

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10

25/06/2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have come to the conclusion of another busy term. The first semester is at its end and it is time now for a short break before we start again in earnest. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe break and to thank staff and students for all of their hard work so far this year. I look forward to seeing our students again when they return on Tuesday 14th July. I would also like to remind our senior students to use this time wisely. There is not much time until the HSC, every moment counts.

Parents and Citizens Association

Our P&C association is comprised of an active group of interested parents who meet in the school on the third Monday of each month. It is an opportunity to talk about the school and find out what is happening in the world of education at Barham High School. If you would like to come along, you would be more than welcome. Our next meeting will commence at 7:30pm on Monday 20th July.

Facebook

We have joined the social media revolution with the introduction of the Barham High School Facebook page. Many thanks go to Miss Dennis for her hard work in getting the page up and going and its continuing management. Please feel free to check us out and see what we are up to.

Bus safety

As I have previously mentioned in a newsletter, 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.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

**Enjoy the holiday break.
Students will return on Tuesday, 14th July.**



Youth Parliament

A couple of weeks ago, our Youth Parliament representatives, Abbey, Kourtney and Mikayla went to Melbourne to participate in the YMCA Victorian Youth Parliament training weekend for 2015. The two days consisted of many sessions covering communication and the media, public speaking, Parliament etiquette and preparing for the week of Parliament. They also had a chance to work on their team's bill titled "Increased Conditions of Parole For Violent Offenders". It wasn't all serious though; the weekend was broken up with activities and games and 'minute to win it' challenges as well. There were a number of nominations and elections that took place, in which Mikayla was successfully elected as a Parliament Chamber Leader. She will represent our school and the Gannawarra Council in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Youth Parliament. They are all looking forward to the first week of the school holidays when Youth Parliament is on and are hopeful it will be a rewarding experience. Best of luck girls and enjoy it!!



Gannawarra Youth Council Report

On Wed 27th May Emma, Mikayla, Jorja and Uli attended the second Youth Council meeting for 2015 at the Koondrook Senior Citizens rooms. The meeting began with a visit from Mel Lane from MDAS Kerang talking about Reconciliation Week and what was happening locally to celebrate this. We discussed the importance of acknowledging past and present elders during a 'Welcome to Country' at the start of each meeting and will be recommending that Council follow suit. During the meeting we also discussed the variety of projects that students from each school are working on. It has been decided that our four students will work with the Wakool Shire and its already established working party on the upgrade of the Barham skate park.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions for projects please do not hesitate to let the reps know, as they will appreciate your input. The next meeting will be held in Cohuna on 17th August. Keep an eye out in the local papers for their profiles!

Riverina Cross Country

On the 12th June, the annual Riverina cross country was held in Gundagai. Nine students and Miss Radley travelled to Wagga the night before and carbo loaded at la porchetta.

The students all represented the school with pride and showed a lot of determination to finish their races. A big congratulations to Morgan Turvey who finished second in the 15yrs boys 4km event and has made it to the state carnival in Sydney on 17th July. Blake Watts finished 15th in the 16yrs boys 6km event and all the other students finished in the 20s. Erin Whelan rolled her ankle at the start of the race but should pull through for a full recovery.

Well done to all the Barham students who went as it is a big commitment to travel 1000ks to run. We wish Morgan the best of luck at the state carnival.





***Barham High
Regional Cross Country Representatives***

Duke of Edinburgh Practice Camp

The three Silver DOE students, Andrew Buchanan, Katie Stiff & Brittney McInnes arrived at the school hall on Wednesday evening to prepare to lead their Bronze team in the 'Survivor Challenge'. With rain forecast for Thursday, the students quickly devised a 'Plan B' of indoor challenges in the school hall. The following morning nine Bronze DOE students; Erin Gleeson, Sian Murphy, Kasey McClay, Emma Peters, Emma Carter, Jake Vallance, Uli Van Rensburg, Kyle Walden-Mills and Anita King-Gee arrived.

The morning was spent participating in team building strategy games and after lunch we all faced the wet weather and spent over two hours walking the Eagle Loop on Gunbower Island. At several of the 'walking stops' each team had to find a hidden object using compass bearings. At the magnificent 'Eagle Tree', nine objects were hidden and a 'free for all' challenge resulted in the Red team scoring 30 points to add to their tally.

Friday was clear but cold and after several students attempted to light a fire using a flint, Anita was successful. The teams then participated in a scavenger hunt, built a team shelter and then the finale of the 'survivor challenge' relay. The final points tally resulted in the Red team winning with 162 points led by Katie and including Emma Carter, Erin Gleeson & Kyle Walden-Mills.

The students are to be commended for their persistence, skill building and cooperation during the camp. Hopefully, all twelve students will continue to participate and log their DOE activities during the year to enable their inclusion in the qualifying camp later this year.



D of Ed participants in their shelter



The Eagle Tree



the flint



the mummy

NAIDOC Week in Gannawarra

Opening of the Spears and
Shields in Koondrook

Come along and join us in celebrating the opening of
the Spears and Shields in Koondrook.

Experience a Welcome to Country ceremony and
some fantastic story telling and didgeridoo playing.

Come and enjoy the celebrations including:

- Welcome to Country for Children and Community Ceremony
- The awesome Ron Murray on the didgeridoo and Sarah James on the fiddle
- Story telling
- Light morning tea
- All welcome!

When: Monday 13 July 2015

**Where: 10.30am – 11.30am Apex Park Koondrook
11.40am – 12.30pm Barrook Seniors Rooms**

Enquiries to Council on 03 5450 9333

Please be mindful that the ceremony will involve smoke.

