

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the end of the term draws near, it is sobering to reflect on how busy Term 2 is and how many educational experiences we engage in. As always, I acknowledge how much effort our teachers apply to their craft, especially during the teaching equivalent to sowing/harvesting which is, of course, our report writing period.

Reports

As mentioned above, the reporting cycle is upon us. Year 11 reports were issued last week and we are now busily preparing the Years 7-10 junior reports to be sent home towards the end of next week.

Riverina X-Country

Best of luck to the brave athletes competing in the Riverina Cross Country event held in Gundagai. These students qualified on our beautiful course laid out by Ms Donnan and Miss Radley amongst the amazing scenery of the Gunbower State Forest. This time, their tracks will be slightly more interrupted amongst Gundagai's hilly terrain which will make the courses significantly more taxing.

Parent teacher interviews

We would like to welcome parents of students from Years 7-11 to our parent/teacher interviews. They will be occurring on Wednesday 24th June in the school library. Notes with booking times will be sent home.

Merit assembly

We are looking forward to the school's merit assembly which will be held on Thursday the 25th of June at 10:15am at cluBarham. At this time of year it is fantastic to reflect on the amount of positive rewards our students earn. As a whole school community, we should all be proud of their achievements.

Rewards Excursion

We are very proud of our students at Barham High School and the behaviour they exhibit. We have built a culture based on respect and care for each other. To recognise the fantastic effort our students put into their behaviour, the welfare committee organises rewards excursion events at the conclusion of each semester. This time we are taking students to The Zone in Bendigo. We subsidise the whole cost of transport out of school funds, the students paying for the cost of the activities and lunch.

Host family

We currently have an exchange student studying at Barham High School from Japan. If you would be interested in welcoming her to your family and hosting her for a period of time, please contact the school.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

VET Work Placement

Barham High School students studying Vocational Education and Training courses were the first students in the western Riverina region to use the new Cloud Technology to support their VET workplacements.

The new system of registration for students incorporates the latest technology to assist with both the placement of students with their chosen host employers and the generation of pre-filled Student Placement Record forms. Murray Industry and Community Education Employment Partnership Inc (MICEEP) has adopted the new Pathways Cloud program to support VET students at its service schools in the Deniliquin and Albury regions.



Once students have registered into their chosen VET subject class online, Marg Bull, Deniliquin-based Workplace Service Provider with MICEEP, is able to access the information provided by students to coordinate suitable host employers for each industry workplacement. Marg works closely with the VET teachers at Barham High School, host employers and students to ensure that each student is able to practise the skills and competencies being learnt at school.

Five Barham High students have recently completed work placement in a variety of industries.

Lily completed a Hospitality placement at the Royal Hotel. Abel completed a Metal and Engineering placement with Merv Colville. Three students completed placements for their Construction course: Matthew with Mitchell Redfearn, Jonathon with Luke and Nick Sims, and Aaron with Mark Naismith. All these students received positive reports from their employers and the school would like to express its appreciation to these local businesses for their support of our students.

Workplacement is a mandatory component of VET courses and, in 2015, Barham High School is offering VET courses in Construction, Primary Industries, Hospitality, and Metal and Engineering to Year 11 and 12 students.

MICEEP is a community based not-for-profit organization which works with young people to ensure positive educational outcomes and is contracted by the NSW Department of Education to support VET student workplace learning.

If you would like any further information on VET courses, workplace learning or would like to become a host employer for students at Barham High School, please contact Marg Bull. 03 58983722 or email at mbull@miceep.com.au



Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is allowing schools, in consultation with parents, to permit students to bring their own personal mobile electronic devices to school for the purpose of learning. The use of personal mobile devices at school will deepen learning, will be personalised and student centred, and will meet the expectations of teachers, students, parents and caregivers.

In semester two all Stage 5 students will need to ensure that they have access to a compatible device. Year 10 students are currently leasing laptops or have purchased their own electronic device. Leased laptops must be returned to the school at the end of term two when they will be refreshed and reimaged. At the beginning of term three, Year 10 students may re-lease their laptop at \$25.00 per term or choose to bring their own device.

Likewise, from the beginning of term three, Year 9 students can lease a school laptop at \$25.00 per term or choose to bring their own device - PC laptop, apple Mac or tablet.

There are certain requirements of BYODs:

Theft and damage: Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. A sturdy carry case or skin to protect the device is recommended.

Battery life and charging: Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day (minimum of 5 hours). Facilities cannot be guaranteed for charging at school.

Operating system and anti-virus: Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and software. If applicable, student devices must be equipped with anti-virus software. We recommend Microsoft security essentials which can be downloaded free of charge.

NSW Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi connection only: Student devices are only permitted to connect to the Department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

Confiscation: Student devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

Maintenance and support: Students are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their device.

Data back-up: Students are responsible for backing up their own data. Consider a portable hard drive.

Insurance and warranty: Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.

Memory, RAM and hardware features: A minimum specification of 16 GB storage and 2 GB RAM to process and store data effectively. An integrated camera and microphone are also desirable.

Stage 4

Once all Stage 5 students have a suitable device then the school laptops will be available to Stage 4 students to lease at \$25.00 per term. Stage 4 students may bring their own devices under the same conditions as set out above. At this time it is not mandatory for Stage 4 students to have a device.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns.

ABSENTEE NOTES

A reminder: 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.

'Old Time Photographs' Excursion

On Wednesday the 3rd of June, the Stage 5 Photographic and Digital Media class had a mini-excursion to Riverside Park. The purpose of this trip was to utilise the park and river as backdrops for their 'Old Time Photographs' practical assessment task. The students were required to bring in costumes that resembled the fashion of the late 18th and early 19th Centuries when photography was beginning to become more common. Miss Sullivan and some members of the public were astounded by the amazing costumes that the students brought in, complete with velvet dresses, bonnets, hats, real fur, hoops and petticoats. Special mentions go to Tyler Gee for raiding her Grandmother's costumes to provide herself and Taylah Thompson (best dressed) with the most amazing outfits on the day. Students will now use Photoshop techniques to make the photographs appear as if they were made using the processes available in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Well done to the girls on their efforts.

SCHOOL FEES:

Thank you to those parents who have paid their school fees. If you are yet to pay, payment before the end of term will be appreciated.

Online payment of fees and excursions is now available for Barham High School:

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the **front page of the schools website** (www.barham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) by selecting **\$ Make a payment**.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other, this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- year group and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

PLEASE NOTE: Student Registration Number and Invoice number are optional and may be left blank.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. Payments made before 6pm can be processed by the school the next day. Payments made after 6pm take 24 hours to appear on the school's statement.

As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

A more detailed guide is available and can be accessed from the school office, by email or from the school's website:

www.barham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au : click on the "Our School" tab and choose Parents Online Payments
Instructions



Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

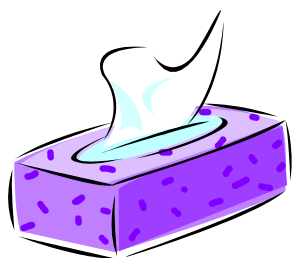
- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Parents, if your child is sick, please keep them home as illnesses such as influenza or gastroenteritis can spread very quickly through the whole school population.



TISSUES

Now the winter has arrived and noses are constantly running, it would be a good idea to please check that your child comes to school armed with tissues or carries a handkerchief. The school does not supply tissues for students.



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.

BHS STUDENTS AT ZONE ATHLETICS

