

Barham High Newsletter

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Term1 Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are now in week five of a ten week term and we have had such a frenetic start to the year. Students have been involved in swimming carnivals, university tours, basketball events, HSC Chemistry study days, Motivational Media, just to name a few.

Our new students, including our Year 7 cohort, seemed to have settled in well to their new environment. I believe that this is a tribute to the great transition program that ran last year and my thanks to everyone involved.

Welcome BBQ

I was so pleased to see so many families attend the welcome BBQ . It was a fantastic success and I would like to thank everyone for their participation. There was a great deal of interest during the school tour, with parents seeing the subtle changes that have occurred since they “graced the halls of our fine institution” and expressing interest in the variety of subjects we offer our students.

Lions Youth of the Year Competition

I was honoured to again be invited to the public speaking component of the local Lions Youth of the Year competition. It was a wonderfully entertaining event capably hosted by our local Lions club and I thank them most sincerely for their continued support of the young people in our community. Alex Tapaganao won the public speaking component with her inspirational speech on feminism whilst Emily Jones was the overall winner and will go on to represent Barham in the next round. Hearty congratulations to all involved.

Communication processes and the School Diaries:

Please use your child's diary if you need to communicate with the school about your child's progress; please don't forget that you can use their diary to communicate with their teachers. Students should be using the diary to record their homework and to put in reminders about excursions or assessment tasks.

If you have any concerns or questions about communication please don't hesitate in phoning the school.

Safety in school

We have a bus zone at the front of the school that is clearly marked with yellow paint on the road surface. I would like to remind parents and students that in order to reduce the possibility of potential collisions, this area is not available for pedestrian access immediately before or after school whilst the buses are in action. If students are to cross the road, they are to cross outside the indicated bus zone. A timely reminder also goes to parents that they must not park in this area to drop off or to pick up students during bus times.

Excursions:

In week 10 this term, the week starting the 31st March, the students in Years 7,8 and 11 will be involved in excursions. These are important educational opportunities and I hope all students will be able to attend. If you have any questions or concerns about accessing the excursion please give me a call at the school.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above or from the school.

VACCINATION DATES

March 13 th :	(Years 7, 11 & 12)
May 15 th :	(Year 7)
September 17 th :	(Year 7)

Careers News.....

Charles Sturt University Year 9 Excursion

Twenty Year 9 students visited CSU Wagga Wagga & Albury last week as part of a 'broadening aspirations' program. Specific funding was granted through the CSU Community Partnerships Program and the students were involved in campus tours, workshops in science, environmental science and podiatry as well as a 'Future Moves' MyCareerMatch activity. The students also enjoyed staying at the Albury Thurgoona residential accommodation and being able to utilise the recreational facilities.

Barham High ex-student and recently graduated physiotherapy student, Daniel Searle, also visited the Albury campus to speak to our students. Daniel made a huge impression, as did his guide dog, Bear. Daniel was a particularly motivating speaker and we all appreciated the time he spent with us.

The aim of the excursion was to give younger students an opportunity to get an understanding of how different university campuses 'look and feel', as well as gain knowledge of different courses and careers they may not have been previously aware of. The students responded positively and enthusiastically throughout the two-day program and were often congratulated on their impeccable manners. Mr & Mrs McConnell would like to thank them for their involvement, co-operation and for being excellent BHS ambassadors.

The Year 9 students who did not attend the trip will have the opportunity to participate in the MyCareerMatch online program in Careers classes this week.



at the CSU labs



enjoying the Environmental Science lab displays



at the CSU Nursing Ward



Year 9 students at CSU Wagga

ABSENTEE NOTES

A reminder to 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.



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.

Nyah All Schools Swimming Championship 2015 "Schoolies"

Friday evening 20th February we had two students represent Barham High School at the annual Nyah Two Bays Swimming Carnival, 'Schoolies'.

Sam came 1st in butterfly & freestyle and 2nd in backstroke & breaststroke (all 50m). Leonard came 3rd in 50m Freestyle. Well done to the boys for their efforts and thanks to their parents for their support.



relaxing between events

CANTEEN ROSTER March 2nd to March 13th

March				
Mon 2nd	K McGowan	K McGowan		
Tues 3rd	T Davis			
Wed 4th	J Swingler		J Webb	
Thurs 5th	L Scoullar		K Knight	K Knight
Fri 6th	T Mason		S McInnes	S McInnes
Mon 9th	J Ibbs			
Tues 10th	S Lake		K Macaulay	K Macaulay
Wed 11th	K Sterling			
Thurs 12th	R Jones		G Petrascu	G Petrascu
Fri 13th	N McGowan			

RIVER RAIDERS - UNDER 16 FOOTBALLERS

TRAINING STARTS WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH

5PM SHARP

PAST, PRESENT & NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Open Boys and Girls Basketball

On Thursday 19 February 2015, Mr Wren and Miss Grainger took 16 students to play Open Boys and Girls Basketball against Deniliquin and Finley High Schools.

We travelled by bus, thanks to Lakes Coaches, and arrived for our first game at 10am with the boys playing Deniliquin High. The boys team consisted of: Brad Heffer, Corey Barrington, Jay Skate, Mat Wescombe, Jacob Barrington, Garry Lolicato, Uli Van Rensburg and George Anthony.

The game was very fast-paced and we saw a few hard tumbles to the court floor by players from both teams. The Deniliquin boys came out full on running, whilst our Barham boys were fresh off the morning bus ride over, that consisted of some high quality music, courtesy of Corey Barrington. Deniliquin got the early jump and were up as many as 18 points to 2 in the first half. After some stern words from Coach Wren, at half time, the boys began to rally back into the game and dominate the second half. The boys got all the way back to be within 3 points, however it was not quite enough as Deniliquin High managed to hang on for a 28-25 win. The point scorers for the game were Brad with an impressive 12 points, Jacob and Jay both with 4 points, Corey with 3 points and George with 2 points. Overall it was a great team effort by the boys in the game and they were very unlucky not to get the win!

Next, the girls played their first game against Deniliquin High. The team consisted of: Sammie Knight, Tegan Frankling, Lily Filmer, Lucy Anthony, Kourtney Wallace, Olivia Maffescioni, Sharey Green and Brittney McInnes. The girls all played very well and fair with great teamwork and participation against a defensive team. Unfortunately, the girls were beaten with a score of 4 to 55. Brittney and Olivia both scored 2 points each!

The boys then played Finley High. Right from the very beginning, the boys led and held that lead with an impressive total score of 33 to 13. The boys came back with a vengeance after a disappointing game one loss and dominated the Finley boys throughout the game. Corey Barrington caught fire in this game, shooting 3 after 3 and there were rumblings around the stadium wondering how Michael Jordan was able to line up for the Barham High School. The boys played a great team game and were clearly determined to get a well-deserved win on the board for the day. The scorers for the game were Corey with 14, Brad with 11, Jay with 4 and Jacob and Matt with 2 each.

Lastly, the girls played their final game against Finley High. The girls said this was a hard team to play, as they had some competitive and skilled players. The final score was 6 to 45 with Lily, Sammie and Brittney each scoring 2 points! The girls all showed great determination and fight, but were unfortunately beaten on the scoreboard by two better teams on the day.

A big thanks to Mr Wren, Garry and Corey for doing a great job at umpiring the games.

Congratulations to all boys and girls for being great sportsmen and sportswomen as they showed dedicated teamwork, encouragement and admirable behaviour.



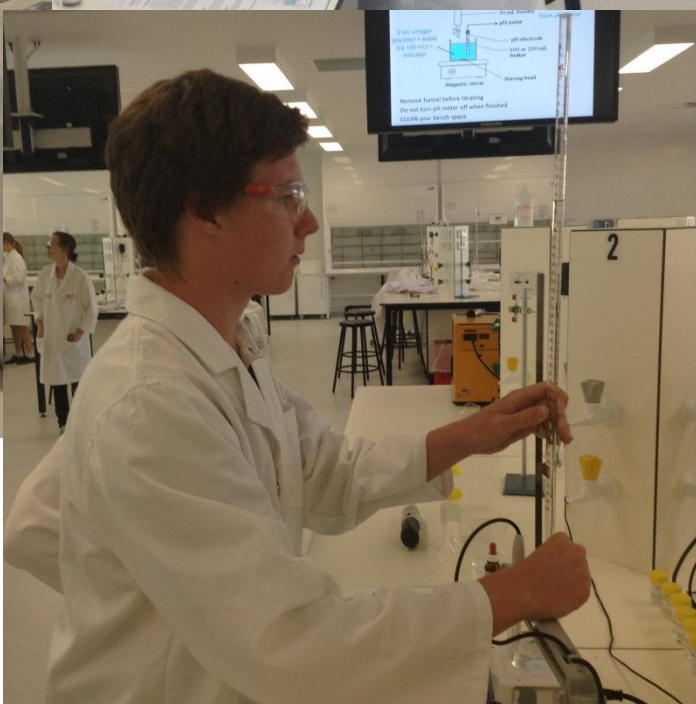
Open Girls Basketball team



Open Boys Basketball team

HSC Chemistry Study day

Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga hosted the HSC Chemistry study days on each day during week 4, with over 250 HSC chemistry students from Riverina High schools in attendance. Barham High School chemistry students, Bronte Murphy, Mat Wescombe, Jay Skate and Brad Heffer made the long trip to Wagga last Friday to participate in this program. Not only were they able to view and get to use the latest technology available in analytical chemistry, our students had the opportunity to interview practising research scientists to gain a better understanding of the work they carry out as well as pathways available to chemistry graduates. Each topic covered was mandatory to the HSC chemistry course. All agreed it was a valuable experience well worth the pain of the 4 am 'get out of bed' time.



Swinburne University offers free course on Autism

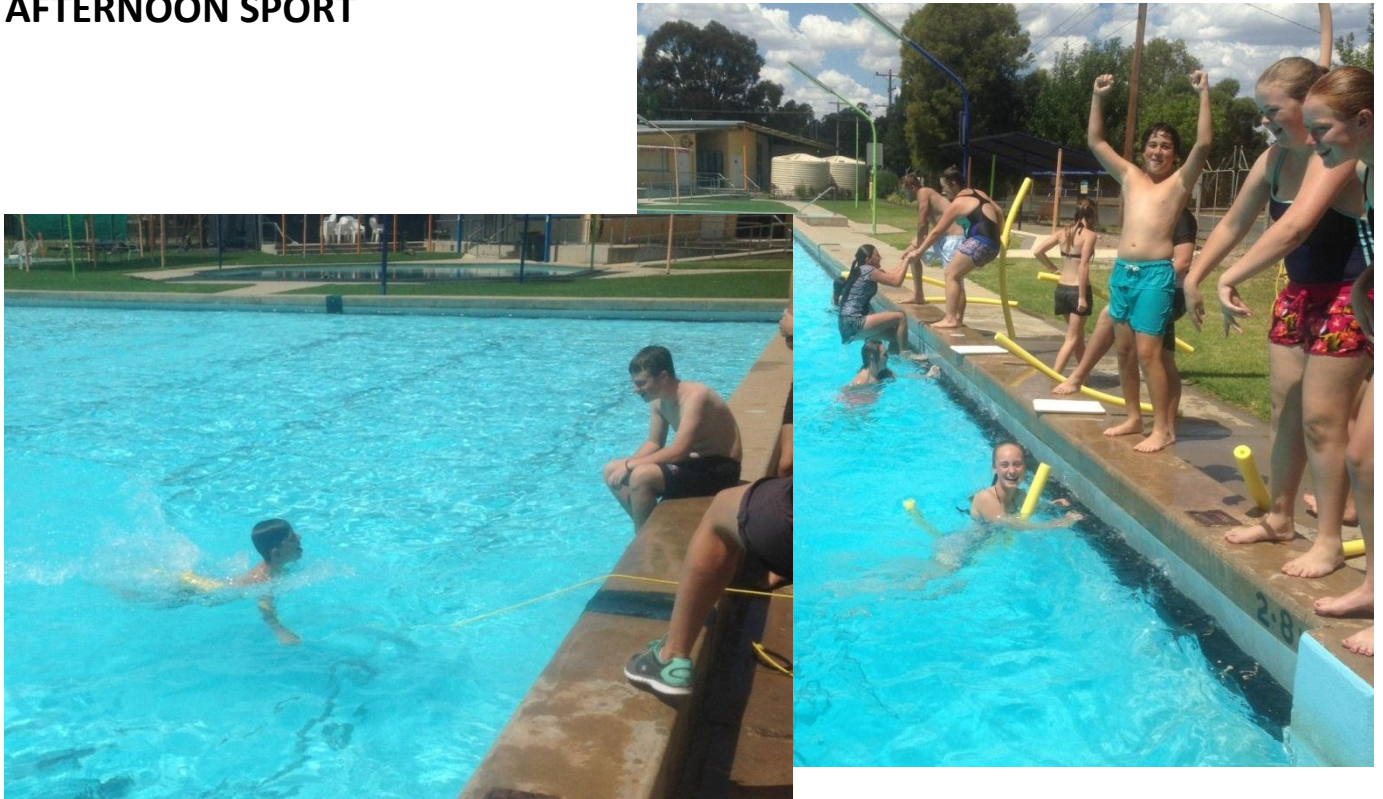
A free course that will assist parents, families and carers who live and work with individuals on the autism spectrum will be launched at Swinburne University of Technology in April 2015.

Running for six weeks, the MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) will use a unique scenario-based learning approach, which draws on the stories and experiences of individuals, carers and experts in the field.

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-course-on-autism.html>

What a great way to access training.

AFTERNOON SPORT



Towing and Lifesaving skills



Treading water

Zone Swimming

Tuesday 24th February, 20 Barham High School students travelled to Deni for the Western Zone Swimming Carnival. We had 50% success rate with 10 students qualifying for the regional carnival in Leeton Friday 6th March.

Thanks to Ms Donnan and Miss Radley for managing the team and to Ms McInnes for helping with the students on the day. Good luck to the students below who have qualified.

Maddy McGowan - 13yrs butterfly, freestyle 50m, 100m, 200m, backstroke

Sam McGowan - 14yrs breaststroke, freestyle 50, 100m, 200m, butterfly, backstroke, 14yrs 4x50m freestyle relay

Fumika Nakagawa - 17yrs 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke

Amy Black - 12yrs 100m breaststroke, freestyle 50m, 100m

Matt Hird – 14yrs 100m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 14yrs 4x50m freestyle relay

Brittney McInnes - 16yrs 100m freestyle

Victoria Cook - 12yrs 100m breaststroke

Leonard McClay - 13yrs 100m breaststroke, 200m freestyle, 14yrs 4x50m freestyle relay

Kasey McClay - 14yrs 100m butterfly

Dempsey Coote - 14yrs 4x50m freestyle relay



The BHS Zone Swimming squad

just completed a great swim



all tucked out



ready for the relay



part of the successful U14 boys relay team