

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term1 Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Welcome back

Welcome back to Barham High School for 2015, I hope that all families are feeling refreshed and enthusiastic about commencing a new year of learning at our terrific school. I offer congratulations to our Year 12 students from last year who are now off, making their mark on the world. I was very pleased that the vast majority of our students who applied for university have been offered placements.

The year is off to a flying start with school events already being organised and accomplished.

### Year 11 Assessment Information Evening

Thank you to the Year 11 students and parents who attended the Assessment Information Evening, it was an important opportunity to pass on vital information regarding the assessment requirements for the Preliminary course as well as the HSC course. If any family would like a recap or further information, please contact the school.

### Leader Induction Assembly

I very much look forward to working with the school leaders for 2015 and congratulate all those who have been nominated and elected. These are important roles within the school community and I am keen to support the initiatives of this year's leaders.

### Swimming Carnival

Our first major sporting event for the year is our swimming carnival and we are very much looking forward to it. It is going to be a warm day and I encourage students to remain hydrated and protected from the sun.

Students please remember that the swimming carnival is a normal day and you are expected to be in attendance. As we hold a twilight carnival, we will hold normal classes until 2:00 when we will then go to the pool. The carnival usually ends about 7:30 – 8:00.

Parents please note that there will be no school on Friday as this will be a day in lieu of the swimming carnival.

### Year 7 Welcome BBQ and P&C Meeting

To all of our new students I hope you are settling in to your new environment and I look forward to meeting your parents on Monday night. On Monday night at 6pm we have a get together where Year 7 parents have an opportunity to meet our staff and get a tour around the school. However, I would encourage all families new to the school to come along and meet with us.

This is followed by the P&C meeting which starts at 7:00 and all parents are welcome to attend and be part of the BHS community. This month, the meeting will be held in the library.

Glenn Buchanan

*Relieving Principal*

## Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) for Year 8 2014



Our Year 9 students have received outstanding results for the ESSA test which they sat last November as Year 8 students. ESSA is a statewide Science assessment program based on the NSW Science Syllabus which asks students to demonstrate their: knowledge and understanding in science, skills in planning and conducting investigations including a simulated experiment, skills in understanding and responding to a range of specific information in a variety of media (including video, audio, animation and graphics and text) and skills in critical thinking and problem solving.

In all four of these categories Barham High School results were significantly above state averages. The overall results were presented as percentages of students across six achievement levels. We had no students in the lowest level and 9.1 % of our students in the highest level compared to 2.9% in the rest of the state. Combined we had 91% of our students in the top 3 levels compared to 83 % in the state. Congratulations to staff and students alike who all worked hard to achieve these results. Individual results will be distributed to parents shortly.



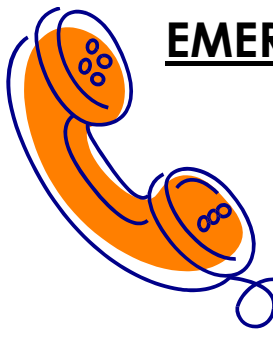
## Friday Afternoon Sport

Students in Years 7 – 11 participate in sport during periods 5 & 6 on Friday afternoons. They will get to choose their sports each term and it's their responsibility to choose an appropriate sport based on their interests, skills and affordability. This term's will start from 6<sup>th</sup> March after swimming finishes.

Sport is a mandatory part of the school curriculum. Early leave passes on Fridays for reasons such as appointments are to be discouraged. If your child is

sick or injured please write a signed note, dated with the reason. This is to be handed in to Miss Radley at the start of sport assembly. They will be given the role of sports reporter.

If any community members have ideas for sports or would like to volunteer to help with sport on a Friday afternoon, please contact Lisa Radley during school hours.



## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Parents please note that it is important that you give the school the name and phone number of someone we can contact if your child is sick or if there is any other emergency during the school day.

***In all cases the school will endeavour to contact a parent as first priority. Emergency contacts are only called if a parent cannot be contacted.***

## **ABSENTEE NOTES**

**Please send in a note when your child returns to school after being absent.**

If a note (or phone call) is not received within 7 days of the student returning to school, we are unable to adjust computer records, thus showing these absences as “unjustified” on school reports.



## ***Student Concessions for Travel in New South Wales***

Students who are aged 16,17 or 18 years old are able to obtain a concession card from the school office. This is for travel within New South Wales and is cost free.

## **School Student Transport Scheme**



Bus students living in NSW who reside more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from their bus stop may be eligible for the Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy.

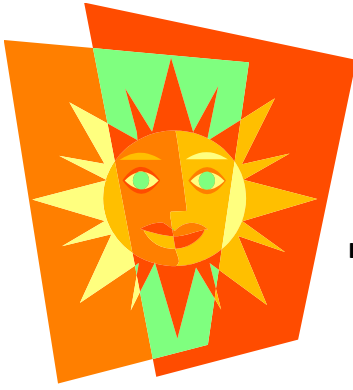
A new application is required when a student changes:

1. school, including from primary to high school
2. residential address
3. transport pick up point

This is an online procedure: [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)

The school has information flyers for anyone who needs help with this.

***Please note that a Year 7 student who received the subsidy as a primary school student must re-apply.***



## Summer Hygiene:

Now that the weather is warming up and students are bringing deodorant to school to use after sport and PDHPE lessons, it is a timely reminder that aerosols are **NOT ALLOWED**. These can cause very severe allergic reactions to some people and will be confiscated if they are brought to school. Please make sure that you bring roll-on deodorants only to school.



## SCHOOL STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has an annual licence arrangement for student ambulance cover applying to all NSW government schools.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the Scheme.

Importantly, the NSW Ambulance Service has recognised that the Service will extend coverage of the School's Cover Scheme to all States and Territories with the exception of Queensland and South Australia. This means that schools will now be covered for excursions into Victoria.



A friendly reminder to please clearly label your child's uniform and possessions. If they are named we can return any "lost" items to their rightful owner.

Please check that your child has brought home the correct item of clothing as all pieces of uniform look the same and another student's can be picked up inadvertently.

## PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**  
**7:00pm in the school Library**

**ALL WELCOME**



## Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver

In early December 2014 two students completed their Duke of Ed Qualifying Journey at Anglesea. We covered a number of short walks in the area, including: Point Addis to Anglesea, Pt Addis Cultural Walk and Ironbark Basin, Anglesea to Point Roadnight. This resulted in a rather 'long walk' when we added up the kms in total. We camped at Anglesea Caravan Park & enjoyed beach combing even though the weather was cold & drizzly. The finale was the 'learn to surf' lesson with everyone 'hanging ten' by the end (nearly). Congratulations to both girls for their commitment and perseverance in completing their Silver Duke of Ed. Thanks also to Lisa Sampson for accompanying us on the trip and taking excellent photos.

*Mandy McConnell*



## Careers News.....

Year 10 Work Experience Interviews will be held in the next few weeks to assist with placement organisation. Notes have been issued to Year 10. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to attend as it enables effective communication and understanding of the process and options for students.

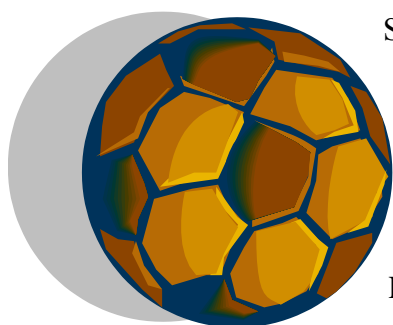
Please contact Mandy McConnell on 54532322 or 0427533165 if you have any questions or concerns.



The CWA of Victoria was formed in 1928 for ALL women, with the main purpose being “through community service to improve conditions more especially as they affect the welfare of women and children”. On joining this vibrant association, you are given opportunities to learn new skills in creative arts, photography, public speaking, performing arts, to tackle social issues, be proactive on issues affecting our agricultural and environmental sectors and most importantly of all to be a part of a very large friendship group.

***There will be an information session to form an evening branch of the CWA in Barham on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in the activities room Barham Community Health  
ALL WELCOME !!!!***

**Enquiries Ph Janette O’Keefe on 0427677121**



Swan Hill Soccer League’s Twilight Soccer Competition starts Friday, February 20 for 14-18 year olds (1997-2001), at Ken Harrison Recreation Reserve. Be there at 5.45pm. Enquires or expressions of interest to referee or coach a team - email [admin@swanhillsoccer.com](mailto:admin@swanhillsoccer.com) players can register online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) "

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 0477849780  
Regards Joe Lochery Youth Development Officer Swan Hill Soccer League

## **Koondrook Barham Football Netball Club**

### **NETBALL Try Out Dates**

Venue: Netball Courts

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Juniors 4-5pm Seniors 6-7pm

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Juniors 10-11am Seniors 12-1pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Juniors 4-5pm Seniors 6-7pm

***All past, present and new players welcome***

### **CANTEEN ROSTER 16.2.15 TO 27.2.15**

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	K Sterling			
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Jem Boyd		S Lolicato	
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	J Main			
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	N Patten		F King-Gee	F King-Gee
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	J Sleep		L Eagle	L Eagle
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	K Molin		H Skate	
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	J Estep		S Lolicato	
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	M Jettner		H Guerra	
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></b>	D Miller		N Miller	N Miller
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	J Frankling	J Frankling	J Frankling	