

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4

14/05/2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### NAPLAN

Barham High School joined with thousands of schools across Australia and administered the NAPLAN assessment for students in Years 7 and 9. This academic snapshot will allow us to evaluate the level at which our students are performing in numeracy and literacy. We will be able to use this information to address areas of need for our students and have an indication of the amount of educational growth our students accomplish whilst in our care. Many thanks go to Ms Batty for collating the test papers and ensuring the smooth running of the assessments.

### Preliminary examinations

Our Year 11 students are engaged in their mid-course examinations. This week long event will see the students sit their formalised examinations in the hall. It is a good opportunity for the students to experience formalised, extended time tests in a controlled environment leading up to their HSC. We will also be able to use this as a gauge to monitor how students are going in their respective courses and what areas and actions are needed to improve.

### Work experience

Year 10 students are finding out what it is like to be out in the world of work this week. Our work experience program has our students scattered to the four winds chasing their dreams and gaining valuable real life experience. I look forward to hearing the stories next week when they return. Many thanks go to Mrs McConnell for chasing the voluminous paperwork and organising the program.

### School X-Country

Our school Cross Country will be held in the afternoon of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Serious competitors will blast off first as they navigate the course whilst the non-serious competitors will again amaze us with their fancy dress creations and complete their course in style.

Glenn Buchanan

*Relieving Principal*

## BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Brilliant sunshine last Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, set the tone for an enjoyable day for both staff and students at the Athletics Carnival. For the most part, it was very well attended but numbers could still improve especially as it is part of the curriculum and a compulsory school day. Thank you to all staff and parents who assisted, both on the day and prior to the event. The SRC and Year 12's did a splendid job providing drinks, cakes and both hot and cold lunch. Well done.

Two records were broken on the day, both in High Jump and provided the audience with a breathtaking display of fitness, determination and agility. Brad Heffer in the 17+ age group smashed the existing record of 169cm to clear 180cm, beating the old record by an outstanding 11cm! Wesley Baxter-Clark also broke the 13 Yr old's record by an impressive 5cm setting the new record at 155cm. Congratulations to both boys.

Clearly undermanned, the staff put up a gallant fight in the annual tug-of-war challenge and were narrowly beaten by the in-form and obviously well-trained Yr 12's. Thank you to all students who either were serious competitors or entered events for participation points for their team, your behaviour and support was excellent. As it often is, the final results reflect the amount of effort that students are willing to give for their house. Congratulations to Tullacoota who finished in first place with 1114 points, second Barimo 1035 points and a gallant third Cadelslee 722 points.

### Age Champions

12Yrs  
13Yrs  
14Yrs  
15Yrs  
16Yrs  
17+Yrs

### Girls

Amy Black  
Maddison McGowan  
Elle Petrascu  
Emma Peters  
Olivia Maffescioni  
Samantha Knight

### Boys

Leonard McClay  
Jack Shannon  
Jake Vallence  
Samuel Barr / Blake Watts  
Bradley Heffer



*Female Champion of Champions race*







## Careers News.....

### Tertiary Tour 2015

Thirty-one Years 10, 11 & 12 students attended the 2015 regional Tertiary Tour on the 23-24 April. Day one involved a tour of Federation University Ballarat and Deakin University Waurn Ponds campus. Social activities included dinner at the Geelong Boathouse complete with rooftop view over the water, as well as Timezone and the cinema. Day two began with a morning tour of Deakin Geelong Waterfront campus. Two Barham High ex-students, Warren Lolicato and Nicole Heffer joined a Deakin University student panel, and contributed invaluable information on university life and transition. Our students asked some excellent questions, making it an informative session for all involved. LaTrobe University Bendigo was our final destination, where Lyndelle Wren joined us to again give a familiar face and local perspective to university life.

Overall, the 2015 Tertiary Tour was a motivating and informative excursion. Thanks are extended to Brayden Wren for accompanying us and to Swan Hill Bus Company for assisting with travel.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

In the Term One holiday break three Duke of Ed students completed a practice Adventurous Journey at the Grampians accompanied by Matt Hird, Peter Hird and Mandy McConnell. Abbey Hird is participating in her Gold Award and capably planned the four-day itinerary. Mikayla Penrose and Taylah Thompson are both Silver Award participants in 2015. Several strenuous walks were accomplished as well as a visit to the Brambruk National Park & Cultural Centre to research indigenous history. Congratulations girls on an excellent effort and thank you to Matt & Peter for accompanying the group, providing transport and great support.

In 2015, the Duke of Edinburgh Award has grown in numbers! We have 1 Gold participant ; Abbey Hird, 7 Silver participants; Mikayla Penrose, Taylah Thompson, Brittney McInnes, Holly Jukes, Katie-Ann Stiff, Andrew Buchanan and Georgia Andrew- Mills, and 10 Bronze participants; Erin Gleeson, Sian Murphy, Anita King-Gee, Nicola Jones, Kasey McClay, Emma Peters, Emma Carter, Kyle Walden-Mills, Uli Van Rensburg and Jake Vallance.

Mr Rhys Martin & Mrs Mandy McConnell are excited and pleased to be supporting this number of students and we wish them all the best in completing their award.







*BHS at LaTrobe lecture theatre*



*Federation University Ballarat*

## **Parent Resources for Careers on MyFuture Website**

The Parent and Community website on the Senior Pathways internet has been refreshed with new links and information. The PowerPoint presentation introducing parents to myfuture in the 'Career information' section has been revised to align with the current myfuture website.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools/schooltowork/parentscommunity/index.html>

### Upcoming dates:

Cross Country: Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May

Bell Shakespeare: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of May

Queen's Birthday holiday: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June

## **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE**

A Mobile Service Centre will be visiting your locality soon.

Town	Date of Visit	Servicing Times	Location
Barham	Wednesday 10 June 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Opposite the Bakery Mellool St

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional locations. The Mobile Service Centres provide an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Staff who travel with the Service Centres can assist with a range of Program services such as Centrelink, Child Support, Medicare and Australian Hearing. A unique feature is the Australian Hearing touch screen that enables customers to perform hearing assessments.

A ***Social Worker, Farm Household Case Officer and a representative from Australian Hearing*** will also be available.

The Mobile Service Centres are equipped with:

- a private interview room
- a soundproof Australian Hearing testing room
- service/assistance desks
- a waiting area
- a publication display area
- self-service computer access
- LCD display screens
- disabled access
- wireless IT connectivity for greater servicing flexibility.

For more information on Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit the Department of Human Services website (link below). A Mobile Service Centre *Fact Sheet* is also attached to this email for your convenience.

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/mobile-service-centres>

## **REMINDER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND OF IMMUNISATIONS  
FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**



## OUR CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS 2015



Our school is thrilled to be involved in this year's Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) program. This year four students will represent our school. At a recent workshop the students were involved in a tutorial on how to develop a school reader based on a Local Land Hero who is managing a pest species in our region. As well as completing a book this year, the CCK team will be involved in a field trip. The Creative Catchment Kids program is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, at Burrumbuttock and is supported by the Murray Local Land Services. Over 60 schools from the Murray and Riverina regions are involved in this engaging initiative.



# South Coast Excursion 2015

## **‘Exploring the Rocks and Rolling Hills of Victoria’**

At the end of Term 1, Year 8 trekked their way down to the Victorian South Coast to observe some of the majestic landforms we have been studying in class. The trip included a stop at Hepburn Springs along the way to try some of Mr McConnell’s favourite spring water (not so well loved by Year 8 students) and a trip up Mount Franklin to see the volcanic landforms. We also stopped in at the Bendigo Discovery Centre, where many students conquered their fears of the vertical slide and enjoyed a myriad of hands-on Science activities. We also visited the Bendigo Art Gallery where students had the opportunity to see some amazing Australian and International works and get a quick glimpse into the ‘Imagining Ned’ exhibition currently on display.

We explored the rock platforms at Port Fairy, went and saw what is left of the Twelve Apostles, checked out Loch Ard Gorge, observed a limestone cave, checked out what weathering does to rocks, visited the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum, and threw in bowling, a movie and the sound and light show at the Maritime Museum, just for good measure. By Day three it was fair to say the students were exhausted and had a new appreciation for just how wonderful landforms could be.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Condrington Wind Farm, just outside of Port Fairy. This was a great opportunity for the students to see the huge wind turbines up close, and to check out some very happy cattle. We picked a perfect day for it, as the wind was howling and the turbines were working exceptionally well.

Overall it was wonderful to put theory into practice out in the field, and the students are to be commended on their behaviour. It was an absolute blast to take them away for three very full on days of activities and a great time was had by all!! A big thank you must go to Mr McConnell for all his hard work in organising the excursion and Miss Sullivan for keeping things under control.

***Miss Dennis***



*London Bridge on the Great Ocean Road*





*Wind Turbine by the coast*



*Limestone Caves*



*Admiring an artwork at Bendigo Art Gallery*



*Checking out the Twelve Apostles*

# MACBETH: UNDONE

A BELL SHAKESPEARE PRODUCTION

THURSDAY MAY 28, FAULKNER PAVILION,  
BARHAM 12:45-1:45 PM

TICKETS \$15.00 FROM BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL

A BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL INITIATIVE

*Midsummer Madness*

*A Bell Shakespeare Production*

*Thursday May 28, Faulkner Pavilion, Barham*

*6:30-7:30pm Tickets \$15 from Barham High School*

*A Barham High School Initiative*