

Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Co-operative
11 December 2015

From the Principal

School Presentation Evening

Thank you to all parents, community members, distinguished guests and sponsors who attended the successful Presentation evening on Tuesday night. It was a wonderful evening where we celebrated the awards of excellence. Ms Jodie Clarke and Ms Cassie Koch are to be congratulated for the overall organisation. Hannah Schofield and the Year 11 Music class gave a highly professional and engaging music item. Congratulations to all award winners.

School Returns in February 2016.

The first day for Years 7, 11 and 12 will be Thursday 4 February 2016.

The first day for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be Friday 5 February 2016.

Past student success:

Brodie Nugent who was Dux of Broken Hill High School in 2010 has recently won the University Medal at Flinders University after completing her honours degree. She will now proceed to Ireland where she will complete her doctorate in History. Well done and good luck, Brodie.

Department of Education – Attendance until 16 December 2015

The Department of Education has made it clear that all students in compulsory schooling from Years 7-11 are to attend school until the last day of Term 4, which is Wednesday 16 December 2015.

PRESENTATION NIGHT: If your child was absent from the Presentation Night and was awarded a certificate/trophy please contact the front office to collect.

REPORTS: All reports have now been posted home to parents. If you still haven't received your child's report by Tuesday 15 December please let the front office know.

HEAD LICE

We have had several reports of students with head lice. Please check your child's hair and treat if needed.

STUDENTS REQUESTING PANADOL: It has been the usual practice that students presenting to the front office with headaches/pain, parents/caregivers would be contacted for permission for them to have panadol. As of Term 1, 2016 the Department Regulations stipulate that if students require panadol they must complete a Medications Request Form and supply the panadol for the student, otherwise, staff are not permitted to administer.

The Quondong'

The school yearbook is available for sale from the front office. \$11.00 a copy. You will treasure this magazine full of photos and articles from the 2015 school year.

CANTEEN CLOSED LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL: PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCHES AS THE CANTEEN WILL ONLY PROVIDE COLD DRINKS AND ICEBLOCKS. NO FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE.

PARENT CONTACTS

Could all parents/caregivers make sure that if they have changed their phone number or email address to let the front office know. It is extremely hard to contact parents if your child is sick or absent if we have old or outdated contact details.

BHHS Student and Parent Portal!! This internet web page will give parent and students of BHHS an amazing method of communicating with the school. Students can already access the portal using their school username and password. Please contact Mr Jason Bradley if you have any concerns.

Some of the features include:

Parents and Students

- Viewing student timetables.
- Downloading important school documents, including the Barrier Blast.
- Receiving messages from class room teachers with assessment tasks attached.
- Homework and assessment task dates on a timeline.
- Checking student attendance.
- A tally of how many B'Hillians a student has received.
- Seeing class marks for tasks if published by a teacher.

Parents

- Provide reasons for student absences from school.
- Download previous student Half Yearly and Yearly reports.
- Book and manage bookings for Parent Teacher Afternoons.

Students

- Daily journal for use in classes. Go to the school website <http://www.brokenhill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> and click the Student & Parent Portal link near the top of the page.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about their child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to

the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

School Spectacular Excursion

Grace Downton, Katie Munday, Pagan Jones and Georgina Holden



Students from the Support Unit were so excited to attend the School Spectacular in Sydney. Students were also able to visit many sites around Sydney.



On Wednesday 25th November 2015, we had a ride on the Manly Ferry to Circular Quay then back to Manly. On the way back to Manly the Ferry stopped in the middle of the Harbour for everyone to see the lovely fireworks that were in celebration for the 5 huge brand new P & O Cruise Ships that sailed into the harbour. It was so firey to see.

Many schools and all year groups performed at the School Spectacular. Costumes and lighting

were fantastic, with all students just sitting watching and not taking their eyes off the stage in case they missed something. Australia has so much talent in our schools with dancers and singers.



Everyone loved the visit to Madame Tussauds – Wax Museum with Gina Holden being very royal sitting in the Queen’s chair. Everyday was filled with different sites to see and a trip to Sydney is not complete without pancakes at the Rocks. Students also had the opportunity to visit the mounted police and students were able to pat and feed the horses and have photo’s taken with the horses.



This Is Me

Thousands of kids right across Australia are living incredible lives and they all have a story to tell – we'd love to hear yours!

ABC3 and Air Pig Productions are producing an exciting 22 x 5 minute series **This Is Me** – it will be a snapshot of Australian kids' lives and unique stories in the year 2016. Do you want to apply to be part of this amazing series?

You will need to:

- Be aged 9 to 14, living in Australia (including Norfolk Island and the Torres Strait)
- Be prepared to share your passion, hobby, school life and dreams on TV!
- **Have your parent or guardian's permission to apply and include their mobile number and email details in your application.**

To get involved:

Send an email to max@airpigproductions.com.au answering the following questions:

1. Name, age, gender, what town or city you live in, do you have any siblings or pets?
2. Tell us something you're really good at or just love doing? (Do you like maths, surfing, music?)
3. What do you want to do when you grow up, and why?
4. Tell us something special or unusual about where you live?
5. What's your earliest memory?

Please attach a recent photo to your email. It does not have to be professional, we just want to hear from you! Please send application photos and emails to max@airpigproductions.com.au

Please send all applications as soon as possible, but no later than the 20th of December 2015. If you are unable to complete your application by December 20th, please email us immediately to discuss an extension.

The 22 successful applicants will be filmed by us in 2016 – it could be YOU!

For further information regarding Air Pig Productions' Working With Children Policy, please contact:
Sally Browning, Executive Producer
Tel 0411 266 213
sally@airpigproductions.com.au



This is Me

Five minutes is a long time if you're waiting for ... lunch ... or for school to finish ... or your younger brother to get out of the bathroom... or for your favourite TV show to start on ABC3.

But five minutes to tell the best of a life story can whiz by – how do you fit in all the exciting stuff - like what's happened to a child in their life so far, what can they do that might be a skill, talent or something unusual. Likes, dislikes, fears and dreams, their family, an average day, what makes them laugh or cry. Perhaps they have a special bond with a grandparent or pet and want to share that story.

This is Me showcases kids aged 9–14 in a mere five-minute TV morsel. A bite of life shared candidly, each with a little drama, humour, adventure and energy or wonder and poeticism.

Each episode is beautifully filmed and crafted to visually tell the child's story in less than five minutes and the child narrates the episode themselves to make the connection with the audience.

Each story will give a snapshot of the child's life but will also expose the ABC3 audience to something they can relate to, something they might learn from, a unique perspective that might inspire, move or surprise them. It's an historical freeze-frame of the diversity of Australian childhoods across the country in 2016.

22 x 5 minute episodes ABC3 and iView / Contact Sally Browning 0411 266 213



PARENT/GUARDIAN FAQ

When will you film and how long will it take?

We will be filming children across Australia from late January 2016 to late March 2016. Usually it takes 1 to 2 days to complete the filming and interviews.

What happens after you film?

We will edit each story into a five minute episode that ABC3 will approve. We will show parents/guardians the edited version before it goes to the ABC. All footage and interviews are stored securely on drives and not shared outside of the production team.

Do you have a Working With Children Policy?

Yes we do and we are happy to provide it to you via email. The crew is small – only Producer/Director Sally Browning, cameraman Dean Cropp and researcher Max Schintler. All crew have current working with children checks as required by each State and Territory and all have worked with children previously.

What sort of things will you film with my child?

We are guided by the child's own interests and ideas when we determine what images we will film. Sally will conduct an initial audio interview first to help this process. Our aim is always to represent the child's life in a creative and positive way.

Can I be there when you film and do the interviews?

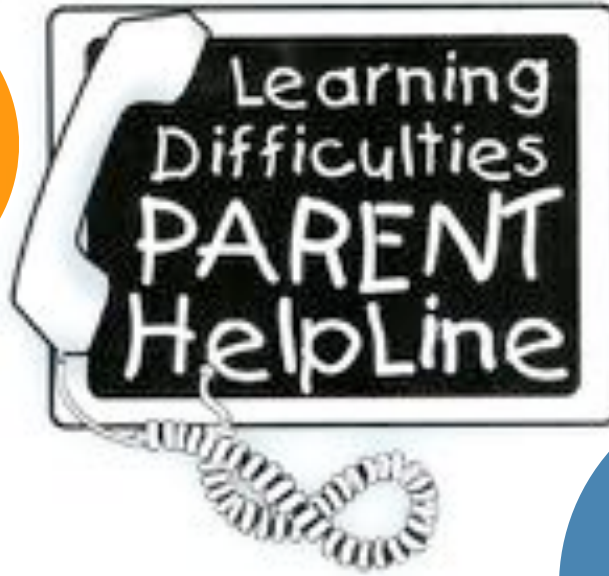
We would like parents/guardians to be in the vicinity when we are filming and if we decide to move locations (eg from home to the park or school) we will ask the parent/guardian to transport the child.

Will my child be able to see the whole program?

The ABC will determine when the episodes will go to air but we will be advised of the schedule and pass this information to parents. It is likely that the series will start broadcast mid 2016. With the ABC's permission we can" provide each family with a copy of the whole series for personal use only.

Do you have other questions? Please call the Executive Producer Sally Browning on 0411 266213 or email max@airpigproductions.com.au and we will be happy to ensure you receive the clarification you need.

Telephone
helpline for
parents &
teachers



Open
school
days during
school
hours

Info on:
assessments,
support, resources,
websites, booklists,
fact sheets, and
more.

02 9806 9960

www.ldc.org.au

info@ldc.org.au

Autism
Spectrum
Disorders

Behaviour

Tourette
Syndrome

Self
Esteem

Literacy
&
Numeracy

Learning
Difficulties

Anxiety &
Depression

Speech &
Language

ADD &
ADHD

Social
Skills

Bullying

Dyslexia &
Dyspraxia

Support
Groups

Supported
by the DEC.

BLUE STAR

BLUE STAR is a youth development and leadership program created by PCYC to assist in creating "young leaders for tomorrow" in our local communities. The program gives practical, real-life skills that young people can apply to work and family, helping them on their way to becoming great community leaders.

CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The Blue Star Citizenship program is the first step in the leadership journey for young people at PCYC.

The program introduces them to PCYC and gives them both formal and informal training opportunities. In addition to this they get the chance to meet young people from all over NSW and form friendships to last well into the future.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Two camps at a sport and recreation-style facility
- Motivational workshops and experiential learning exercises
- Recreational activities that will challenge you in both a team environment and on an individual basis
- 20 hours of volunteering at your local PCYC
- Opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award—Bronze level
- Facilitated learning sessions on citizenship

BLUE STAR CITIZENSHIP

Introductory program including 20 hours volunteering

- Cert 1 volunteering
- First aid certificate
- Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

BLUE STAR LEADERSHIP

Leadership development program, including the delivery of an activity project at your local PCYC

- Leadership interactive workshops
- 20 hours of volunteering at PCYC
- Mentor citizenship participants

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Individual mentoring for development opportunities

- Youth rep on PCYC board
- International One Young World Summit

COURSE FEES:

Blue Star Citizenship \$100

Blue Star Leadership \$100

Terms apply. Must be between the ages of 16 and 18



pcycbluestar.org

Contact Rowena at the Broken Hill PCYC on 8087 3723 or email rmarks@pcycnsw.org.au

*Santa Claus
P.O. Box 0001
North Pole*

**BROKEN HILL Y's Men's
club
SANTA LETTERS**



The Broken Hill Y's Men's Club would like to ask ALL of the Children in Broken Hill and Surrounding Districts to post their letter to SANTA early this year as Santa is VERY busy at this time of Year

The Santa letter boxes are out waiting for YOUR letter at the following locations

TOWN n COUNTRY CYCLES 411 ARGENT STREET

YMCA 78 Chloride St

YMCA Aquatic Centre 336 McCULLOCH ST

South Post Office Patton Street

McDonalds Broken Hill

