

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back!

It seems as though we have started the term at the same frenetic pace that we finished term 1. The Years 7, 8 and 11 excursions at the end of term were a huge success and enjoyed by students and teachers alike. Our Year 12 students have made it through their mid-course examinations and by now should have an indication of where they are placed in their classes and what they need to concentrate on to improve.

ANZAC Day

Celebrating the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli was an occasion that we wanted to perform with the respect, composure and decorum. I am extremely proud of the ANZAC ceremony that we hosted under the COLA on Friday 24th April in honour of the occasion.

Many thanks must go to Janet Hildebrand and Ian McConnell who were responsible for the organisation of the day as well to the myriad of helpers who made the day such a success. We were honoured to have in attendance our official guests comprising our World War II veterans, members of the RSL, Mr Stephen Davis, Mr Adrian Peel and the staff and students from the primary school. We were also delighted to have parents and community members present in the audience.

The community ANZAC commemorations were also fantastic and I am very proud of the efforts of our students at the various ceremonies. My thanks go to our school leaders for the humble and solemn manner in which they conducted themselves. Special congratulations to Liza Mathers and Abbey Hird for their fantastic addresses at the Wakool ceremony.

Book

We are especially proud of the official launch of our book – “The Few Who Remain – local voices from World War II”

This publication is the result of an initiative undertaken by staff and students at Barham High School as a gifted and talented project to celebrate the centenary of ANZAC. Interviews with the local veterans were conducted last year and preproduction began in term 4 of 2014. Typesetting and production occurred in the first term of this year and the book was published, ready for distribution at our ANZAC ceremony on the 24th April 2015.

During our ANZAC assembly, we officially launched the book and presented a copy to the interviewees who were among our special guests. The book is available for \$15 and can be purchased at school or from the post office, newsagents or from the RSL.

Parent teacher night

We will be hosting a parent / teacher interview night for parents of students in Year 7 and Year 12 on Wednesday 13th May. This will be an opportunity to discuss how Year 7 students are settling into the high school environment and how the Year 12 students performed in their half yearly assessments and how they are tracking for the remainder of their courses. Parents of Year 11 students are also welcome to come along and discuss how their students have settled into Year 11.

Our official Parent Teacher Night for all students will be later in the term, on Wednesday 24th June.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

BHS/BPS ANZAC SERVICE







Students marching at Wakool

Easter egg hunt

On Friday 27th March the SRC hid nearly 500 paper eggs around the Year 10 area. Only 35 students had the joyous task of trying to find them in a 5 minute time limit. They did very well and there was only a very small number of eggs that were not found. The students received a chocolate egg for every paper one that they collected. Jack Webb claimed the 'most eggs collected' title and was very disappointed that he didn't win anything for this.

Winners of the mystery prizes included:

Sam Cruse - bucket of M&M eggs

Nicola Jones - a large bunny

Luke Nicholas - medium egg

Tom Guerra - medium egg

Rhiannon Barr - medium egg

Britney den Houting - medium egg

Unfortunately most of these were eaten before a photo could be organised!

Many thanks must go to the SRC representatives for donating the eggs and apologies to Year 12 for the noise we made and to the cleaners for having to deal with the amount of foil wrappers everywhere. The students involved had an eggs-ellent time!!



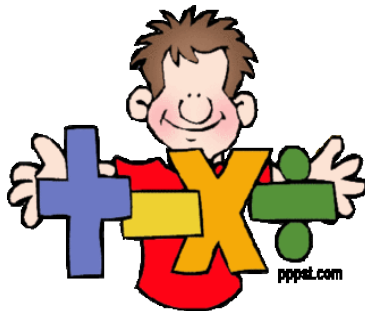
The egg race is on!



Looking for eggs in some very tricky places



The very happy winning students



What mark did I get? What was the test out of? Who cares?

In most maths tests in the junior school, the total of the marks that a student receives is irrelevant. All students are different, and different students in a class will start each topic with a different level of understanding. Our aim is to make sure that each student's level of understanding increases during the teaching of the topic. Not every student will necessarily reach the same level, but each student should achieve to their potential. When a test is marked, each student's performance on the test is analysed to determine the appropriate grade (A – E) that should be awarded that best describes the student's level of understanding.

The mathematics syllabus contains six areas of study: number, algebra, measurement, geometry, statistics and probability. Students generally have different levels of understanding in each of these six areas, so grades are awarded in each area separately. An overall grade is only recorded on the end of semester reports.

Year 12 Easter Egg Raffle Winners: Joy Maffescioni, Lisa Radley, Sue Martin,

Matthew Stiff and Lauren Robinson - *CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL* -

REMINDER

2nd ROUND OF IMMUNISATIONS
FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Friday 15th May

STEWART HOUSE
2015 Donation Drive

Attached to this newsletter is a Stewart House donation drive envelope.

If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please return your envelope and money to the front office by Friday 8th May.

ANZAC Centenary Art Competition

As part of our commemoration of the ANZAC centenary, Barham High School ran a Visual Arts Competition. It was open to all students and the only limitation was a maximum size of A3. The requirements were that students had to have the motif of a red poppy and contain the words 'ANZAC Centenary' or '100 years'. Our stage five students took out all 3 prizes; Nicola Jones from Year 9 placed 1st with her quilled poppies in a wooden frame, Kasey McClay of Year 9 placed 2nd with her sculpture made from a melted record spray painted red and Brittney McInnes placed 3rd with her mixed media work featuring red poppies made from tissue paper. Erin McConnell of Year 9 received a commendation. We were pleased with the calibre of the works received for this competition. Works were put on display at the combined ANZAC service as well as at the morning tea afterwards. The works are now on display in the front office.



Winning Entry: Nicola Jones Year 9



Second place: Kasey McClay Year 9



Third place: Brittney McInnes Year 10