

BARRINGTON

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Integrity and Excellence



Term 1 Week 10 Tuesday 29 March 2016

Weekly Awards - Week 8

K/1

Oliver Laurie – ‘excellent efforts with homework’

Thomas Coombe – ‘being ‘switched on’ and very clever with maths number activities’

2/3

Nathaniel Graham – ‘great work in hands on math groups’

Logan Files – ‘great work in writing’

4

Georgia Graham – ‘trying harder to complete set tasks’

5/6

Sarah Redman – ‘showing maturity in her writing’

Isaac McClure – ‘his thoughtful responses in discussions’

Science Achievement Award

Isaac McClure of Year 6 – ‘proving that success in science comes from much failure and perseverance’

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated the school's values this week: Summer Edwards, Samuel Ellis, Lauren O'Neill, Selina Denyer and Paige Connell.

Silver Commendation Certificates

Evaena Radford, Charli Macdonald, Dean Germon, Sienna Macdonald, Kaitlyn Commons, Nathaniel Graham, Evie O'Neill, Phoebe Paynter, Ryan Marzato and Isaac McClure.

BPS Values Award

Bradley Rayner for the value of CHOICES.



A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools

COMING EVENTS

TERM 1 2016

Friday 1 April

ICAS Competition money due.

Wednesday 6 April

Special meeting at 11.30am at the Barrington Shop to discuss fete, followed by P&C meeting at school at 12.30pm in the admin building. All welcome.

Friday 8 April

Last day of Term 1.

TERM 2 2016

Monday 25 April

Public Holiday - ANZAC Day.

Tuesday 26 April

Staff Development Day.

Wednesday 27 April

Students return to school.

Zone Representatives

Over the past weeks students from Barrington have been travelling away to represent the school and trialling for Zone teams. Beau Blanch and Jack Yarnold tried out for the Zone basketball team. Ruby Cliffe and Sarah Redman tried out for the netball and William Bandy and Beau Blanch tried out for soccer. Unfortunately the students were not successful but they all said they enjoyed the day and learnt many new skills. Well done for having a go!

Poley's Place Raffle

An absolutely huge thank you to Poley's Place who donated the proceeds of their annual Easter weekend raffle to our school this year. A grand total of just under \$3000 was raised and this will enable the purchase of a set of iPads for use in the classrooms. What a generous and much appreciated gesture!

Easter Egg Raffle and Egg Drop Competition

On Thursday afternoon Year 6 conducted their fundraiser for Easter. First we had the egg drop competition where there were some ingenious designs to protect the eggs unlike Jack's who had Mrs Faull drop a raw egg uncovered. SPLAT! Then we drew the raffle and everyone in the school received an egg in some shape or form. Year 6 raised approximately \$60 but donated all their money to the Westpac charity ride.

A big thank you to Dean Germon and Zane Commons for kicking in \$5 each to help Year 6 with their fundraising efforts.

Also a thank you to Amanda Ellis and her team of helpers who prepared a delicious fish and chip lunch.

Tennis

The school tennis team consisting of Isaac McClure, Beau Blanch, Ruby Cliffe and Toreen Denyer played in the first round of the PSSA tennis trials against Gloucester Public School, at the Gloucester courts, this morning. The children played some great tennis but unfortunately lost to Gloucester Public. A big thank you to Toni Laurie for giving up her lunch times to train the team and to the parents who came to support them.



ANZAC Service

There will be an ANZAC Service at school on Thursday 7 April 2016 at 9.30am. All welcome. The school will once again be marching in this year's ANZAC parade, on Monday 25 April. Please assemble outside the RSL Club in full school uniform, at 10.30am. We ask as many students as possible to attend.

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools

Birthdays

Sienna Macdonald 26.3.16 (6)

Canteen Roster

Monday 4 April - Amanda Ellis.

School Website & Facebook

Our school website is a great place to look for:

- A gallery of photos of school activities
- Student work samples
- Extra permission notes that can be printed off at home if you lose the original ones

<http://www.barrington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Our school Facebook page is also regularly updated with photos of school events and also informs the community about information sessions or particular students' achievements, community about information sessions or particular students' achievements.

Please note that Facebook is not an avenue for communication between home and school. It is to be viewed as an information source.

Road Safety

Please remind your children that the front of the school during afternoon bus time can be a very busy place with cars coming and going. School staff have recently witnessed some unsafe behaviours where students have stepped out onto the road without looking and without being with their parents. Another dangerous practice is crossing in front of, or behind a school bus. Children need to be taught to never do this as drivers approaching cannot see them coming out. Please ensure that your children cross the road safely with you by their side.

Year 5/6 Excursion **GOLD!**

On Wednesday 16 March our class spent 2 hours at the Copeland goldmine. Our ranger from the National Parks, Bettianne Webeck was very informative and told us many interesting facts about the time that the Mountain Maid mine was operating. We had a go at gold panning and walked the boardwalk exploring the dry rainforest. We had a great time and learnt a lot about our local area during that time.



Westpac Helicopter Charity Ride

On Friday during recess the school was visited by the members of the Westpac helicopter fundraising bike ride. The group spoke to the children about the ride, bike safety and the role of the Westpac helicopter. They gave the students some memorabilia. Year 6 decided to donate the proceeds from their Easter raffle to the group and the teachers also gave some money. We were very proud of Year 6.



A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools

Cross Country

On Tuesday 22 March the whole school travelled to Gloucester Park to compete in the school cross country. All children under 8 years participated in a junior cross country and ball games showing some future talent to come. The 8/9/10 year olds ran 2 km and the 11/12/13 year olds ran 3 km. All children ran very well despite the humid conditions.

The placegetters were:

8 yr boys 1st Bradley Rayner 2nd Bryn Hoggett

8 yr girls 1st Evie O'Neill 2nd Irellyn Want

9 yr boys 1st Logan Files 2nd Samuel Ellis

9 yr girls 1st Kaitlyn Commons 2nd Summer Edwards

10 yr boys 1st Dean Germon 2nd Lucas Pope

10 yr girls 1st Sienna Marzato 2nd Evaena Radford

11 yr boys 1st Justin Battams 2nd Zane Commons

11 yr girls 1st Lauren O'Neill 2nd Natalie Rayner

12 yr boys 1st Ethan Cawthorn 2nd Beau Blanch

12 yr girls 1st Sarah Redman 2nd Ruby Cliffe



Mobile Phone Recycling

Thank you to the few people who have contributed to our mobile phone collection. We still have two more weeks to contribute any old mobile phones, chargers or accessories that are cluttering your drawers at home. Please send them in to the box in the front office.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 12.30pm in the admin building. A special meeting will also be held the same day at 11.30am at the Barrington Shop to discuss the upcoming fete. All welcome.

Alison Wise Principal

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools



Science Snippet

PROJECTS

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful science projects that I received last week. A big welcome to Year one in their first attempt at projects. It is fantastic to see such marvellous creations of collaboration between young students and their parents. I have my work cut out for me in marking all of these projects.

Projects will be marked and returned as soon as possible and we will have the opportunity to demonstrate and test these creations in class over the final couple of weeks of school this term.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Wednesday 4th May, Week 2, Term 2, stage three will be again participating in the Science & Engineering Challenge held at Taree racecourse each year. Each year gets bigger and better. Barrington students always represent their school with maturity and a fair but competitive spirit. We are currently organising the cost of a small bus to the venue as there are only 15 students representing stage three. As soon as we have costs, parents will be informed along with permission notes for students.

Science teacher – Mr Dave Keen

Dance Term 2

Next term we are fortunate enough to get Miss Sam back for dance. She will be exploring a range of different dance styles in addition to Zumba this year including Jazz, Hip Hop and even Bollywood. Dance is a compulsory part of the school curriculum so I would like to see all students giving their all again as they did last year.

Dance will begin in week 1 and continue all of term 2. The cost of the dance is \$30 and is to be paid before dance begins on Friday 29 April.

~Mr Dave Keen

Dance Permission Note

I hereby give permission for my child/children
to participate in the Dance Program in term 2 at Barrington Public School. I enclose \$30.00 per child for this program.
Money and note to be returned to the school office by Friday 29 April 2016.

Signed: (Parent/Caregiver)

Date:

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools

YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO



1/4/16 @ 7.30PM

JUNIOR BLUELIGHT - FOOTBALL FEVER
Yrs 3 to 7

7.30pm till 9.30pm

Gloucester Soldiers Club
Entertainment: MOBILISTIC DJ's

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES - COME DRESSED AS
YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM**

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers



www.pcycnsw.org.au

YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO



1/4/16 @ 5.30PM

JUNIOR BLUELIGHT - FOOTBALL FEVER
Yrs K to 2
(last year Preschoolers welcome)

5.30pm till 7pm

Gloucester Soldiers Club
Entertainment: MOBILISTIC DJ's

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES - COME DRESSED AS
YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY TEAM**

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers



www.pcycnsw.org.au

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

TUESDAY 10 MAY	WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	THURSDAY 12 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing	Reading	Numeracy

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

Kids DISCO

Saturday 7th

May

Drop off 6pm

Pick up 8pm

\$5.00

**Includes Entry, Dinner
and Drink.**

**Fully Adult Supervised
Drinks, Chips, Ice Blocks,
and Lollies available for
sale**

**Come and join the fun at
Barrington Community Hall**

This is a Barrington and District Progress Association event

**Kinder
to
Year 6**

**Fun Kids
Music**

RSVP

Lyndall Want for further details: 0412 355 357 lyndallmarc@bigpond.com 6558 4398
Christina Battams for further details: 0418 423 183 cbatts@skymesh.com.au 6558 4363