Welcome to another awesome week of learning at Broken Hill Public School.

**Young Archies**
The Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery will be hosting works from the Archibald Portrait Prize later this year. As part of this, they will be running a competition called the Young Archies. Students will be given the opportunity to take part in portrait workshops at school as well as enter their work in the competition. If you would like your child to take part, they need to bring a photo of someone special to them to school that could be done as a portrait. Photos can be given to class teachers prior to the workshops which will take place next week.

**Student’s Health Conditions**
If your child has a health condition, the school needs to be informed. Please call into the admin office and discuss this with the office ladies. If your child suffers from asthma, we need an Asthma Action Plan completed by a GP. These Plans are available from the admin office. A puffer needs to be stored at the admin office fully labelled with the child’s name. For safety and monitoring purposes if your child carries a puffer in their school bag we also need to be notified and an Asthma Action Plan still needs to be completed. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come in and see the office ladies.

**Principal on Leave**
Mr Fisher is on leave for the next couple of weeks. If you have any queries in this time please contact one of our Assistant Principals; Mr Peter Dougherty, Miss Shara Perry or Mr Jonathon Thomas.
Parenting Ideas
As part of our ongoing commitment to parent-school partnerships, the P&C along with the school has arranged membership to ‘Parenting Ideas Schools’ founded by Michael Grose. We will be able to provide up-to-date support through parenting articles provided through the newsletter and on our website. To have a look at the website and find out more information on a range of topics, please go to www.parentingideas.com.au.

Barrier PSSA Cross Country
We would like wish our Cross Country team all the best as they take on the other schools at the Barrier PSSA Cross Country Carnival on Friday in Mildura. We are sure that our team will continue to participate with pride and do their best. Go Team Central!

Barrier AFL
Congratulations to Luke Collins and Angus Chestnut for a super effort!! Last week the boys played in the Barrier AFL team at the NSW PSSA State Carnival in Sydney. It is awesome to see so many fantastic sports people representing our school.

NOTES SENT HOME IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS

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*If you did not receive a note, please come to the office as soon as possible.*

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS TERM 2 WEEK 5

KJ – Claire Hardy, Ellie Edgecombe
K/1F – Mitchell French, Brooke Cattermole
1/2P – Emily Jones, Emma Johnson
2S – Kayden Hanford, Kyesha Thomas
3P – Cooper Wellington, Aquila Shibu
3/4D – Jaxon Wilkins
4/5T – Lucas Lawson
5/6H – Skye Rivett, Chenae Scoble, Callum Quinn
5/6K – Wil Gilby, Zianna Chesterfield

CLASS OF THE WEEK – 1/2P
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Ham, cheese &
tomato toastie, piece
of fruit & bottle of
water.
$5.00
Available for lunch

Whole School Assembly
Friday, 29th May, 2015,
commencing at 11.20am.
All welcome to attend.

P&C Meeting
1st June, 2015 at
Old Royal Hotel,
Oxide Street
6.30pm

Book Club due back
29th May, 2015

URGENT RECALL
We have been notified by the supplier
that the Melt Wax Burner Set sold at
our Mother’s Day stall has been recalled.
If you received a Melt Wax Burner Set,
please return this product including all
associated parts to the admin office
for a refund or a replacement gift.
Thank you for your assistance.

Playgroup
Wednesday
10.00am to 12.00pm

BHPS P&C PIE DRIVE
The P&C pie drive
orders are due back
to school by
12th June, 2015
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away, illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others; are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgements about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    Your child will take cue from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.