



Barrington Public School Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 5

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020

Calendar

Term 4 2020

Fri 6, Fri 13 and Fri 20 Nov

Kinder 2021 orientation.

Thurs 19 Nov

Bookfair.

Thursday 26 Nov

Whole School Excursion to 'Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters' at Anna Bay.

Friday 27 Nov & Thursday 3 December

1/2 day Year 6 to 7 Transition.

CANTEEN

Week 6

Monday 16 Nov

Sam Hardy.

Week 7

Monday 23 Nov

Sam Hardy.

Icy poles will be available for sale at lunchtimes, on a

THURSDAY.

Principal's Report

NAIDOC Week

The NAIDOC 2020 theme - **Always Was, Always Will Be.** - recognises and celebrates that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the ancient history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. This week we have participated in a variety of NAIDOC week activities including artwork and story telling.



Always Was, Always Will Be.
8-15 NOV 2020



Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11/11/20 we celebrated Remembrance Day at school by listening to a speech prepared by our school captains, Bradley and Irelyn this was then followed by year 2 laying paper poppies in our garden and a 1 minute silence at 11am.

Welcome to BPS

Welcome to Miss Amber Franks who will be spending the next 4 weeks in the 3/4 classroom as part of her 3rd year university placement. Another welcome and thank you to Will Germon from Gloucester High School who has spent the last week helping 5/6 out with some very important technology projects.

Weekly Awards

K/I

Matilda Solomon - 'great home reading and news preparation'

Zoe Ireland - 'great singing to times tables songs'

Year 2

Sophie Webb - 'asking questions during maths'

Jordan Cunningham - 'a positive approach to reading, with great results'

Years 3/4

Hunter McKinley - 'consistent effort in maths'

Bella Douglas - 'improved effort in writing'

Years 5/6

Rubi Tull - 'settled and efficient work ethic'

Kenneth Wright - 'demonstrated improvement in writing'

Remember our PBL

Values:

Choices

Care

Respect

Responsibility



Please remember to send fruit or vegetables to school for our fruit break every day.

Our Library days are:

K/1 - Tuesday afternoon.

2 - Tuesday afternoon.

3/4 - Friday afternoon.

5/6 - Tuesday afternoon.

Please bring in your library bag on your day.

Silver Commendation Certificates

Kelly Laurie, Sophie Webb, Alerah hardy, Charlie Coombe, Rory Gambrill, Kenneth Wright and Louis Want.

Gold Commendation Certificates

Thomas Coombe.

Learning News

New Sensory Rock Garden

The students have been loving our new rock garden and have been very creative each day changing the settings and adding new elements.

The staff have noticed some great sharing and cooperation skills and love to see kids creatively enjoying the outdoors.



Kinder Orientation

Our first Kinder Orientation was a huge success last Friday with all the new little kids settling in very happily. The 'big buddies' were very supportive and helpful during all of the morning activities. We are looking forward to another fun orientation session this Friday afternoon.



School Information and Reminders

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will go ahead on next Thursday 19th November. On Wednesday next week, your child will bring home a wish list after they have looked through all of the books. The wish list will have the names and prices of books they are interested in. You can decide which books you would like them to purchase. You then have the choice of **paying for them online** prior to the book fair on the 19th or **sending in cash** with your child on the 19th November. If you pay online, go to **www.scholastic.com.au/payment** and click on the book fair/parent payment section:

Select NSW, enter Barrington PS and enter the amount you wish to pay. Send the receipt with the amount paid in to school with your child on Thursday 19th and they will either bring home the book you have paid for, or if we run out on the day, one will be ordered for them and they will receive it very soon.

Students are to come dressed in beach/summer themed clothes (no swimmers) on Book Fair day and there will be a variety of activities in the middle and afternoon sessions of the day.



BPS Values Award

Isla Denyer for the value of CHOICES.

Birthdays

Alerah Hardy 7.11.20 (8)

Oliver Laurie 8.11.20 (10)





Nov 7th, 2020

What'll Happen to the Wattle??!

SYDNEY --One [Giant Leap Australia Foundation](#) is sending native golden wattle seeds to the International Space Station in early December, 2020.

Our school, Barrington Public School, has been identified as one of the winning entries from all over Australia. Even though Year 5 & 6 created the winning video entry, this will be an opportunity for the other classes to participate and be part of this other-worldly project. The project will flow into next year.

In collaboration with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) the seeds will live in space for six months, returning to Australia in time for Science Week 2021.

Supported by the Australian Space Agency, the "What'll happen with the wattle??" programme is being offered to more than 150 schools, scout groups and Australian Air Force Cadets across Australia.

A community panel judged the applications that included 200 words and a short video, explaining what the schools would do with the wattle once it had grown.

One of the panel members said, "We have spent 5 days watching videos. Entries from all over Australia. From a single teacher in a face mask in a school in Victoria to a small school in remote Northern Territory. It has been an amazing opportunity to laugh and cry our way through them."

Once selected, the chosen schools around Australia will receive wattle seeds that have flown to space, plus seeds that have not. The seeds are from the same seed lot.

Students are asked to germinate and grow their seeds, recording data about the germination and seed growth. Data will be uploaded to the 'What'll happen to the wattle??' app.

Throughout the programme, One Giant Leap Australia Foundation will run teleconferences and provide educational support to participating groups.

The 12-month to 2 year project will result in the creation of a nationwide map identifying the location of Australia's 'space wattle' trees.

The project is an historic opportunity for Australian schools and students. Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) media announcement:

<https://iss.jaxa.jp/en/kuoa/news/200901.html>

For further information, please contact:

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Irukandji

THE AUSTRALIAN SHARK AND RAY CENTRE EXCURSION YRS K-6

PERMISSION NOTE

Dear Parents,

In week 7 of Term 4, an excursion is planned for Yrs K-6. This excursion is on Thursday 26th November 2020. The students will be visiting the Irukandji -Shark and Ray Centre now located in a new venue at Anna Bay as an integral part of our Science units titled 'Our Living World'.

Information about the new centre can be found at <http://www.sharkencounters.com.au>

The centre is abiding by Covid 19 safety procedures and all Barrington PS staff members will be attending.

The students will be given the opportunity to feed sharks and rays and enter into a shallow wading pool with rays (their barbs have been removed). They must wear their school uniform to begin the excursion and have a change of **socks, shorts and t-shirts/rash vests** with them that they can use for wading. Swimmers are not acceptable attire. Please provide a towel and plastic bag for wet clothes. They will also need their recess and lunch and a bottle of water and hat for the day. We will travel down on a Newcombes coach and will leave school at **8.30am**. Some students who normally catch later buses into school in the morning will have to be dropped off earlier that day. The bus will then return from the centre and arrive back at school in time for afternoon buses. The cost of the excursion, will be **FREE** for all students as the P&C has kindly offered to subsidise all of the cost.

Could you please sign the permission note below and return it by **Friday 20th** November. Please notify the school if any of your child's medical needs have changed.

This activity has the approval of the Principal.

Mrs McIntosh

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Shark and Ray Centre Excursion.

I give permission for my child/children _____ to attend the Shark and Ray Centre excursion on Thursday 26th November 2020.

I confirm that the medical information held on file at the school is current.

I understand the children are travelling by coach leaving at 8.30am from Barrington Public School and returning to school at approx. 2.50pm.

Signed _____

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Sarah Mitchell

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

Bronnie Taylor

Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 08 November 2020

MENTAL HEALTH HUB FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Students, parents and teachers will now have easily accessible mental health advice and support at their fingertips, with the NSW Government today launching their new online *Mental Health Hub*.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the website has been developed to ensure advice is available to anyone who needs it, at any time.

"Mental health support for our students has to be varied and accessible for everyone," Ms Mitchell said.

"We know that overwhelmingly students do their own research before they reach out for help, so we need to make sure that information is accessible and designed for our school communities.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the *Mental Health Hub* will be a useful toolkit for students, parents and teachers.

"The hub has some really practical resources, from tips on how to start a conversation with someone doing it tough to finding ways to improve their own mental fitness," Mrs Taylor said.

The website is broken down into three categories; information for parents, information for teachers and information for students.

"The hub has been designed for everyone in the school community, I encourage anyone who has questions, stressed or wants to know how to support people in their lives," Ms Mitchell said.

The site can be accessed by teachers, parents and students across every school sector, including independent and catholic schools, and has had input from leading mental health advocacy groups, including ReachOut, headspace, Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue.

The Mental Health Hub: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/counselling-and-psychology-services>