



# Barkly Blurb!!!

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### Upcoming Events

Last day of term .....	27 June
Athletics carnival.....	26 & 27 June
P&C State of Origin Raffle Draw.....	27 June
Last Day of Term 2.....	27 June
Term 3 Begins.....	14 July
NAIDOC Week.....	21 July
ICAS English.....	29 July

### Upcoming Events

Mount Isa Rodeo.....	8-10 August
ICAS Mathematics.....	12 August
Year 6 Camp Canberra.....	10-15 August
Year 7 Camp Tallebudgera.....	16-21 August
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Fun Run Sponsorship money.....	Overdue
6 camp.....	18 July
7 camp.....	18 July

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### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Carers

The school's winter vacation commences on Friday 27 and I can assure you that your children and the school staff have worked extremely diligently throughout this Semester. Every one of them deserves their 2 weeks break. Please remember that school will resume on Monday 14 July. If you are travelling over the holidays I wish you safe travels.

### **REPORT CARDS**

With Semester 1 Report Cards forwarded home with children on Tuesday it is worthwhile to reiterate some important information concerning grades. Report cards provide that a "C" on the report card means that your child is demonstrating learning at an age/grade appropriate level. Children develop socially, emotionally and academically at different rates. Some children can excel at schooling one year, but the next they may be graded a "C". This occurs for a variety of reasons (e.g. other children have had a development spurt; the work covered this year is considerably more challenging etc.).

On some children's report cards there will be a Gold Principal's or Deputy Principal's Award sticker that has been placed there by Mr Wagh or myself. Children who have had 5 or less day's absence during the Semester, or achieved an "A" achievement level in English or Math would have received this sticker. Regular attendance at school and improving children's learning in English and Math continues to be our school's improvement agenda.

### **HOSES POSITION**

Last week I received confirmation from Central Office that Geoffrey Miller has been appointed to the position of HOSES for our school commencing semester 2. Geoffrey is currently at Mount Isa Special School and brings a wealth of knowledge of Special Education to our school.

At this time, I would also like to acknowledge Fiona Kropp for all the work she has done in this role over the last 18 months. Fiona has done a marvellous job of leading this position and I thank her for the professional manner she has displayed in administering it.

### **EVERY DAY COUNTS - WILL YOUR CHILDREN BE IN SCHOOL?**

It's almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate "junior fire fighters" in their home. The Blazers' Brigade campaign is designed to assist children's learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.

### **ATHLETICS DAY**

I would like to thank Mr De Pasquale for his wonderful organisation of the Athletics Days that are to occur this week. It has been great to see the continued enthusiasm of Athletics Day by both staff and children. I would also like to thank all the staff members who have assisted in the planning and preparation for this event. Parents and children are reminded that Athletics Days are normal school days and attendance is expected.

Ross Kubler

## **DEPUTY'S REPORT**

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

As this newsletter sees the end of term two and is also the acknowledgement that we are half way through our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of our school community of the many wonderful attributes that make Barkly Highway State School a great and special place to be.

Our strong school culture provides the essential foundation for everything that we undertake.

The respect shown by our students at parades, in class and in our school yard each week demonstrates the self-regulation and self-control even our youngest students are able to develop.

At Barkly Highway State School we endeavour to provide opportunities where students can maturely and responsibly carry themselves in a manner that reflects and upholds our school vision. All members of staff at our school collaborate with students and their parents to bring about the best possible learning outcomes

Our teachers make a united and concerted effort to provide all students with a safe learning environment where they feel comfortable to take positive social and academic risks. I think it is only fitting that I acknowledge the hard working efforts of all Barkly Highway State School staff and wish them all a safe break.

### **SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT**

The School Annual Report for 2013 will be uploaded to our website by the end of the month. This report looks at the achievement of the school for 2013. I encourage all parents to read the report as it provides a snapshot of the school. The report outlines academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, parent support and the staff profile. If there is any parent that cannot access the report online, a copy can be obtained from the school office.

### **ICAS COMPETITION**

13 students participated in the ICAS Writing competition and 18 students participated in the ICAS Spelling competition last week. I would like to thank each participant for putting in their best efforts. The next tests are the Maths and English competitions which will both be held next term.

The dates for the ICAS tests are as follows:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date
English	2 - 12	29 July 2014
Mathematics	2 - 12	12 August 2014

### **KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

Parents and friends are encouraged to keep a watch on our school during the holidays. It not only takes a community to raise a child it also takes a community to keep our school safe during the holiday. Please phone school watch if you see any suspicious activity on 13 17 88.

Ash Wagh

## **PE NEWS**

### **Interschool Rugby League**

Well done to all our students from who participated in the Mount Isa Interschool Rugby League Competition. Although we didn't win the tournament, our students played some great games with enthusiasm and effort. Thanks goes to Mr Kubler, Mr Wagh, Mr Nelson and Miss Burke who assisted with coaching and training the boys, as well as the many supporters we had throughout the season supporting us from the sideline. Well done boys and we hope to see you back out there on the footy field next year!

### **Interschool Netball**

Congratulations to Miss Parker and her two Netball teams, who recently participated in the Mount Isa Interschool Netball competition. The girls played had an awesome time on the court, with one of our teams finishing in the top 5! The girls trained hard and played even harder! Thanks to Miss Jenny and Miss Ainsley who also went to assist the girls on their game days. Great work girls - hope to see you out there again next year!

### **Annual School Athletics Carnival - 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June**

The Annual Barkly Highway State School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. On Thursday, the 9-13 year olds will compete in some events and on Friday the whole school will participate in a march past, before commencing the 60m/80m/100m sprints. Following this, our Prep to Year 3 students (who are 8 years and under) will participate in some modified sports activities, while the 9-13 year olds compete for Age Champion of their house. Students have had War Cry Practice this week also to get into 'the zone' and build the anticipation. Athlone was our overall winning House last year... This year the winner is anyone's guess! Remember also that the Tuckshop is open over the two days serving plenty of drinks and snacks. There will also be some hot food available. Remember - Abel Smith is red, Athlone is blue, Bowen is green and Kent is yellow... what colour will you be wearing!?

### **North-West Region Softball**

A couple of weeks ago a group of students from our school attended trials for the Mount Isa Primary Schools Girls Softball team. From further trials, Tyeena Pang, Seleena Blackley, Kaylee Pope and Alysha Blackley have been selected on the North-West Regional Softball Team. These girls will now participate in the Queensland School Sport Championships to be held in Bundaberg from 28 - 31 August 2014. We wish these girls the best of luck in the competition and will keep you posted on how they go. Congratulations girls!

### **Term 3 Interschool Sport**

In Term 3, schools from the Mount Isa District will participate in some Interschool Sport competitions. Sports played in Term 3 are AFL and Softball. Trials for the school teams for each of these sports will be held early next term, and games will most likely be played over two days, possibly in Week 4 and Week 9. Further information about this will be communicated when it has been confirmed early next term. Students should listen for any messages in the Daily Blurb and check this newsletter regularly if they are interested in participating in school trials for AFL and Softball.

## 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 5: Show, Don't Tell

## SEVEN STEPS WRITING TIPS

Series One

**Our job as writers is to create pictures in the brains of our readers. That's what 'Show, Don't Tell' is all about.**

**For instance:-**

**Tell:** *My brother is lazy.*

**Show:** *'Your turn for the dishes Tank,' said Mum.*

*'Yeah, later,' he said yawning and turned the TV louder.*

*'No, now,' said Mum. She stood in the doorway, arms crossed. She knew later in Tank's mind meant somewhere between the year 2012 and infinity. Once, as punishment, Mum put all the dishes and saucepans Tank had forgotten on top of his bed. He just dumped them on the floor. A week later they were still there, a shoe in the spaghetti sauce, sweaty socks on the plates and a really bad smell wafting out the door.*

Ah, now we 'see' it. It takes much longer to write, but our readers are far more convinced.

### TOP TIP:

Ask kids to 'prove' important things. e.g. What tells you Jake is a great friend? Answer: He ate the biscuits I cooked that tasted like wet cement. Write that scene to really convince your reader.



### ACTION ACTIVITY:

Test with your kids how words form pictures in our minds. Slowly read these:-

- Red flowers stand tall and cheerful in a vase.
- There's a baby elephant under the tree in our garden.

© Jen McVeity, author and National Literacy Champion

### Seven Steps to Writing Success

The full *Seven Steps* program is available:

For Parents: [www.sevenstepswriting.com](http://www.sevenstepswriting.com)

For Teachers: [www.highlightingwriting.com](http://www.highlightingwriting.com)

Email: [office@highlightingwriting.com](mailto:office@highlightingwriting.com)

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When drafting a story, encourage your child to develop their characters by writing about their actions and behaviours rather than just telling us their character traits e.g. friendly, mean etc.

Enjoy writing,

Cheryl Gallagher

(Literacy Teacher)

## **RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

Here we are, at the end of a very busy term. We had some very popular Book Clubs coming through and we like to thank all families who are supporting these events and making it possible for us to choose a variety of resources for our school, directly benefiting your children.

As usually, at the end of the term we are asking for all student borrowing to be returned. Most students have returned their books, but unfortunately we did have to send a number of overdue notices home with students on Friday but not all books have it made back to the library. Please assist your child in returning their book as soon as possible. Our policy is to encourage our students to take responsibility for the books they borrow. Consequently, when we send these written reminders, we expect our students to take them to their parents promptly and the book back to school. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Our Premier's Reading Challenge is still going strong and we encourage students to keep up their reading and recording of their books during the holiday. As always please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Be safe and enjoy the holidays

Kind regards  
Svenja Spitzner-Lewis

## **MUSIC MATTERS**

The Senior Choir will be singing on the 21<sup>st</sup> July "NAIDOC Day" next term at the morning ceremony. All parents and friends are welcome.

## **P&C NEWS**

### **STATE OF ORIGIN RAFFLE**

The closing date is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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. If anyone wishes to purchase more raffle tickets, please come to the administration office at Barkly Highway SS.

Thank you and good luck!

## **NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC week celebrations will begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2014 with parade in covered area at 9:00am. ALL WELCOME.

## **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.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am (8-12 year olds)

12.00pm (13-16 year olds)

When: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Lenahan on (03) 8354 0880 or [llenehan@stride.org.au](mailto:llenehan@stride.org.au)

### **BUFFS CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

The Buffs Club is 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 30<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 1pm- 2:30pm

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

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

### **SPINIFEX STATE COLLEGE MOUNT ISA**

#### **Junior Secondary Open Afternoon**

When: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Where: Spinifex Junior Campus Library

Time: 5:30pm

Contact: [the.principal@spinifexsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@spinifexsc.eq.edu.au) (07) 47401111