a pleasure to walk through all of the classrooms and observe children reading, writing, experimenting, exploring, investigating and presenting.

The term has also been full of exciting events such as Book Week, Barkly's Got Talent, Year 6 camp, NAIDOC celebrations, Mount Isa Celebrates: Queensland Music Festival Project – an evening with James Morrison, and the list goes on. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who have been involved in these events.

Full School Review completed

Our *Full School Review* was undertaken this week from Monday 14 September to Wednesday 16 September. Organised and overseen by the *School Improvement Unit*, three experienced principals/education specialists spent three days in our school, using the *National School Improvement Tool* to provide findings and recommended strategies for further improvement.

While it will be a few weeks until we receive our *Full School Review* report, I can share that the initial feedback has been incredibly positive. The reviewers acknowledged the many good things which are already in place at our school – and the probable strategies for further improvement. The final report, once received, will be available for viewing by all members of our school community via our website.

Thank you to everyone – staff, students, parents and community members – for the manner in which we all actively engaged with the review. I am confident that the review and subsequent report will provide the platform to build our next *School Strategic Plan*.

ICAS Test

The results for the UNSW Spelling and Writing competition have arrived. Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a great result. All students will receive their certificates at the first assembly next term.

Spelling

Name	Year Level	Achievement
Abigail	4	Merit
Piper	4	Credit
Hayden	5	Distinction

Writing

Name	Year Level	Achievement
Piper	4	Distinction
Sophie	5	Credit



If you see anything suspicious during the school holidays, please remember to call:
School Watch — 13 17 88

Be safe over the school holidays. Enjoy your break!
Regards,
Ash Wagh

Important Dates!

14th -16th September: Full School Review

18th September: Last Day of Term 3

6th October: First Day of Term 4

6th October: Year 5 camp leaves

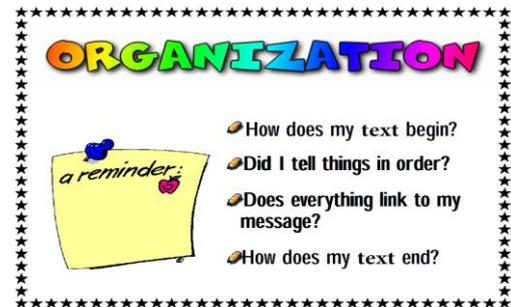
9th October: Year 5 camp return

LITERACY NEWS

Hi Everyone,

This week's *Literacy News* is about one of the *Writing Traits*. The 6 *Writing Traits* are: *Ideas, Organisation, Word Choice, Voice, Sentence Fluency* and *Conventions*.

These traits are the keys to good writing.



"*Organisation* is the design and structure of a piece of writing, a kind of roadmap for the reader. Organisation can vary tremendously from genre to genre. A mystery story and a recipe are designed differently, but both need a structure: a beginning to set things up, a sense of direction to keep things moving and an ending to provide closure."

Vicki Spandel

Creating Young Writers: Using the Six Traits to Enrich Writing Process in Primary Classrooms (2012. p. 6)

Here are some more writing activities to try:

- Children can learn to spell some words by sounding out each letter. Short, simple words are best to learn in the beginning. Encourage your children to write stories and to spell words using the sounds the letters make.
- Make a puzzle word by writing a word on paper and cutting the letters apart. Magnetic and felt letters can also be used for this activity. Mix the letters and have your children spell the word by putting the letters in order.
- As your children progress, help them learn the correct spelling of the words they write.
- Point out that some words are similar. Talk about how *hop* is similar to *top*, *cop*, and *mop*. Ask your children to say words that are similar to *fun*, *man*, *pay*, and *pin*.
- Ask your children to draw a picture of a family activity. Have them write a sentence about it below the picture. Encourage your children to say the sentence out loud first and write letters to match the sounds in each word. Then have them read what they wrote.
- Have your children cut a picture from an old magazine and write a story about the picture.
- Tell your children a story and have them write their own ending for it.
- Have your children write texts, emails, letters and thank-you notes to friends and relatives.

Reading Rockets.org

Writing and Spelling: Practical Ideas for Parents

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/158>

Enjoy writing together,

Cheryl Gallagher

(Literacy Teacher)

Barkly Highway State School



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ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards

Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours. Parents are able to access ZooWhiz at home at a very special price by using the Home Access Discount Card.

ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to support your child's progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

Please note: The ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Card must be used to activate a subscription by 02/11/15 as it will expire after this date.

The ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards have recently been distributed to children. If you are unable to locate yours then please contact the office.



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

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Here we are, at the end of a very busy and enjoyable term! We had so much fun dressing up for Book Week, enjoyed the Book Fair and not to forget, finished up our Premier's Reading Challenge. For Book Fair we are unfortunately still awaiting the delivery of a couple of books, which hopefully will arrive before Friday.

With the end of term, we are asking for all student borrowing to be returned. We do have a few stragglers, which means about 100 books are still outstanding! Overdue notes have been handed out to students. We would greatly appreciate your help in locating the book(s), if your child/ren brought home an overdue note.

As always please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries you may have.

Wishing our Barkly Highway State School families safe and relaxing holidays
Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

P&C NEWS

2015 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We are very pleased to announce our winners for this year's fundraising raffle.

1st Prize winner – Karen Reilly (Mount Isa) \$4000 Helloworld travel gift voucher

2nd Prize winner – Hayley King (Mount Isa) \$500 fuel gift card

3rd Prize winner – Michelle West (Mount Isa) \$500 cash

Please join me in congratulating all our winners!

On behalf of the P&C President Gavin Donnelly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have showed their support throughout this time. Thank you to Rhonda Maier, Brittany Froud and staff from the school office with their patience and complete dedication in helping with this raffle. Their assistance is very much appreciated. Thank you to the Barkly's Got Talent team for allowing us time to draw the raffle between acts on Friday 11 September. Thank you to the Barkly Highway State School teachers for keeping the raffle in the minds of their students and families. Massive thanks to the wider school community for helping to make this year's raffle a success!

Rachel Juillerat – Treasurer and part-time raffle coordinator

NEXT P&C MEETING: TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015 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. It also enables each family to have a voice on what they believe to be important topics within 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. The positions of **Secretary** and **Vice President** will be open and we would like any dedicated parent/carer to take on either of these roles.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The P&C are also looking for volunteers to help in our Uniform Shop. The time is minimal, 30-60 minutes per week. If you believe you could spare some time, please email the P&C at pandc@barklyss.eq.edu.au for more information.

TUCKSHOP NEWS



TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2015!

To help take the stress out of your child's class Birthday Celebration.

Another great time saver is our Birthday Club for 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.

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 a jumping castle for hire. Below are our rates:

Jumping castle	Same day rate	24 hour rate
DISNEY	\$120.00	\$200.00

Our hire price includes all necessary tools and equipment you need. All money raised from the hire of our jumping castle 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.

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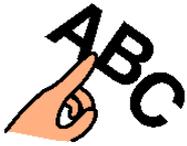


Ready, Set, Read!

A small group program for improving spelling and reading skills of primary school children.

Does your child:

- **Avoid reading or spelling because they find it difficult?**
- **Have trouble identifying letters and the sounds that go with them?**
- **Perform below the expected reading or spelling level for their grade?**
- **Forget spelling or sight words soon after they have learnt them?**
- **Have difficulty understanding rhyme or counting syllables?**



This program, run by an experienced Speech Pathologist, aims to build the phonological awareness skills that children need for literacy. The 8 week program will consist of fun and educational activities that incorporate a range of different learning styles and ability levels. The focus of group is on improving literacy skills of students as well as building confidence to learn.

The program includes: 8 x 45 min group sessions, and resources for home practice (initial assessment not included)

Where: Isa Therapy Services, 92 Marian Street

When: Wednesday or Thursday afternoons in Term 4

Cost: \$360



Spaces are limited so book early to secure your spot.

Please note that school-based groups can be arranged.

To register your interest for the program please contact Isa Therapy on (07) 4743 6695 or email admin@isatherapy.com.au.



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

SU Qld, a Christian inter-denominational youth and children's agency, invites applications for the position of Chaplain at the following schools, starting in Term 1, 2016.

- Spinifex State College – 3 days
- Barkly Highway SS – 2 days
- Mt Isa School of the Air – 2 days

Applicants need to demonstrate their suitability to provide support and care to young people. Successful applicants may have the opportunity to work in more than one school.

Training and experience in youth work, pastoral care and/or teaching desirable.

For more information, please contact Christy Marhin on 0450 376 748 or christym@suqld.org.au

Apply online at:
<http://www.suqld.org.au/morehands>