



# Barkly Blurb!!!

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Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>1 February</b> Chappy Breakfast School Parade 2:00pm	<b>2 February</b> Instrumental Music Recruitment – Yrs 3 to 6 2:00pm	<b>3 February</b> Chappy Breakfast	<b>4 February</b> Nominations for House Captain's Meeting	<b>5 February</b> Prep Colour Day: Red Day 8 Enrolment Collection Nominations for House Captain's Meeting
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>8 February</b> Chappy Breakfast School Parade 2:00pm	<b>9 February</b> P&C Meeting 6:00pm	<b>10 February</b> Chappy Breakfast	<b>11 February</b>	<b>12 February</b> Prep Colour Day: Blue House Captain's Speeches 'OneSight' permissions due
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>15 February</b> Chappy Breakfast School Parade 2:00pm	<b>16 February</b>	<b>17 February</b> Chappy Breakfast	<b>18 February</b> 'OneSight' vision screening	<b>19 February</b> Prep Colour Day: Yellow Swimming nominations due (10yr-12yr) School Leaders Induction Parade 8:30am



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

It was a great start to the school year last Wednesday, when Barkly Highway State School welcomed 45 first time Prep Year students along with 16 'new' students to Years 1 to 6. It was reassuring to see how well these students settled into their new school and began the 2016 school year. Along with these 61 newcomers to Barkly Highway State School, were three new teachers (Claire Barker, Emily White and Alicia Currenti) and our new Chaplain (Renee Blok). I look forward to our new school members making a smooth transition to Barkly Highway State School and having a successful year – whether they are students, staff or parents.

At our first parade I spoke to the students about my hopes for the year. The first is that everyone at Barkly Highway State School treats everyone else well. This is not limited to student behaviour but also applies to the adults of our school community – staff and parents. Our Barkly B's reinforce this – 'Be Respectful'. Model

the behaviours that we would like others to show. Student behaviour is guided by our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan, while adults are influenced by legislation.

My second hope is for all students to come to school. The opportunity to learn relies on actually being at school, and regular attendance is more often associated with student achievement and the development of socially appropriate behaviours. Parents are reminded of their responsibilities to ensure their children are attending school and informing the school with an explanation when their children are unable to attend.

Keeping our school tidy is another hope that relies on everybody modelling a respect of the environment and being personally responsible for their litter. Encouraging global citizens starts at a local level and again adults and children have a role to play.

Finally and most importantly, I expect everyone to try their best. Learning is our core business and every student is expected to learn. Our focus for 2016 is Reading. From Prep, where the foundations of reading are laid, through to Year 6, becoming competent readers with well-developed reading skills of comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, phonics, phonological awareness and oral language, will help secure student success across all learning areas. Success comes when parents, staff and students work together.

P&C meets for the first time next Tuesday – hope you can make it. Sports house leaders and student councillors will be selected during next week and inducted on Friday 19 February – join us to celebrate their selection.

Enjoy the next two weeks.

Regards

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2016 school year at Barkly Highway State School. The beginning of the New Year is always such an exciting time, and the start to 2016 at our school has been no exception. I trust the holidays provided everyone with special times with friends and family and the opportunity to recharge and refresh for the year of learning ahead.

Our staff have engaged in a range of professional learning and development activities over the Student Free Days last week and I commend and acknowledge them for their positive and professional attitude. Our staff continue to be one of our school's great strengths.

### OUR EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA

In 2016, we will continue our improvement focus in the foundation learning area of Reading. Our school believes that through high expectations, deep knowledge, targeted teaching and continuous monitoring, ALL students at our school can experience high levels of success in this most important foundational skill and building block for learning.

### TEA AND TISSUES

The first morning of the school year provided an opportunity for parents and carers to share in a tea or coffee and a chat in our Science Lab. Thank you to those parents that were able to take some time after what can be a "difficult" (perhaps more for parents than students!) first morning of school, to come together and share in the sense of community that is one of our school's growing strengths. Thank you also to members of our school's P&C Association that were able to attend.

### THANK YOU

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to all the staff, students, parents and community members who have ensured such a smooth start to the new school year. Term 1 is a very short term (nine weeks) and it has been wonderful to see routines remembered quickly and learning already taking place. We are fortunate to have such a well-deserved and great reputation in and around the community with very knowledgeable, professional and approachable staff, supportive parents and carers and awesome students. With high standards and high expectations, I am sure 2016 will continue to see our school grow in reputation, achievement and improvement as we all work together.

Regards,  
Ash Wagh

## LITERACY NEWS

"What is literacy?"

Literacy is the ability to read, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world. Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life." (<http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/pdf/factsheet-l-n.pdf>)

### You are your child's first literacy teacher.

With your support, your child will grow up to become an excellent reader with strong writing skills – and what a difference that will make when he or she enters TAFE, university or the workforce one day! You don't need a lot of special skills to help your child learn to read and write. Just spending time with your child doing everyday activities makes all the difference in the world.

Whether your child is just starting out or can already read and write, there is always room for more learning. As your child grows older, he or she will enjoy new opportunities and new successes because a first teacher – you – took the time at home to actively talk, play and listen. All this helps reinforce what your child learns at school.

Remember, lifelong success starts with strong reading and writing skills. And that means your child's lifelong success starts with you. Learning to read and write does not take place all at once. Everyone learns at a different rate. It just takes time, practice and support. Whenever you can, wherever you can, encourage your child and show that you have confidence in his or her abilities.

### Top Tip One: Talk with your child

It may seem obvious, but it is as important to listen to as it is to talk with your child. Children develop the skills for reading and writing through both talking and listening.

- **Talk with your child about problems and solutions.** Talk about how you might manage day-to-day problems, such as finding time to make dinner, so that you will be ready to watch a favourite TV show or go online together.
- **Make sure your child has time to think.** It sometimes takes time to think of what to say next. Be ready to wait for what your child has to say.
- **Ask questions that will lead your child to talk about his or her ideas.** Instead of telling your child something, try to ask a question that will lead your child to talk about what he or she thinks. For example, instead of telling your child how you are planning to celebrate a family event, ask for ideas about making a plan.

If you're stuck, here are some "talk starters" to get your conversation going:

- What did you notice about ...
- What else could you have done ...
- What would you do if ...
- What would happen if ...
- How do you know that?
- Convince me about that!

(This information comes from [Reading and Writing with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6, A Parent Guide](#) at available at URL: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit2012.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit2012.pdf))

Have fun learning together!

Cheryl Gallagher  
(Literacy Teacher)

## Important Dates!

- 8th - 12th February - Parent Info Meetings
- 9th February - P&C General Meeting (6:00pm)
- 18th February - One Sight Vision Screening
- 19th February - Student Leaders Induction (8:30am)
- 19th February - Swimming Nominations Due (10yr-12yr)
- 29th February - Oral Language Parent Workshops
- 4th March - School Clean Up Day
- 8th March - AGM & P&C General Meeting (6:00pm)
- 14th - 18th March - Parent-Teacher-Student Discussions
- 24th March - Easter Bonnet Parade/Colour Party (Preps)
- 24th March - Last Day of Term
- 25th March - Good Friday: public holiday

**FREE VISION TESTING  
BARKLY HIGHWAY STATE SCHOOL  
THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

**The charity foundation of the Luxottica Group (OPSM, Sunglass Hut, Laubman and Pank), OneSight provides free eye care and glasses to low socio economic and remote communities, and has been doing so in Australia for 27 years. In 2015 our program impacted over 12,000 lives and we expect this number to be higher in 2016. We are particularly committed to the Mt Isa and Gulf regions.**

**To conduct the clinic, our team of volunteers will visit your school on Thursday 18 February and provide full testing to all children who have returned their permission form. The full vision test will be bulk billed to Medicare, unless the parents or client does not have Medicare, in which case OneSight will bear the cost of the test. The cost of any glasses required will also be borne by OneSight. There is no cost to the school or the parents and no obligation. OneSight clinics are manned by volunteers from within our business and funded through donations.**

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**A permission form has been sent home with every student on Thursday 4 February and needs to be returned by Friday 12 February.**



**ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?**

(Don't let it be Unexplained)

ph: **44373633**

phone or leave a message!

Drop by the office or send a note!

**ALL DAY - EVERY DAY!**

**AIMING FOR 95% OR BETTER**

**DAY 8**

**FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

**BARKLY HIGHWAY STATE SCHOOL STAFFING AND RESOURCING FOR 2016 IS BASED ON DAY 8 ENROLMENTS. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS ENROLLED AND ATTENDING.**

**RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

Welcome back to another exciting year, and a warm welcome to all our new Barkly Highway State School families. We hope everyone has had a great start to the year.

We have started our borrowing this week and all students seem to be excited to find a good book to read. Our borrowing policy is that from Prep – Year 3 students will need a library bag for their borrowing. Borrowing for Prep students will start a little later in the year. Books are borrowed out on a weekly basis and need to be returned/ re-borrowed every week (or more frequent if they like), before students can borrow the next book.

Throughout the year we have 8 Book Club Issues, with the first one already out this week. With the Book Club there is an opportunity to buy books, but there is certainly no obligation to purchase. Through Book Clubs and Book Fairs we earn a commission and are able to purchase new resources for the school, which then directly benefits your child. Book Club is always due Friday the same week it has been handed out, so the Book Club Issue #1 is due this Friday. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Our first Book Fair is just around the corner as well, starting on the 22nd February.

If you have any questions or queries regarding Borrowing, Book Clubs or Book Fairs, please don't hesitate to contact us here in the library.

Kind Regards  
Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

**CHAPLAIN NEWS**

Hi! My name is Renee Blok. Students can call me Miss Renee. I am the new Chaplain here at Barkly Highway State School. I am so excited to be starting at Barkly Highway State School and I have felt so welcomed since arriving here. Please feel free to come find me anytime and say hello.

We have started breakfast club again this year, so students can come along before school on Monday and Wednesday mornings and enjoy what we have on offer. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and helping serve the school community.

Thanks!  
Renee Blok



**Parking at School**

- # Parking inside the school grounds are for staff only!**
- # No foot traffic through staff carparks!**
- # 2 hour parking limit along Bougainville St – please park in the designated parks only!**
- # Leave a safe pedestrian buffer between fence and car along Urquhart St!**
- # Be considerate of other drivers!**

## STUDENT BANKING

New application packages are available from the office, to distribute to any students who would like to participate in this program.

By banking regularly through the school, it not only teaches the students how to save money but also benefits the school through a commission structure. Students are also eligible for fantastic prizes once they reach 10 deposits!

Commonwealth Bank supports our school by donating:

- \$5 when a student makes their first deposit
- 5% of every deposit (up to \$10)
- \$25 per term when a student makes at least one deposit

## SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday

## P&C NEWS

### NEXT P&C MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2016, 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 roll or as a member, please feel free to attend our meetings. New members are always welcome. Thank you.

Rachel Juillerat  
Treasurer

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back to 2016!!

The Tuckshop is up and running again for the New Year. We are looking forward to serving our wonderful students and staff our delicious and healthy food again this year. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for our yummy specials that change each term.

Have a great week.  
Deb Fisher



## TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2016!

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.

## Tuckshop

Open Monday – Friday  
8:10am – 2:30pm

Closed between 11:10am and 1:10pm

## Uniform Shop

Open Every Thursday  
2:30pm to 3:00pm

## JUMPING CASTLE HIRE

Having a party? Need something to entertain the kids on the weekend or for a birthday party? How about hiring a jumping castle! The Barkly Highway State School P&C have two jumping castles for hire. Below are our rates:

Jumping castle	Same day rate	24 hour rate
DISNEY	\$120.00	\$200.00
BATMAN	\$170.00	\$300.00

Our hire price includes all the 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](mailto:jumpingcastle@barklyss.eq.edu.au) if you are interested or want further details.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DRAMA CLASSES MOUNT ISA

with  
Rebecca Lister

Term One - 7 weeks:

Beginning Wednesday February 10th  
Ending Wednesday March 23rd

Students grades 4, 5 and 6  
Wednesday 3:30 – 5:15pm

Students grades 7, 8 and 9  
Wednesday 5:30 – 7:15pm

Price: \$140 (for 7 week term)

Where: Mount Isa Neighbourhood Centre -  
72 Marion Street, Mount Isa

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