PRINCIPAL’S POST

Welcome back to new and existing staff, parents and students to a brand new year 2017. For those who haven’t met myself I am Christien Payne the new Acting Principal at Barkly Highway State School. My family and I moved from Collinsville west of Bowen where I was the principal and arrived to town over the holidays. Being new to Mount Isa I would like to acknowledge what a great community Mount Isa is and have enjoyed getting to know all it has to offer. My family and I are looking forward to being involved in the community and meeting families from our school.

During the first week of school I was extremely impressed with the engagement of students and behaviour overall. It was pleasing to see the prep students focussed and ready to learn. Teachers spent the first day revising changes to the playground expectations and our updated responsible behaviour plan. A reminder to discuss the four expectations every day prior to school to ensure your child is ready to start the day. Our Barkly B’s!

As a school we are currently unpacking the strategic improvement agenda with a sharp and narrow focus around student achievement and creating assessment literate learners. This will be achieved through:

- Continuing to promote the great practices around reading comprehension and working with students to set reading goals around their reading
- Tracking numeracy data and ensuring that all students can identify what they have to “know and do” to be successful in their assessment tasks
- Building staff capability through coaching and targeted professional development
- Promoting attendance and ensuring that “every day counts”

During the term I will share and discuss the great practices we are implementing across our school and share the great work being undertaken. Have a wonderful next couple of weeks of school and I am looking forward to sharing more great news next fortnight!

Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be Resilient
Be a Learner

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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
DEPUTY’S REPORT – Fiona Kropp

What a sensational year 2017 will be for our school community! For those new to the school, my name is Fiona Kropp and I am a born and bred Mount Isaan. I went to Isa Mine State School (now known as Happy Valley State School) and Mount Isa State High School. I started my teaching career at Healy State School in 1979. I have had an association with Barkly Highway State School as a parent and on the teaching staff. I am very proud to be the Deputy Principal for 2017 and am looking forward to working together with you and your children.

As I walked around the classes in the first few days, it was pleasing to see our students dressed in their uniforms, with their equipment ready to be engaged in learning. Everyday counts, and class programs carefully prepared by teachers, over the holiday break, began on the bell on the first day. Please help us to help your children by ensuring they are ready for school each day, on time so that they don’t miss out on valuable learning time. Classroom doors open at 8:15 for students to prepare for the start of school at 8:25.

With high standards and high expectations, I am sure 2017 will continue to see our school grow in reputation, achievement and improvement, as we all work together.

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Parent-Teacher Meet & Greet

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This meeting is an opportunity for our Barkly families to officially meet their child’s teacher. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Don’t forget

The deposit for the Year 5 Camp is due Wednesday 22 February 2017.

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Literacy News – Cheryl Gallagher

Let’s start the year with practising reading everyday at home!

Click on the link below to view a video on how to support your child with reading at home. This clip shows simple yet effective tips to get improved learning from the ‘homework reading’ your child does.

https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=korfvEOQb14

Sit side-by-side with your child.
Don’t ‘tell’ the words.
Move beyond ‘sound it out’.
Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
Let some mistakes go uncorrected, if they don’t disturb the meaning.
Read the same book multiple times.
Keep reading to your child throughout primary school.

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Important Dates!

- 6 February – Breakfast Club Starting 7:30am
- 14 February – P&C Meeting 6:00pm
- 17 February – Leadership parade 8:45am
- 22 February – Yr 5 Camp Deposit DUE
- 14 March – P&C AGM 6:00pm
- 31 March – Easter Bonnet Parade/Colour Party
- 17 April – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

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New class/teacher allocations

Due to the increase in enrolments, reorganisation of our classes was required. During this process, teachers assisted with careful consideration along with parent feedback. Parents have been notified today if their child has been affected. Students and newly assigned teachers will be in their new classroom spaces on Friday, this week.
If you are looking for more detailed ideas on helping your early years readers (Prep, year 1 &/or 2) with homework reading. The link below is to the **STAR – Sit Together And Read** website. It has some great ideas on how parents can help with reading:

"**STAR** is an adult-child book reading program designed for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists. It is designed to develop and strengthen young children’s awareness of and knowledge about print. The lessons are organized around widely available storybooks with high-quality content. STAR Cards used in conjunction with this program include a series of steps to take when reading to a child, from start to finish."

https://earlychildhood.ehe.osu.edu/research/practice/sit-together-and-read-star/

Have fun learning together.

**GUIDANCE OFFICER – Meegan Brown**

Hello Barkly Highway State School Community.

My name is Meegan Brown and I feel privileged to be your Guidance Officer (GO) for 2017. My days at Barkly Highway State School are every Tuesday and Wednesday.

As the Guidance Officer, my role is to help support and work collaboratively with everyone within our school community to enable each student to become a successful learner. This includes working with all school staff, students, families and external agencies in the areas of curriculum, wellbeing, and behaviour. I am looking forward to the year ahead and the great things that we will achieve together. If you would like to make a time to meet with me, please contact the office to arrange a time.

As it is the beginning of the year, I thought I would share with you some different ways of asking your child, “How was your day?”

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- How did you help somebody today?
- How did someone help you today?
- Do you have a favourite character in a book that you are reading in class?
- What was something interesting that happened today?

Let me know how it goes! If you use any other questions, please let me know so that we can share with everyone. Regards

Meegan

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**RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

Welcome to a brand new and amazing year at Barkly Highway State School! We would like to welcome our new preps and all new Barkly Highway State School families.

We have started this week with our borrowing routine for Years 1-6 while our prep students will join us a little later in the year.

**Borrowing**

All classes have a designated library day and all borrowing is due back every week. Prep – Year 3 students will need to have a library bag in order to take a book home.

Should students have an overdue loan, they must return the book before they are able to borrow again. Overdue notices are sent out on a regular basis and we ask kindly if you could check for these with your child. If the book is lost or not returned, there will be a cost involved to have it replaced.

**Book Club**

There are about 8 Book Club issues a year, offering a wide variety of interesting books for all levels. Our first issue of Book Club for the year has gone out this week and orders are due back tomorrow. If you wish to order, you can send your completed form with the money to the school office. Or, you could use the LOOP, which is an online option with no filling in forms or sending cash to school. Look on the Book Club form for details about LOOP.

**Book Fair**

HELPERS WANTED! Our first Book Fair for the year is just around the corner near the end of February! We are asking for any parent/carers who would be willing to
Barkly Highway State School Enrolments

We have great news for families considering enrolling their children into Barkly Highway State School! We are no longer an Enrolment Managed School! This means there is no catchment area from which we accept our intake of students. We can now accept all enrolments from the entire Mount.

Welcome to 2017. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and a refreshing break.

This year our menu has changed only slightly (copy attached). Our operating hours are the same as last year, we are open from 8:20am – 11:20am (Open for 1st break only). 1st and 2nd break can be ordered with 2nd break orders being restricted to cold items and snacks only, no hot or frozen food.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year of offering healthy, yummy and exciting food for our lovely students and staff. Keep an eye out for our specials each term.

If you are interested in joining Flexischools you can hop on their website www.flexischools.com.au, it is a great time saver.

Have a great week.

TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2017!

Another great time saver is our Birthday Club for your little darling’s special day. We can supply ice blocks for all the student’s in 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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – Rachel Juillerat

Wow! What a busy start to 2017! Welcome back to all our returning students and a big welcome to all the new families starting at Barkly Highway State School.

Unfortunately due to the extra busy start, we are out-of-stock in some items. We ask that you are patient while we wait for our orders to arrive.

If you would like to help out in the uniform shop, please see the administration staff in the school office. We would also like to ask for donations of shopping bags. If you have any spare, please bring to the uniform shop or drop them off at the school office.

School Absences

(but let it be unexplained)

Phone or leave a message! Drop by the office or send a note!

All day – Every day!

Aiming for 95% or better
Mount Isa Hockey Association

Invites you to play hockey in 2017!!!

We are holding a mixed competition for Boys & Girls in the following age groups:
(Numbers Permitting an under 6 team might be adapted)
- Under 8 (turning 4-7 this year)
- Under 11 (turning 8-10 this year)
- Under 15 (turning 11-15 this year)

Players 15 years or over are very welcome to join a Men’s/ Ladies Team

Season Fees:
- 4 – 9 Years Old at 31 Dec 2017 - $50
- 10 – 15 Year Old at 31st Dec 2017 - $75
- 15 – 20 Years at 31 Dec 2017 $140
*Under 15 years playing more than 5 games in seniors are required to pay $140 MIHA registration

20 Years + at 1st Jan 2018 (Senior) $340

Every Registration Receives a FREE HQ Registration Pack
This fee includes registration with Hockey Queensland, payment options available at sign-on.
Loan Hockey Sticks are available.

SIGN ON: Saturday 11th February 2017
10.00am till 12.00pm
Sausage Sizzle Provided
WHERE: Mount Isa Hockey Fields Sports Parade

For further information please contact
Mt Isa Hockey Association Secretary
mihasecretary@hotmail.com
Tel: 0421775190

Come join one of our 4 clubs and Hook into Hockey!

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Mount Isa Amateur Netball Association

Play netball in QUEENSLAND

HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS. GET ACTIVE.

MIANA SIGN ON 4th Feb 8am - 10am Wellington Park Oval

Visit www.netballq.org.au to join!

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Convenient and time saving technology for parents/guardians

Barkly Highway State School would like to advise you that the school will be providing parents/guardians with access to two new services:

INFOWAYS - SMS Absence Alerts
This service will notify you on a daily basis of unexplained student absences.

QParents – Online Parent Portal
This is a web and mobile application for secure online access to your child’s student information.

If you would still like to register for these services, please complete a form or see our friendly office staff.

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