



Barkly Blurb!!!

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Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	5 June School parade 2:00pm	6 June	7 June	8 June 800m Races	9 June Sports Carnival Newsletter home
Week 9	12 June ICAS Writing	13 June P&C meeting 6:00pm	14 June Life Education Van ICAS - Spelling	15 June Life Education Van	16 June Life Education Van
Week 10	19 June Life Education Van	20 June Life Education Van	21 June Life Education Van	22 June School NAIDOC Day Last day Term 2 Newsletter home	23 June Show Day public holiday



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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This week I would like to reflect on our recent visit from Dr Graham Foster, the Assistant Regional Director, and share how impressed he was with the work happening in our classrooms. We showcased the current learning in our classrooms and asked students question number 2, how am I going? and question number 4, how can I improve?

As part a leadership team, it was a truly proud experience to see the students from our school talking about their deep understanding of the curriculum and the knowledge they had acquired. We could clearly see the application and evidence of this in their writing in each class we visited. Congratulations students and teachers. It's great to know that the leaders from the region are also impressed with the practices at our school.

I believe that every student deserves a great teacher, not by chance, but by design. My role as an instructional leader is to support my staff's professional practice and build their capacity. "Collective feedback" in our classrooms is supporting the students to understand what they are learning, why they are learning it and how they will know when they have learnt it. Researcher John Hatti tells us that feedback has a high effect on student outcomes, and as a whole school, we will continue to build staff capacity in this area to, in turn, create

assessment-literate students.

Check out the great video clip on the school Facebook page highlighting one of our prep students clearly articulating what an assessment literate learner looks like.

Have a wonderful week and looking forward to sharing more great work from our fantastic school.

2017 ICAS

ICAS IS OPEN TO ALL YEAR 2 - 6 STUDENTS AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN A MEASURE OF THEIR OWN ACHIEVEMENT. AREAS COVERED INCLUDE ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SPELLING AND WRITING.

ICAS SUBJECT	SITTING DATE
WRITING	MONDAY 12 JUNE
SPELLING	WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE
ENGLISH	TUESDAY 1 AUGUST
MATHEMATICS	TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Fiona Kropp

Life Education Van

Barkly Highway State School P&C Association are hosting the Life Education Van from Wednesday 14 June – Thursday 22 June. It will be parked in the school grounds during this time and each class will visit for the nominated session. As the P&C have sponsored its visit to the school, there is no cost to parents for students to attend. Students from Prep to Year 5 will attend one session, while Year 6 students will attend two and each student will be given a workbook relevant to the session attended. If you would like more information, then visit the [Life Education](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au) website or contact Mrs Fiona Kropp.

The Life Education Van will also be holding a PARENTS' SESSION on Wednesday 14 June from 2:45pm until 3:15pm. This session will enable parents to come and look through the van, as well as have a chance to talk to the educator, Claire. This is parent/carers only session. Students will be supervised in the Resource Centre until 3:15pm to give parents and carers a chance to ask questions and look through the modules in which their children will be participating.

ICAS Testing

Science was the first ICAS test held last week. Students who have nominated for Writing and Spelling will complete these tests next week, on Monday and Wednesday.

Attendance

Parents/Caregivers of students with unexplained absences will have received a letter with this information last week. The school appreciates your efforts to keep the school informed of absences/attendance as this ensures accurate records are maintained.

Students who arrive late each day without an explanation by an adult will have the lateness recorded as unexplained (and this can be up to 30 students/day). Attendance and absence data can be maintained by parents and caregivers with an approved QParents account.



LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

Claire, Healthy Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be visiting Barkly Highway State School from 14 – 21 June. In 2016, the P&C agreed to support the Life Education Van's visit for every student in the school in 2017 to attend and so there is no cost to families. Students will be learning about healthy lifestyle choices and having lots of fun along the way. If you do not want your child/ren to participate in Life Education Curriculum Visit please inform the office in writing.

Head to the PARENT and CARERS HUB www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents to have a look at the modules that your children will be working through. You will find detailed overviews of the modules and fact sheets with 'conversation starter' ideas so that you can carry on discussing the lessons at home.

PARENT and CARER SESSION

Education is one of the strongest preventative measures to take when it comes to our children's health and safety. We really encourage parents to get involved in the Life Education program as well. Come along to our PARENT and CARER SESSION on Wednesday 14 June at 2:45-3:15pm.

You will get to meet the educator and find out more about what your kids learn, how to engage with them in topics they will cover with Healthy Harold the Giraffe and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. In the meantime, like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lifeeducationqueensland and sign up to our parent newsletter www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/item/371

DID YOU KNOW?

*IF YOUR CHILD IS
ABSENT AND WE SEND
YOU A SMS TEXT, IT'S
FREE TO REPLY WITH A
REASON!*

GUIDANCE OFFICER – Meegan Brown

The Developing Brain and Connection

Connection with our children is essential to ensure successful transition to school each morning. We make these connections each morning by 'making a deposit' in our child's socio-emotional bank account (e.g. a morning hug, asking how their sleep was). We do this because our child's brain and the brain's pathways are still forming. So, it is important to make connections part of the morning routine.

It takes approximately 20 years for the brain to fully develop, but there are steps that we can do to support our children during this growth time. Dr Dan Siegel, the author of "The Whole Brain Child", suggests that secure attachments in childhood facilitates the brain's ability to function in an integrated system. What this means is, we need to focus on the relationship with our child, rather than just the tasks they must complete. This will help promote our child's brain development in the long term. By developing connections, it strengthens the bond between ourselves and our child and it also facilitates the building of connections between the distinct areas of the brain.

If you are wondering why your child may have a 'meltdown' for example when you cut their sandwich into squares rather than triangles, much of it is to do with the fact that their brain is still developing. It is important that we connect with our child on an emotional level prior trying to reason with them. Some ways that this can be achieved is through the giving of a non-verbal sign of affection and then talk to them afterwards. It is only once a child has calmed down enough to engage in conversation can they take in what you are saying.

Taking the time to make the connection will actually save you time in the long run during morning routines, especially when running late of a morning!

Adapted from: "The one thing parents can do to make mornings smoother, according to science" by Pam Moore, 3.5.17. Retrieved from www.parent.co on 4.6.17.



Important Dates!

- 12 June – ICAS – Writing
- 13 June – P&C meeting 6:00pm
- 14 June – ICAS – Spelling
- 14-21 June – Life Education Program
- 22 June – School NAIDOC Day
- 22 June – Last day Term 2
- 23 June – Mount Isa Show public holiday
- 10 July – First day Term 3
- 5 August – Prep Open Day
- 11 August – Pupil Free Day
- 18 August – Year 6 final camp payment DUE
- 10 September to 15 September – Year 6 camp

BREAKFAST CLUB MONDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 7:30AM

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

How fast does this term go!

Next week we will be already in Week 9 and all student borrowing will be due back by the Friday of that week. We will be sending overdue notes out as usual to affected students and would greatly appreciate it if you could check with your child for any overdue books.

Book Club orders have arrived and are being handed out at this stage.

We are welcoming our Preps as they are being introduced to the library over the next couple of weeks in order to join the rest of the school for borrowing and playing. Just a reminder, that students from Prep – Year 3 need a library bag in order to borrow and books need to be returned before a new book can be borrowed.

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

Kind Regards
Svenja Spitzer-Lewis

↓ LOST & FOUND ↓

Have you or your child lost something important at school? Jewellery? A phone? A toy? A wallet or purse? Miss Rachel's desk is full of items that have been found and handed in yet no one has come to claim. If you are missing an item, please see us at the school office and if you can provide an accurate description, we can reunite you with your lost item.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Throughout the day, everyone who leaves the school grounds before the 2:30 pm bell is required to sign out and return through the office. This policy ensures the safety of everyone.

Students who need to leave the school throughout the day, are to exit via the office from where parents are required to collect and sign them out – ensuring an accurate record of attendance and less disruption to classroom learning. Parents who come to the classroom to collect students will be directed back to the office to enable this procedure to be followed. When we all consistently follow these school procedures, routines are effectively established and safety of all is maintained.

TUCKSHOP NEWS – Kelly Jones



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 students 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.

P&C NEWS

NEXT P&C MEETING: Tuesday 13 June 6:00pm

What do P&C's do?

- ✚ Consult on school policy decisions
- ✚ Financial planning and budgeting
- ✚ Manage tuckshops and uniform shops
- ✚ Assist with school functions
- ✚ Plan events and fundraising activities
- ✚ Apply for grants

P&C membership is free and you can choose whether to attend the regular meetings. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member of the P&C or take on an executive role, please feel free to attend any of our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month during the school terms.

To have a look at the latest edition of the Parent talk magazine, click on the link below:

<http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/pc-resources/publications/parent-talk/>

There is a great article inside Parent talk magazine from Dr Andrew Fuller on tips for creating resilient families. Here's the link:

<https://view.publitas.com/p-cs-qld/parent-talk-term-2-2017/page/12-13>

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – Rachel Juillerat

WINTER IS HERE!

We stock all of your Barkly Highway State School winter uniform needs.

Winter coats & winter pants.

Open Thursdays

2:30 – 3:00pm

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORMS \$2 EA**



Kids & the Media

Worried? Sad? Hurt? Upset? Tips that could help...

Children and young people have access to lots of social media, TV, movies and games. While the wonderful array of content available offers many positive learning opportunities, there is some content that may have potentially harmful effects on young people.

Keeping an eye on what media children and young people are accessing, and any changes in their behaviour, is a good way to help avoid any long-term worries down the track.

Kids Helpline (KHL) has put together Tip Sheets that suggest ways to help manage worry and concerns some may experience due to exposure to some media content. The three sheets are audience specific for:

- children
- teenagers and young adults, and
- teachers and parents.

They include tips about managing individual worries and about how to help others. We encourage you to distribute these to children, young people, teachers and parents who might find these helpful.

Kids Help Line is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

Talking with Kids Help Line can help. We're here 24/7. Any time. Any reason. Free call 1800 55 1800 or visit www.kidshelpline.com.au

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



Did You Hear?

Kids 4 years and up can get free non-diagnostic hearing checks!

Where: Mount Isa Hospital - Outpatients Department

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays by appointment

How: Self-referrals are welcome, no need for a GP referral.

Contact: Allied Health on 4744 4447 or Terene (Audiology Assistant) on 4744 4422

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL AND MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

SONGS THAT MADE ME

TUE 11 JULY 7.30PM
MOUNT ISA CIVIC CENTRE

PERFORMANCES BY
DEBORAH CONWAY
CLARE BOWDITCH
HANNAH MACKLIN
MEGAN SARMARDIN

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Queensland Music Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, Queensland part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.



What is Kids Games?

KidsGames is an exciting school holiday program for primary school children from Years 1-6. It will include great activities like, sports, crafts, Bible stories, food and much more. All kids are welcome to come and join in the fun and make new friends.

Where: Salvation Army – 43 West St, Mount Isa

When: 26-28 June

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$15 per child
(Includes a shirt, medal, morning tea and lunch)

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE**

To register and for more information:

Event Director: Corlia Pienaar

Email corliap@chappy.org.au

Phone: 0435 600 875



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Mount Isa event

**Thursday
15 June 2017**

3.30 – 5.30 pm

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23 West Street



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ROBOTICS digital careers

wi-fi devices

Drones

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