

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

29/10/2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C AGM

As a result of last week's Annual General Meeting of the Barham High School Parents and Citizens organisation, congratulations are directed towards the newly elected office bearers. The P&C Executive office bearers for 2016 are as follows; President – Tania Peters, Vice President – Sharon McGuiness, Secretary – Sue O'Neill, Treasurer – Julie Frankling. Many thanks go to the outgoing executive for their work throughout the year. Our P&C is a volunteer organisation that meets on the third Monday of the month during school terms. As a school community, we are able to discuss our plans, explain our vision and gain support and insight into what we are doing and where we should be going. Many thanks to all those involved with our P&C.

Careers Adviser of the Year

In a perfect storm of serendipity, Mandy McConnell was voted "Careers Adviser of the Year" in the same week that her report entitled "Tipping Points to Higher Education for Rural and Remote Students" was published by the senior pathways directorate. In 2014 Mandy undertook exhaustive research in a locally developed project supported by Senior Pathways in Secondary Education. The result of this research was the production and publication of her thesis document. Mrs McConnell was also honoured by her peers by being voted the Careers Adviser of the Year during the most recent Careers conference held in Sydney. We are indeed lucky to have someone at our school of such calibre and experience. Congratulations Mandy on a justly deserved acclamation.

Year 6 Orientation

We welcomed prospective students to our school this week as part of our annual Year 6 orientation. It was wonderful to see these students integrate themselves into life as a high school student. I would like to thank them all for their polite manners and wonderful behaviour. We all look forward to welcoming them to the Barham High School family in 2016.

No Hat, No Play

I was reminded yesterday by one of our students as I quickly ducked across the quad to the canteen that I shouldn't have been in the sun without a hat. Indeed, during terms 1 and 4 when the sun is at its most damaging we have a hat policy. Students are reminded to bring a hat to wear during breaks and any classes held outside.

Swimming Carnival

As in past years, we are looking at having our 2016 twilight swimming carnival on the Thursday in our second week of term 1 and closing the school on the Friday. Our statistics show that having the carnival in the late afternoon/early evening results in lower student absences and allows greater parent participation. If any parent would like to provide feedback or suggestions on our swimming carnival, please contact me at school.

Glenn Buchanan (Relieving Principal)

Student Leaders for 2016

Nine students from Year 11 were nominated for leadership positions for 2016. On Tuesday 20th October, speeches were made to a school assembly and house meetings. Later that day, six students from Year 7, Samuel Cruse, Tessa Fasham Lauren Gleeson, Felicity Macauley, Leonard McClay and Thomas Mason helped conduct the elections.

The school captains for 2016 will be Lily Fimer and Mitchell O'Neill, and the vice captains will be Tegan Frankling and Christopher Phelan.

The house captains, who will commence their roles in the preparation for this year's Performing Arts Day, are:

Barimo – Lily Filmer, Casey Hyne, Dylan King

Cadelslee – Tegan Frankling, Mitchell O'Neill, Keeley Shears

Tullacoota – Emily Jones, Alexandra Tapaganao

Congratulations to all the successful candidates.



School Captains



House Captains

ROBY MANUEL/NORMAN WILLIAMS FLYING GRANT 2016

The Kerang R.S.L. invites applications for this grant from students considering joining the air force in 2016.

Application forms are available at the school office. Applications should be received by the Kerang R.S.L. by Tuesday, December 1st, 2015.

Applicants will be interviewed during the following week.

Stage 5 Grampians Excursion



Reminder to ALL stage 5 students that your permission note and payment for your GRAMPIANS excursion are due. Your payment of \$230 (or balance) would be appreciated as soon as possible. Please contact Mr McConnell if you have any concerns or questions.

Riverina Visual Arts Camp 2015

Last Tuesday the 13th of October, Miss Jody Sullivan and Mark Barnes of Year 8 travelled to Wagga (picking up from Deniliquin High School on the way) for the annual Regional Riverina Visual Arts Camp. The Riverina Institute of TAFE in conjunction with the Department of Education run a three day camp that is based on developing the artmaking skills of interested and talented Visual Arts students from across our area. We had participants from Albury, Wagga, Lake Cargelligo, Tumut and other rural, small and/or isolated schools across our region.

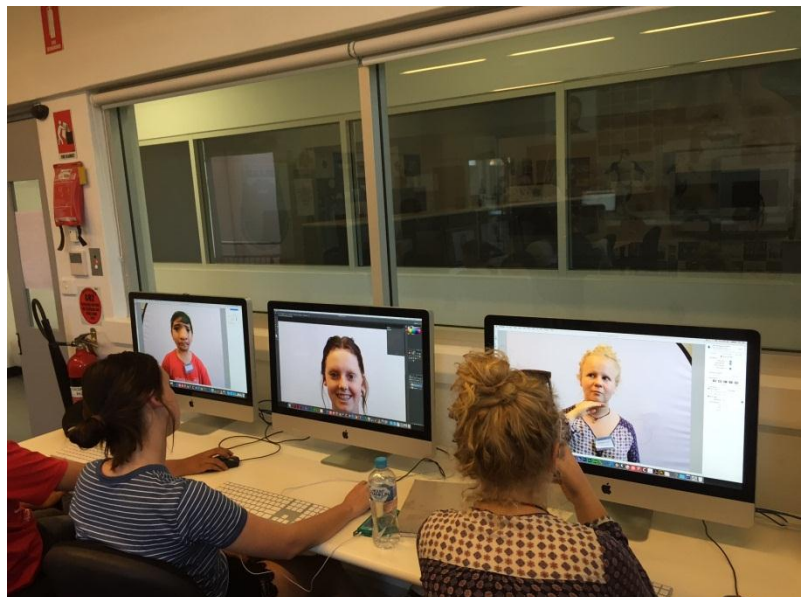
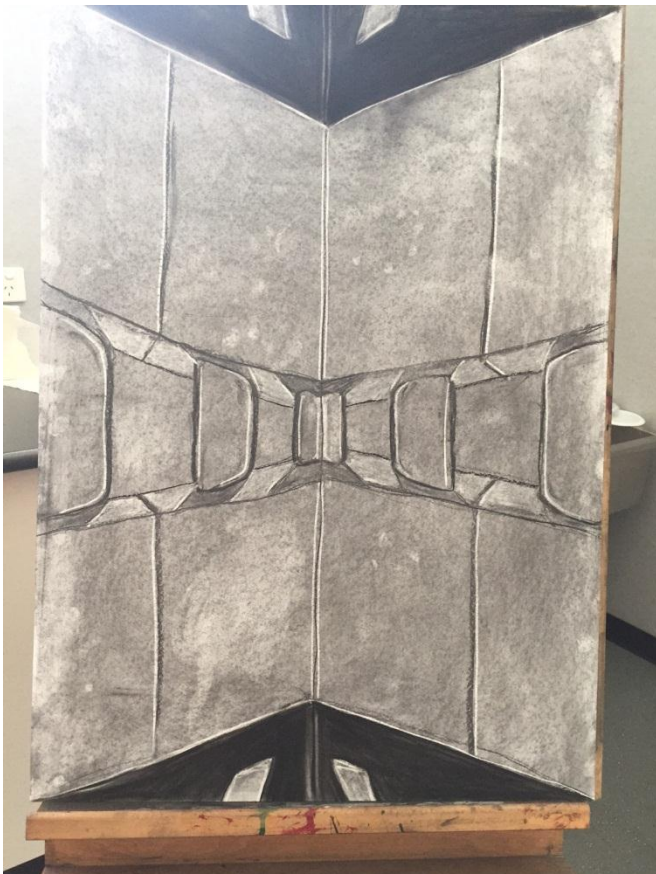
Day one comprised of a half day drawing and painting workshop where students learned about colour theory and mixing colours, used viewfinders and crafted large scale black and white charcoal drawings. Night time activities for full time students included dinner at the RSL club (the students were impressed with the all you can eat buffet, particularly the dessert bar) and ten pin bowling.

Day two saw students select electives from jewellery or Photoshop workshops where the jewellery students made copper and brass rings by hand and some extension students made pendants. Photoshop students made altered 'selfies' using the liquify tool amongst many other projects for the day. Night two saw an HSC talk for students in Years 10 and 11 and a careers talk designed for Year 8 and 9 students, followed by dinner at La Porchetta (Where they set the record for the most ravenous group on camp for the last few years!) and finally the movies at Forum 6 Cinema's. On Day three, staff and students were tired but the students still managed to produce excellent work in either animation or printmaking. The feedback from staff and students was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to Riverina Visual Arts Camp in 2016.

You are able to view some of the artworks made and students working on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/rivvisarts>

Jody Sullivan

Camp Co-ordinator



Modified selfies in the Photoshop workshop

Large scale charcoal work inspired by the architecture of the Riverina Institute of TAFE



Clockwise from top LHS: the rolling bench in the printmaking space; polished brass ring; Jewellery making workshop; a lesson on how to safely use a large printing press

Riverina Secondary 15s Netball Knockout

On Wednesday 21st October, nine girls travelled to Wagga Wagga netball courts for the Riverina secondary U15s netball knockout carnival.

We played Koorungal first up and after leading the first half, we ended up going down 14-10. The second game we played Corowa and once again we were leading the first half but lost 10-6.

After a coaching / umpiring change, where Miss Radley swapped roles with Mrs Disher, the girls won their last two games against Tumbarumba and Murray, winning 18-3 and 17-9 respectively.

The recovery meal was at McDonalds at the end of the day and Mackenzie's hazelnut slice. It was a big day for the girls and they all played well and represented the school with pride.

Thank you to Melissa Disher for coming along and helping with the umpiring and coaching on the day.



Quambatook Skate Park Opening

After school on Friday 16th October, two BHS students travelled to Quambatook to be a part of the official opening of their recently upgraded skate park. The boys addressed the crowd, gathered information, tips and advice, met new people, received a donation for the Barham skate park upgrade and showed off their skills. Overall they were grateful for this worthwhile experience and would like to thank Miss Dennis and Penny Scanlan from Gannawarra Shire Youth Council for making sure they got there and back safely. Please show your support and 'like' their facebook page *Barham Skatepark* to keep up-to-date with their progress and to see how you can be involved in this worthwhile community project. We need lots of hands to make this work!!



James & Kyle receiving a generous donation



James doing what he loves

Gannawarra Youth Council

The last official meeting for the year was held in Kerang last Wednesday 21st Oct. Both Emma & Uli attended and made separate reports about the SRC conference and the Kerang District Hospital strategic plan. Uli received a donation to host a 'Tea for Ten' information session, details for which are yet to be determined so stay tuned. Mikayla and Jorja were apologies due to their Driver Ed excursion. Nominations were called for 2016 executive positions on Youth Council and we are happy to report that Mikayla was elected Deputy Mayor. Congratulations to Mikayla and thanks to Emma for reading out her speech. The GYC reps will continue to help James and Kyle in their mission to upgrade Barham's skate park. Thanks to Penny Scanlan and the Gannawarra Shire for continuing to support young people in our district with amazing opportunities and encouragement. We look forward to 2016!



Gannawarra Youth Council meeting in progress (Emma & Uli in the middle)

DRIVER EDUCATION

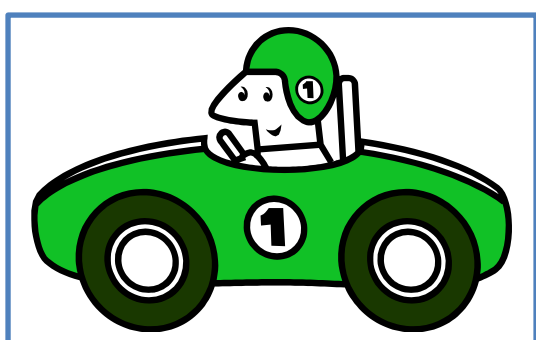
On Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October Year 10 travelled to Charlton to participate in the Driver Education program. The program focused on the basics and perfecting crucial skills including steering, overtaking, reversing and three point turns. Over the two days we had a few stop sign huggers for those students who failed to stop at a stop sign! We had one student crash into a pole on the very first drive and one run a red light! The theory part of the program allowed the students to learn new information and confirm what they already know about driving in order to make them safer drivers. Sharey answered one question correctly that hasn't been answered in the last three years!

The students also got to experience how their vision is impacted by alcohol by wearing different strength beer goggles. Zoe and Jorja demonstrated excellent 'high five' skills with their beer goggles at a reading of 0.35!

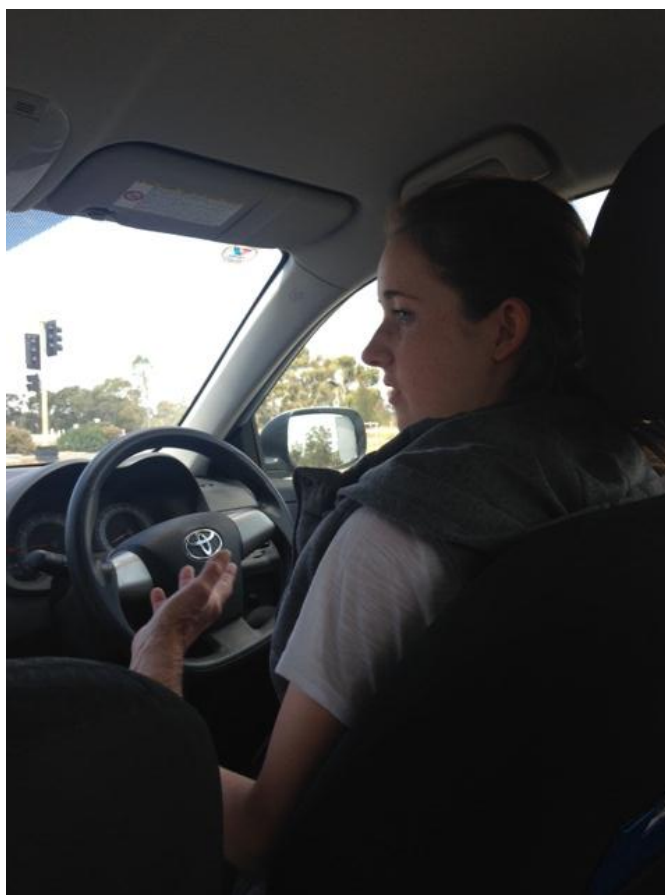
Thank you to Mrs Trott and Mr Wren for taking us on the excursion and a big thank you to Ms Radley for all her hard work and organisation to make this excursion possible.



Year 10 students participating in Driver Ed



Brittney behind the wheel



Whooping Cough Alert

Dear Principal,

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

I am writing to request that you include the attached text in your next school newsletter or other appropriate communication tool to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, and to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.

This information is also available on the NSW Health website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

You are invited to cut and paste this text into your school's newsletter or other appropriate communication tool as required.

Please notify your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 if you are aware of new cases of whooping cough in your school. This is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vicky Sheppeard".

Dr Vicky Sheppeard

Director Communicable Disease Branch

9 - Oct - 15.

KERANG SWIMMING CLUB

Will commence their Learn to Swim and swimming training program next Monday, 2nd November. If you haven't registered yet and would like to, please call Alicia Makeham: 0488 503595 for details.



BDSMC Bar-rook Swimming Club

Swimming Training

Koondrook Swimming Pool

Junior/learn-to-swim group at 5:00 -6:00pm on Tuesday the 10th/11

(Junior/learn-to-swim swimmers must be able to swim 33 meters)

Intermediate group at 5:30 – 6:30pm on the 9th & 10th/11

Advanced group at 5:30 – 7:00pm on 9th & 10th/11

All membership cost: \$55.00

Swimmers can come & try for two weeks before they are required to pay membership fees on the third week.

The sizes of the swimming groups will be capped at:

10 swimmers Junior/learn-to-swim

12 Intermediate

15 Advanced

The Junior/learn-to-swim group may be split into 2 groups & train for 30 minutes sessions, depending upon the coach's decision & the number of participants.

All swimmers need to apply sunscreen prior to training & bring a water bottle.

**Enquiries: Sharon McInnes
BDSMC Bar-rook Swimming Club
Secretary
0428531428**

SAVE THE DATE

THE BIG COHUNA FESTIVAL

MELBOURNE
CUP
WEEKEND

LIVE MUSIC
CALCUTTA
MARKETS
DUCK DERBY

CREEKSIDE FAIR
FOREST/FARM TOURS
ART/CRAFT DISPLAYS

OCT 30TH
-NOV 3RD

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www.cohuna.org.au

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Voice for Gannawarra Youth

Are you a young person who is passionate about representing the interests and views of other young people in Gannawarra? Are you interested in meeting young people, in networking, planning events and learning about how Council works?

What does Youth Council do?

- Provide advice to the Gannawarra Shire Council on the issues and needs of young people in the Shire
- Organise events and activities for young people in the Shire

Applicants must:

- Be aged between 13 and 18 years
 - Live, work or study in the Shire of Gannawarra
 - Have an interest in issues that affect young people
 - For more information or an application form please contact Penny on 5450 9333 or penelope.scanlan@gannawarra.vic.gov.au
- Please note, you will need permission from your school to participate in Youth Council

Youth Council is currently
recruiting for 2016!

GANNAWARRA SHIRE

YOUTH
COUNCIL

