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# Barnsley Bulletin



Volunteer Tironne Bennett shaved his head to raise money.

## School works together to make change

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'EVERY Child Matters Every Day' – that's the Barnsley way. Barnsley Public School is a community-focused school where families, volunteers, community partners and teachers work together.

School principal, Mr McDermott, and the teachers actively encourage community members to come together to improve student academic, cultural, physical and social and emotional outcomes, to work on different events or committees and to support each other.

Mr McDermott recently organised the Barnsley Boot Camp to promote a healthy lifestyle. The boot camp was held every Wednesday within school grounds and attracted many participants.

Many parents and community members give their time freely to help support students. Some parents work with teachers, offering their areas of expertise such as graphic design or marketing to help enhance the school.

The P&C are a dedicated group of committed community members. All work together and have recently helped to raise funds for new playground equipment and improved technology in classrooms.

In order to promote social justice, students also actively participate in raising money for various charities.

By BLAKE BULL and  
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THE impending closure of West Wallsend Colliery has sent shock waves through the communities of Barnsley, Killingworth, Holmesville and West Wallsend.

Many local companies have built their businesses around the work that they do for the colliery. The closure of the mine in 2016 will be felt by families and businesses all over Newcastle.

The colliery, which is situated near Killingworth in Lake Macquarie, started operations in 1969. It was initially expected that the mine would produce coal until 2021. However, the Glencore mining company recently announced it was closing the West Wallsend Colliery at the end of 2016. The closure will occur some months earlier than scheduled.

Development work at the colliery will be completed by the end of June this year with all mining to be completed by mid-2016.

The West Wallsend colliery has for many years been a very important contributor to the communities of Killingworth, Barnsley and West Wallsend.

This news was devastating for the small community. The mining company has in the past been very supportive of the community, even financially helping Barnsley Public



Stewart McLachlan from Glencore presents a donation to Barnsley Public School.

School. Smaller local businesses will also be affected, as workers who may have supported them move on, spending their money elsewhere. In addition, the mine spends almost \$200 million across local business' and community groups.

In 2014, 35 positions were made redundant at the colliery. With its

impending closure, it is estimated that approximately 300 jobs will be lost. The Tram, Train and Bus Union say unfortunately it will impact the residents living near the colliery.

Staff have been notified of the decision and Glencore says services will be put in place to assist employees, including redeploy-

ment options, across Glencore Australia coal operations.

Unfortunately after 46 years, the colliery will close down and approximately 300 employees and contractors who work there will lose their jobs.

The closure will leave only nine underground mines across the Hunter.



The people of Vanuatu are still piecing their lives back together after Cyclone Pam.

## Vanuatu to rise again from ruins

By ELLA DUNCAN, OLIVIA O'CONNELL and  
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AS tropical Cyclone Pam bore down on the tiny island nation of Vanuatu, the students of Barnsley Public were thinking of their teacher Ms Lewis and her family, who come from the island of Espiritu Santo.

The category 5 storm, which brought devastating wind gusts in excess of to

300 km/h, was described by Vanuatu's President Baldwin Lonsdale as a "monster".

Cyclone Pam caused widespread destruction, killing more than 10 people and leaving thousands without shelter, food or water across the country's 83 islands.

The United Nations Children's Fund estimated that

60,000 school-aged children were affected by the disaster, with many schools completely destroyed. Current estimates by the UN indicate that more than 14,000 children in Vanuatu are still unable to access education.

Ms Lewis reported that her family, who live on a remote peninsula of Espiritu Santo "suffered extensive damage to buildings and crops, but were lucky compared to others".



## here for our Community

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