PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Dear Parents and Carers

Our current behaviour plan provides for different levels of achievement for children. Currently we have 3 levels of positive achievement - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze is what we expect from all our children and its achievement is to be celebrated. It means that your child is working within the framework of our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. Children grow and mature at different rates and we allow for this scaffolded development. What is important is that every child knows what he/she must do to improve their level if they so desire. Every teacher talks to children about why they are on a level and what they can do to receive a different level. The criteria are taken from the school’s Behaviour Matrix and therefore there should be no confusion. Of when children exceed the behavioural expectations of Bronze level they are eligible to apply for Silver or Gold level.

At Barkly Highway we have clear and consistent expectations of all of our students. They are explicit in our school’s values: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Resilient and Be a Learner. Every child at our school should be able to recite these values. They are expanded in the behaviour matrix. Teachers supervise and ensure that all children follow our school values.

I see the partnership of teacher, parent and administration critical in ensuring every student knows and follows these values.

BE PART OF THE P&C
On Tuesday night we held our 4th P&C meeting of the year and I would like to thank all the parents, carers and community members who attended this meeting. I would like to see many more parents and carers involved in our school P&C as I believe it plays a vital role in our school’s success through providing advice and support.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Zea Christopherson on her appointment as secretary to the P&C. Thank you Zea for volunteering to undertake this position and join Gavin and Rachel as part of our P&C Executive. The Executive still has a Vice President’s position vacant and if you are interested in nominating for this position please contact myself or a member of the Executive.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12 August and I look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 6 & 7 CAMPS
It is approximately 2 months before our Year 6 and 7 children take off on their camps to Canberra and Tallebudgera respectively. Final invoices for the trips have been forwarded home to parents and carers. Payment of this amount by the due date (which will be specified in the invoice) is necessary to finalise the trip.

Early next term we will be holding a parent information session providing details of the activities the children will be participating in as well as providing an opportunity for parents and carers to raise any questions.

WHAT IS ‘BULLYING’
I think it is helpful for all members of our school community to understand what does constitute “bullying”. Sadly people can experience bullying behaviour in schools, workplaces, sporting & recreational clubs and in the wider community. As a school we follow the definition of “bullying” provide by the Allanah & Madeleine Foundation.

“Bullying” is when someone or a group of people with more power repeatedly and intentionally cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults and will probably continue if no action is taken”.

Bullying isn’t:
• Single episodes of social rejection or dislike
• Single episode acts of nastiness or spite
• Random acts of aggression or intimidation
• Mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.
In my experience “bullying” can often be confused with “peer conflict” and although both behaviours require addressing, the former needs to be dealt with applying different strategies.

I encourage children to report matters of bullying or peer conflict to their teachers so that the matter can be investigated and resolved as soon as possible.

LOCKDOWN FEEDBACK
Last Friday the school held an Evacuation practice which went well. These practices are part of our WH&S procedures that ensure children and staff know what to do in the event of Lockdown and Evacuation. As part of our processes, we will now review the procedures and make any necessary changes to improve efficiency.

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR
On 28 May we were advised that Mrs Sharon Schimming had been appointed the new Regional Director for North Queensland Region. Sharon comes to the position with over 20 years experience in state education and I would like to welcome her to our region.

FOGS INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPO
Unfortunately our school was unable to attend the Expo this year. The first formal notification we had about this event was 5 June 2014 and given this provided us with less than 1 weeks’ notice, we had left little time to make the necessary arrangements. I pointed this out to the organisers and confirmed with them that I believe this program is extremely beneficial to students. They understood this position and advised that they would try and provide more notice in the future.

Ross Kubler

DEPUTY’S REPORT
REPORTING ON STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS
Teachers are finalising their assessment of students for the Semester 1 reporting period. Each semester, students are tested on the content, skills and processes that the teacher has taught for the learning area units for that semester. Grades of A-E (Year 3-7), Very High to Support Required (Years 1 and 2) and Applying to Becoming Aware (Prep), along with a comment is given for each National Curriculum learning area of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. Also, subjects which currently do not have a developed National Curriculum Syllabus are reported on for Year 1-7: The Arts (Music), Technology, Health and Physical Education, and for Years 6-7: LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese.

Students will receive an A-E behaviour grade which is aligned to the school’s 4 values and an overall comment. Parents will receive each individual student’s semester report from their child/children from school on Tuesday, 17th June. Parent-student-teacher discussions will be held next term.

STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL
I am currently reviewing student absences from school for the semester. It is a legal requirement for all students to be in attendance at school each day unless they are unwell. Parents are encouraged to take holidays during the school holiday period and not during the term. In preparing their students’ reports, teachers have indicated that absences from school are one of the most significant issues affecting the grades of the students. When students miss key learning concepts they are disadvantaged in their learning. The number of absences is reported on their semester report. I strongly encourage parents to plan for full attendance of their children each semester.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

ICAS COMPETITIONS
ICAS refers to the ‘International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’ commonly referred to as the University of New South Wales competitions, conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally.

Congratulations to the students from Year 2 -7 who participated in the most recent ICAS Science competitions. On Wednesday, 4 June approximately 16 students from Year 2-7 participated in the ICAS Science. Thank you to our parent community for supporting the school and their child in this initiative. Expression of gratitude is extended to Ms Kelly and Mrs Spitzner-Lewis who assisted in facilitating the ICAS Science test.

BRAVEHEARTS
The team from BraveHearts will be conducting two performances at our school to spread the message about personal safety and keeping safe. The 40 minutes show will be performed in the under covered area on Tuesday, 17 June. All Welcome!

1st Performance
11.50-12.30 Prep-Year 3
2nd Performance
12.30- 1.10 Year 4-7

NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS
Please nominate your child’s teacher for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Barkly Highway SS has so many excellent teachers, and sometimes their efforts go unrecognised. You can nominate any of our teachers online at: www.asg.com.au/nominate

Ash Wag

MUSIC MATTERS
The Junior Choir is performing at parade again on Monday the 16th June. All parents and friends are welcome.

BHSS TRIVIA NIGHT
Unfortunately, due to the low number of team registrations, the BHSS Trivia Night planned for Tuesday 17th June has been cancelled.

We apologise to those teams that were interested in attending.
Physical Education News

School Fun Run
On Friday 30th May our school had a Fun Run. The aim of the event was to raise funds for school resources and provide our students with a fun and active event which saw them go on a little ‘field trip’. Many students decided to run the event, while others preferred to walk with their friends. All students from Prep to Year 7 had the opportunity to participate in the event. It was great to see so many students getting involved. It was equally as impressive to see so many families join us for the event. Students should have returned all their sponsorship money by now. Prizes have been sent away for and will be distributed when they arrive. Thanks everyone for supporting our school.

Interschool Rugby League – every Friday this term
Interschool Rugby League is continuing to be played each Friday this term, with the first Under 10s game starting at 3:15pm. Following this, the senior team will play. Feel free to come along and support our teams as we battle it out with other teams from Mount Isa schools. There is also a canteen with snacks available at Alec Inch Oval, where the teams will be playing. We hope to see you there!

Interschool Netball – Friday 13th June
A few weeks ago Miss Parker and Miss Jenny took a group of netballers to participate in the Interschool Netball Carnival. The behaviour of our students was exemplary, and one of the teams has gone through undefeated so far! The girls will participate in the second day of the Carnival this Friday 13th June. We wish them the best of luck!

Annual School Athletics Carnival – 26th and 27th June
Students are now gearing up for the Annual Barkly Highway State School Athletics Carnival to be held later this term. Each week during Physical Education, students will be working on developing their skills in all areas for the Carnival. In the coming weeks, students will have opportunities to practice their long jump, high jump, shot put, and discuss (and modified field events for prep – year 3 students). Our 100m, 200m and 800m tracks have already been marked out. Information letters about the Carnival will be sent out in the coming days. Attached to this information will be details of a modified Tuckshop menu and details for ordering on those days.

District Softball
A couple of weeks ago a group of students from our school attended trials for the Mount Isa Primary Schools Girls Softball team. Congratulations to Tyeena Pang, Seleena Blackley, Candice Page, Kaylee Pope and Alysha Blackley on your selection in this team. These girls will now participate in a regional competition which will see them trialling against other schools in the North-West region for a spot on the Regional Softball Team. Congratulations girls and good luck at the next level!

Student Council News
It’s coming… our new playground is coming!!! The Student Council and P&C have been working hard over previous years to make it happen and finally we have done it! We have been successful in receiving a grant of $35 000 from the government. That money, combined with funds from the Student Council and P&C, will mean that our new playground should be installed and operational in the next few months. The playground will be on the oval and available for use by our Year 3-7 students. The Student Council is very excited about this, and are already thinking about their next big spending venture.

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.
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.

When drafting a story, encourage your child to have their characters involved in dynamic dialogue by going straight to the point of having their conversation in the story. Cut out the social conventions of greetings (if appropriate for the story) and build your characters through what they say and how they say it.

On Thursday 12 June there are two Parent Information sessions on Writing – one at 2:45 and another at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy writing.

OPTI-MINDS EXCURSION
On May 28, ten year 5 & 6 students participated in an Opti-minds Workshop at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School with students from other primary and high schools from Mount Isa and Cloncurry. The workshop topics covered on the day included:
Presentation Skills, Team Building and Communication Skills, Creative Thinking, Improvisation and Characterisation, Reading and Approaching Opti-mind Challenges and Creative Problem-solving Strategies. The program presenters were Fiona Meyer and Karen Scotney. The full day workshop for the students and “Twilight Workshop” for teachers were free courtesy of BHP BILLITON, Cannington Mine.

As a culmination activity each team of 4 to 7 students worked on and presented a “spontaneous challenge” for their parents.

A “Freeze Frame” from an improvisation and characterisation activity on the fairy tale – *Hansel and Gretel*.

Cheryl Gallagher
(Literacy Teacher)

**TUCK-SHOP NEWS**

Our special of wedges has been another popular one so we are going to extend it until Thursday 19th June, prices are: Wedges $4.00, Sweet chilli sauce and sour cream $0.25 each.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

It is sports carnival time again and we are asking for volunteers!!! If you have half an hour spare on either day to come in and help at Tuckshop please notify the office. It would be greatly appreciated.

This year we have a special menu for the sports days only, as these days are classed as red days. Please refer to the following instructions of how to order lunch for your child for the two days of sports carnival.

All bag orders are to be given to the Tuckshop before Wednesday 25th June, only hot food and drinks are to be ordered on bags, all snacks and ice blocks can to be purchased at the tuckshop. B ags are to be clearly marked with:

- Your child’s name
- Sports Team & Class
- Which day food for is for (Thursday or Friday)
- 1st or 2nd Break

Orders can also be placed on Flexischools, they have set up a special events area for sports carnival orders only, and these orders need to be placed prior to 10am on Wednesday 25th June.

All food and drinks will also be available at the front counter at the Tuckshop throughout the day for both children and adults attending the sports carnival.

**BHSS 2014 Athletics Carnival Tuckshop Menu**

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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Holiday Kids Club is Back!
We ran this event two years ago and everyone loved it so we’ve brought it back. It will be held on the first three days of the school holidays, Monday 30th June to Wednesday 2nd July, 8 am to 1pm. Venue will be the Mount Isa Baptist Church, 18-24 Isa St. Everyone from Prep to Year 7 is welcome. As well as learning some really cool things about a guy called Jonah, there will be games, craft activities hanging out with friends and heaps of fun. Lunch and morning tea will be provided each day. There is no charge for Holiday Kids Club, it is completely free. Please register before Wednesday 25th June by phoning the Mount Isa Baptist Church Office, 07 4743 5515 (Mon-Thu 9am-12noon), or email office@mountisabaptist.com.au.

P& C NEWS

STATE OF ORIGIN RAFFLE
The closing date for the raffle has now been extended! The new closing date is Thursday 26th June. Please return your tickets, sold or unsold, back to the school office as soon as possible. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return these so we can re-allocate them.
Thank you and good luck!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED

We are calling for relief Teacher Aides and cleaners. If you would like to become one of these, please call in to the office and see Isabel to arrange. You will need to have a Working With Children Blue Card or the ability to get one. The cost of a blue card is $76.

ON THE BALL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – MOUNT ISA

Sport For Life’s, 'On The Ball' holiday program is an exciting program and an opportunity for young people to exercise, have fun and meet current and former Basketball and AFL players.

LEARN BASKETBALL and AFL SKILLS FROM…NBL Brisbane Bullets Legend Leroy Loggins, 3x Brisbane Lions premiership player Darryl White & WNBL super star Katrina Hibbert!
THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM, THERE'LL BE COMPETITIONS, PRIZES & LUNCH IS PROVIDED…!

REGISTRATIONS: Wednesday 9th July
9.00am (8-12 year olds)
12.00pm (13-16 year olds)

When: Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July 2014

Time: 9.15am -11.30am (8 - 12 year olds)
12.15pm - 2.30pm (13 - 16 year olds)

Where: Mount Isa Basketball Stadium - Cnr Jessop Drive and Sports Parade

Please bring along your parent/guardian consent form (or complete it on the day)

For more information contact Lyn Lenehan on (03) 8354 0880 or llenehan@stride.org.au

BUFFS CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Buffs Club are holding fun and exciting school holiday activities for all school age children. Get your kids involved in the great activities ranging from Mini Chef Day to Hip Hop Dance Classes!

When: Monday to Friday 30th June to 11th July

Time: 1pm- 2:30pm

Bookings essential. Charges do apply and guardians must remain on the buffs club premises.

For more information please contact Buffs Club reception on 4743 2365.

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