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Upcoming Events

Last day of term27 June
 P & C meeting.....13 May
 NAPLAN.....13 - 15 May

Payments Due

6 & 7 camp deposits.....overdue
 5 camp deposit.....2 May

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a great start to Term 2 with active learning occurring in our classrooms immediately upon our return to school. Our goal for this term is to build upon the many successes from last term. Term Two is sure to be very busy with significant curriculum responsibilities including NAPLAN, implementing the next stages of our Great Results Guarantee Program and finalising end of semester reporting.

Our continued commitment, cohesion and collaborative endeavours will ensure the provision of challenging learning environments for the students, support for the diverse teaching programs delivered by the staff and assist with the initiatives of our hard-working and dedicated Parents and Citizens' Association.

NAPLAN

This term will have continued to prepare our Year 3, 5 and 7 students for NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests: 13-15 May. Past NAPLAN test papers have been used to ensure that students are familiar with the format and response types in the tests. Our teachers have been undertaking this preparation to ensure that students do not feel overwhelmed by the experience.

	Tuesday 13 May 2014	Wednesday 14 May 2014	Thursday 15 May 2014
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy (Calculator) 40 minutes Numeracy (Non-calculator) 40 minutes

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

It's easy to become complacent about the regular routine of dropping off and picking up children from school. Because children will always be unpredictable, being constantly alert in school zones and obeying road and parking rules can easily prevent tragedy outside our school. Some basic things to remember when dropping off or picking up your child include:

- Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- Be alert and cautious when reversing out of car parks in case children are walking behind your car
- Observe school zone signs. These require you to travel at lower speeds at certain hours.
- Never double park.
- Never park in "no standing" zones.
- When you see a School Crossing Supervisor, obey their instructions. Stop if they tell you to stop, and wait until they return to the kerb before proceeding.

As parents and carers, the best way you can teach your child road safety is to set a good example yourself.

ANZAC DAY

On Friday 25th April, a large number students, parents and staff from Barkly Highway State School participated in the annual Mount Isa Anzac Day March Past, before attending the Commemoration Service in George McCoy Park. It was great to see such a large

crowd attend the Anzac Service acknowledging and applauding the ex-servicemen and women, police and school children from other Mount Isa schools who proudly marched from West Street towards George McCoy Park. What a wonderful example of community and national pride was displayed on the day.

P&C MEETING

Our next school P&C Meeting is to be held at 6pm on Tuesday 13 May in the staffroom. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend this meeting as I would like to see many more parents and carers involved in our school. The P&C play a vital role in schools by providing advice to the school leadership team as to future school planning, organise community celebrations and raise funds for additional resources.

Our P&C still requires volunteers to take on roles within the Executive due to the vacancies existing in 2 of the Office Bearer positions (Vice President and Treasurer). I am hopeful that 2 members of the school community could volunteer for these positions. With more than 350 families attending our school I believe we should be able to have 4 people undertake the roles on the P&C Executive.

CONTACT DETAILS

We live in an ever-changing society with many people changing their addresses and mobile telephone numbers. If you have changed your mobile phone number or address recently please advise the school.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL FROM KINDERGARTEN

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years' teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/>) for more information and resources.

PASSING ON MESSAGES TO STUDENTS AND EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

To avoid unnecessary interruptions to classes, parents and caregivers are asked to inform their children of pick up arrangements before departing for school in the morning. Should children be required to leave school prior to 2:30pm, the details should be provided in writing to the class teacher. In this way the child can be sent down to the office at the required time. Children must be signed out and collected from the office. It is important for appropriate documentation to be noted in accordance with State Schooling requirements. Unless very special arrangements have been approved, all children should attend school each day and for a full day of instruction.

Ross Kubler

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the two week holiday. It was wonderful to see the children return to school on Tuesday ready to commence school again.

Term 2 is always an important term as our years 3, 5 and 7 students take part in the National Assessment Program, Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. These tests are designed to give a point in time snapshot of a child's progress and to compare this progress with peers within the school, across the State and also across Australia. The tests will be held from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May and all parents will receive an individual student report from these tests.

On Thursday we held our whole of school Anzac Day service. As part of this service each class was asked to make a wreath and these were laid at the base of our flag poles. ANZAC Day is a very important part of Australian culture and it is great to see our students take such an interest in proceedings and show so much respect for what this day means to Australian society. It was a wonderful school event and I would like to thank all involved, particularly the school leaders for playing an active role in the running of the parade and Warrant Officer, Stephen Malone for being our guest speaker.

Every Day Counts

As we start a new term, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Year 6-7 Camp

A reminder to all Year 6- 7 parents and carers, school camp money deposit is due. It would be greatly appreciated if you could finalise camp deposits as soon as possible.

Ash Wagh

PE NEWS

Interschool Rugby League

Training for our Under 10 and Under 12 Barkly Highway State School Rugby League Teams is now well under way. Each team is made up of around 17 students, who have been training as a team during their lunchbreaks this term. Their games will be played on Friday afternoons at Alec Inch Oval, with the Under 10s game starting at 3:15pm and the Under 12s games being played at

around 4pm. The games will run each Friday afternoon for most of this term. If you require further information, please see Mr DePasquale, Mr Nelson, or Mr Kubler. We wish these players the best of luck in their first game this Friday.

Interschool Netball

Miss Parker is our school Netball Coach this year. Netball trials have been held earlier this week and a team of around 10 students will be announced shortly. Their games will be played in a two-day round-robin style competition. Game days are expected to be Friday 23rd May and Friday 13th June. The girls will practice their skills with Miss Parker during their lunchbreaks. If you require any further information about this, please see Mr DePasquale or Miss Parker.

Interschool Cross Country

Our school Cross Country team has been working hard training three days a week for the last few weeks of Term 1 and will continue to train regularly up until the carnival on Friday 16th May. These students should be commended for their effort and enthusiasm in their training. They have all seen a great improvement in their fitness. If you or your child would like to join us, training is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30am-8am on the school oval. Each Thursday, the students run a 2km/3km cross country course around the school (depending on their age group) and are continuing to see improvements in their times. Information with specific details about race times etc on the carnival day will be forward out in due course. Please see Mr DePasquale if you have any further questions.

Annual School Athletics Carnival

Students are now gearing up for the Annual Barkly Highway State School Athletics Carnival held later this term. Each week during Physical Education, students will be working on developing their skills in all areas for the Carnival. Last week, students were reminded of some Ball Games that we compete in, for our Ball Games Trophy. In the coming weeks, students will also have opportunities to practice their long jump, high jump, shot put, and discuss. Our 100m, 200m and 800m tracks will be marked out in a few weeks, at which time we will have some time to trial the course. More information about the Carnival will be communicated shortly.

School Fun Run – Friday 30th May

Information packs have been sent home with all students this week. On the front of the pack, there is a letter with information about the running of the day. This year, we have opted to have the Australian School and Club Fundraising Specialists assist us in facilitating our day. The booklet that was sent home has information about prizes that the students can win, along with information about how you and your family could win a holiday to the Gold Coast, Hamilton Island, or Fiji. Please start collecting money for sponsorship, as all funds raised will support the Barkly Highway State School Student Council. Attached to the information letter is a permission slip – this must be returned for your child to participate, as we will be leaving the school grounds for the event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office or Mr DePasquale at any time.

AFL AUSKick

Scott Dalton visited us on Monday and spoke with the school about the AUSKick program that will be offered this term. The program will run for 7 weeks (to be confirmed) on a Wednesday afternoon on our school oval, commencing at 2:45pm. Notes will be sent home shortly outlining more details. The cost of the program will be \$65, which included all afternoon sessions and a backpack full of goodies including their very own AFL footy. Please speak to the office or Mr DePasquale if you need more information about this.

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 has two jumping castles for hire. There is one Disney themed castle, which costs \$200 to hire. We also have a Batman slide, which is \$300. Prices are for day hire and the pick-up and drop-off times can be negotiated. Email jumpingcastle@barklyss.eq.edu.au if you are interested or want some more details. All money raised from hire of our jumping castles goes right back into the P&C and ultimately the school and our students.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. We are going to have a busy and exciting term as usual and are looking forward to seeing all classes borrowing each week. Books are to be returned weekly and Prep-year 3 do need a library bag.

Book Club

Book Club Issue #3 has been given out on Monday and orders are due back this Friday (2/5/14). Please note that late orders that come in after the closing date will be held and ordered with the next issue.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

It's on again! Our school will be once again participating in this year's PRC. The challenge will be held from the 20th May-5th September. In this time students will be able to record any books they read on their special recording sheet. Students from Prep - Year 3 will have to read 20 books to complete the challenge, while year 4-7 students will have to record 15 books. Prep-Year 2 will be doing this as a class activity and year 3-7 will fill in their own sheets. After completion the students will receive certificates from the Premier and in the past our school offered a sausage sizzle for those students who read the required number of books.

Read More in May- National Family Reading Month

This is a competition offered by Scholastic. You could win \$250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family and books for your classroom teacher! Get a reading log from the library or your classroom teacher and record the time spend reading for the 31 days in May.

On the 1st of June, total up your Reading minutes and go online to www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay and enter the competition!

As usual, please do not hesitate to come and see us with any questions or queries you may have.

Svenja Spitzner-Lewis and Kath Donnelly

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.



Step 1: Plan for Success

SEVEN STEPS WRITING TIPS

Series One

If you got a dollar for every time you told your kids to plan their work, you'd be living on a tropical island now, right???

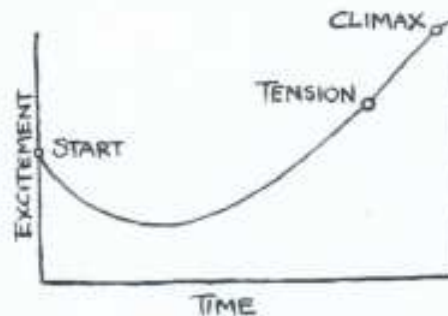
It's hard to show people HOW to plan, so here's a quick method. Good stories (like movies, books, poems and even jokes) are all planned - and they all have a similar structure. This is what it looks like.

1. Start with a bang - this usually has the main character in an action scene.
2. Back fill - the Who, What, Why is filled in while the action unfolds
3. The main problem is introduced
4. Complications and more problems. Things get very bad indeed
5. Tension scene where hero/heroine fights against incredible odds
6. Climax – incredibly, wonderfully they win!

Once writers know these basics, they have a SYSTEM to their planning - and this really improves their writing.

TOP TIP:

Think first, write second.
Draw yourself a graph like this one and plot your stories out BEFORE you start writing.



ACTION ACTIVITY:

Watch TV ads - you know the ones that 'tell a story.' In 30 seconds, some ads can create a start, tension scene and great ending, exactly like the story graph.

© Jen McVeity, author and National Literacy Champion

Seven Steps to Writing Success

The full *Seven Steps* program is available:
For Parents: www.sevenstepswriting.com
For Teachers: www.highlightingwriting.com
Email: office@highlightingwriting.com
Phone: 61 3 9521 8439



It's good to start by brainstorming ideas and using these to plan the story before you begin writing.
Enjoy planning writing,
Cheryl Gallagher
(Literacy Teacher)

STUDENT COUNCIL

Mother's Day Stall

The Student Council is holding a Mother's Day stall this year.

If students are looking for a special present for their Mum, Grandma or someone special for Mother's Day, they are encouraged to come along and see the great selection of gifts for \$2, \$4 or \$5.

The stall will be set up in the Science Room during playtime of First Break from Wednesday 30th April until Friday 9th May (unless sold out).

There are only limited numbers of each item so come early to have the greatest choice of presents!

All funds raised will go to the Student Council to help them to improve the school.

BHSS Student Council

Easter Egg Raffle

A huge thank you to all the Barkly Highway State School families who contributed eggs, bunnies, books, toys and other Easter related items to our 'Eggcellent Easter Raffle'.

Once again, your support was amazing and meant we were able to award lots of prizes. This meant extra happy children! Congratulations to all our winners.

Without your generosity, this event would not have been possible. Thank you once again.

We look forward to undertaking more events to create happy memories for our students.

Term 1 School Disco – Huge Success

Thanks to everyone who came along to our first disco of 2014 and 'danced the night away'. The glow sticks were also very popular. The disco was held at the PCYC and we saw lots of students dressed up in their best circus costumes. Great job everyone! It was a huge success, raising over \$500 for our Student Council and also supporting the PCYC through a fee and the proceeds of their canteen sales.

Anne Kelly

TUCK-SHOP NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope everyone had an enjoyable break and a lovely Easter.

Now that the weather has started to cool down we are going to start our Winter Specials. The first special will start on Monday 5th May and finish on Friday 16th May. Nachos will be \$4.50 for corn chips, nacho mince and cheese. Extras are: Guacamole \$0.50, Salsa \$0.25, Sour Cream \$0.25. This special can be ordered on flexischools and also on bags over the counter. Eftpos is available at Tuckshop and if you haven't already joined the easy way to order online, Flexischools is a great time saver for those busy parents. For more information you can see us at Tuckshop or have a look online at www.flexischools.com.au

Have a great week!!

From the Tuckshop Team. ☺



TUCKSHOP BIRTHDAY CLUB 2014!

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open on Mondays 8-8:30 am. Ordering online using flexischools.com.au is also available. The sports carnival is at the end of this term so come in and order your house sport shirt.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 13th of May at 6pm. We have a guest speaker from senior management at Glencore to meet with the community and discuss any concerns.

BRAVE TEAM

A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. We are seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the treatment study. This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate. For more information contact the BRAVE Team: Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email braveforaspergers@griffith.edu.au

LIVING WITH LEAD ALLIANCE

A FREE Public Information seminar will be held Thursday 15th May at Terrace Gardens at 3pm. The seminar will be presented by Dr Mark Little a leading toxicologist and emergency physician. This seminar will cover topics such as; how lead gets into your child's body, the toxic effects of lead, who is at greater risk, lead and pregnancy and living safely with lead. The alliance encourages all Mount Isa residents to attend this seminar to become more informed on living safely with lead.



Junior AFL Sign On!!!

Where: McDonalds, 16-20 Simpson St, Mt Isa QLD 4825

When: Thursday, 1st May

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Come on down to McDonalds on Simpson Street to sign up for Junior AFL in Mt Isa. We train and play every Friday evening. Come and meet new friends and have an absolute ball playing Australian Rules Football.

MOUNT ISA CITY YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTS...ISA YOUTH HAS TALENT!!! 16th MAY 2014

Auditions Ampitheatre Steps - Civic Centre

Sat 3rd May 2pm - 5pm

Tues 6th May 4pm - 7pm

Thurs 8th May 4pm - 7pm

Tues 13th May 4pm - 7pm

Anyone Aged 5 TO 25 are encouraged to audition. For more information or to register contact Margaret Diamond Ph: 07 4747 3300 or Email: margaretd@mountisa.qld.gov.au. Sponsors to be announced!

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