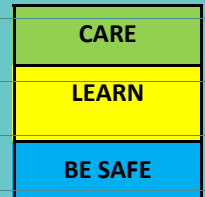


What's On

Fri, 30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation Lunch	
Wed, 5 Dec	International Day for People with Disabilities—Blacktown Showground (Ponds Possums & Signing Choir performing)	
Thurs, 6 Dec	Celebration Assembly	
Mon 10, Dec	Colour Run	
Thurs, 13 Dec	Amazing Achiever and PBL Assembly	CARE
Fri, 14 Dec	Christmas Craft Day	LEARN
Wed, 19 Dec	Last day of term for students	BE SAFE
Tue, 29 Jan	Staff return back to school	
Wed, 30 Jan	Students return back to school	



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The end of the year is fast approaching! Christmas parties and end of year parties are happening. Decorations are going up and Summer is nearly here. The planning of classes, staff and classrooms for 2019 is in full swing. We have received our planned budget for 2019. Decisions are being made as to how best utilise our budget. This year our school decided that more School Learning Support Officers were needed to assist with student learning. I believe this has been an excellent use of our financial resources and has ensured that students are receiving the support that they need. Our School Development Days are planned and organised and the entire staff will be visiting a number of Post School Placements. It is important for us all to be knowledgeable about where our students will go after they leave school, what skills they will need and what activities they will be participating in. In 2019, we will be sharing this knowledge with parents and carers.

Sailing with Class 1 and Friends

I had the fantastic opportunity to attend Sailing with Sailors with Disabilities with Class 1 and friends on Monday 19th November. The students showed excellent communication, social and behavioural skills. Some took a little longer than others to gain their sea legs.

Thank you to Sailors with Disabilities for a great day.

Class 7 and friends will be attending Sailing on Monday, 3rd December.



School Spectacular

Selected students, including our Signing Choir had the opportunity to attend Schools Spectacular on Friday 23rd November. The choir was made up of 2500 students. Students and staff alike said it was "Spectacular"!

Variety Children's Christmas Party

All students and staff that attended The Variety Children's Christmas Party said they had a great time. Thank you to Assisted School Transport Drivers and Transport Support Officers and parents who made this day possible for thirty of our students.



Party Day at School

The Ponds school held our party day on the same day as the Variety party so all students could have a fun day and receive a present. The school party was a huge success due to CSC Salvation Army supplying the jumping castles and donating gifts for all students attending. Walkabout Reptiles introduced students to snakes, frogs, lizards and a crocodile. Martha was the great face painter. A fun day was had by all!



Year 6 Graduation

Notes have been sent home to those students who will be graduating from Year 6 into Year 7 in 2019. This graduation will be taking place in the School Hall on Friday, 30th November from 11.30am. Please return your notes as soon as possible.

Celebration Assembly Prize Winners

Notes have been sent home to Parents/Carers of students that will be receiving a prize during our Celebration Assembly. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Student Leaders

Student Leaders have been elected for 2019. Parents and Carers would have received a letter about their child becoming a 2019 Student Leader. Student Leaders will be formally announced at Celebration Assembly on Thursday, 6th December at 9.15am.



Markets and Carols

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, 8th December at our markets and carols. This event begins at 1pm and will finish around 6pm. This is a great fully inclusive accessible event. Please invite all your family and friends.

Leonie Donaldson

Principal





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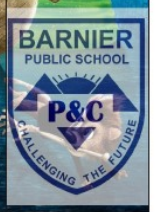
Movie and Twilight Markets

When: 1 December 2018

Address: 120 Barnier Dr, Quakers Hill

Time: Markets from 4.30pm - 8.30pm; Movie to commence at 8.30pm

Come along and enjoy markets featuring a variety of stalls, showcasing their homemade delights and gifts for the whole family, unique fashion, accessories and homewares products. Not to mention an abundance of amusements to keep the whole family entertained.

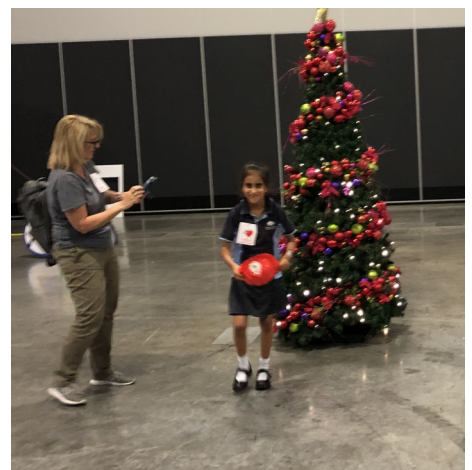


SANTA IN THE CELLAR



- When:** Sun 2 Dec, 11:00am – 11:00pm
- Where:** Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta
- Restrictions:** All Ages
- Ticket Information:** Door Sales Only (Additional fees may apply)
- Website:** Friends of Old Government House

Christmas Party





The Ponds School

Party Day



Class 9

As we approach the end of yet another year I want to congratulate the efforts of all the boys in Class 9. They have all made such wonderful progress and achieved great things, Mel and I are very proud of them all.

This semester, students all attended various Community Access experiences, visiting parks and cafes. They all engaged actively in the Movement Skills Program and have continued to love swimming weekly.



Class 18

Class 18 have had a blast this semester. Our favourite units of work included looking at various aspects of Australian History and looking at different foods and customs in other cultures.

Fun Fact:

In some parts of Thailand fried spider is a delicacy!

