

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4

06/08/2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Science Open Night

We are looking forward to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August when we will throw open the doors to host our Science Open Night. All are welcome to take part in a range of activities as we celebrate National Science Week. Our open night starts at 5:00pm and continues until 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

### The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education 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 us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 17<sup>th</sup> August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

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

Glenn Buchanan

*Relieving Principal*

## Science Report

### What's happening in Science?

**Well, I'm reading a book on anti-gravity ~ I just can't put it down!!!**

We are well into Term 3 (already) and there has been an abundance of good stuff happening in the Science department. The students have been working very diligently, exploring a range of topics and having some very insightful conversations.

Year 12 have busily been preparing for their Trial HSC exams and we wish them all the best. Hopefully they are hitting the Chemistry, Biology and Physics books hard. Year 11 Senior Science and Year 12 Biology got to see the inner structure of eyeballs recently and honed their dissecting skills. The students did an excellent job and were able to correctly identify each of the parts of the eye and use the lens to read some text.

Stage 5 have dived into the world of Chemistry with a splash. They have been conducting some fantastic experimental work looking at acids and bases and learning about the pH scale. They are excited to explore combustion in the coming weeks, as well as a range of other reactions.

Year 8 are currently concluding their topic on cells, systems and diseases. There have been a range of very interesting conversations all about health and disease and the students have contributed intelligently, listening to each other's opinions, which has been great.

Year 7 are investigating the Red Gum forest and learning a lot about ecosystem interactions, as well as their local environment. They are currently mastering food webs and food chains.

We are anxiously awaiting National Science Week in Week 6 of this term. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant for activities and the Science Club has been working very hard to organise both workshops for primary school students and an Open Night. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, from 5pm-7pm, we invite all members of the community to the High School to engage in a range of hands on activities and celebrate the achievements of our students in Science. National Science Week is an opportunity for all residents of Australia to come together and explore the contribution of science to our country. We look forward to being part of the larger celebration at our school. Please come along and support us and have a little fun along the way.

Each Thursday during lunchtime, a number of students meet as part of Science Club. The students get to do a range of activities outside of curriculum studies and are always there with big smiles and lots of curiosity. It's fantastic to have so many students in our school interested, passionate and enthusiastic about the world around them. A big thank you to all the students who turn up each week and celebrate the nerd life!

## Science Club



*Popping a balloon inside a balloon*



*Ready to go*



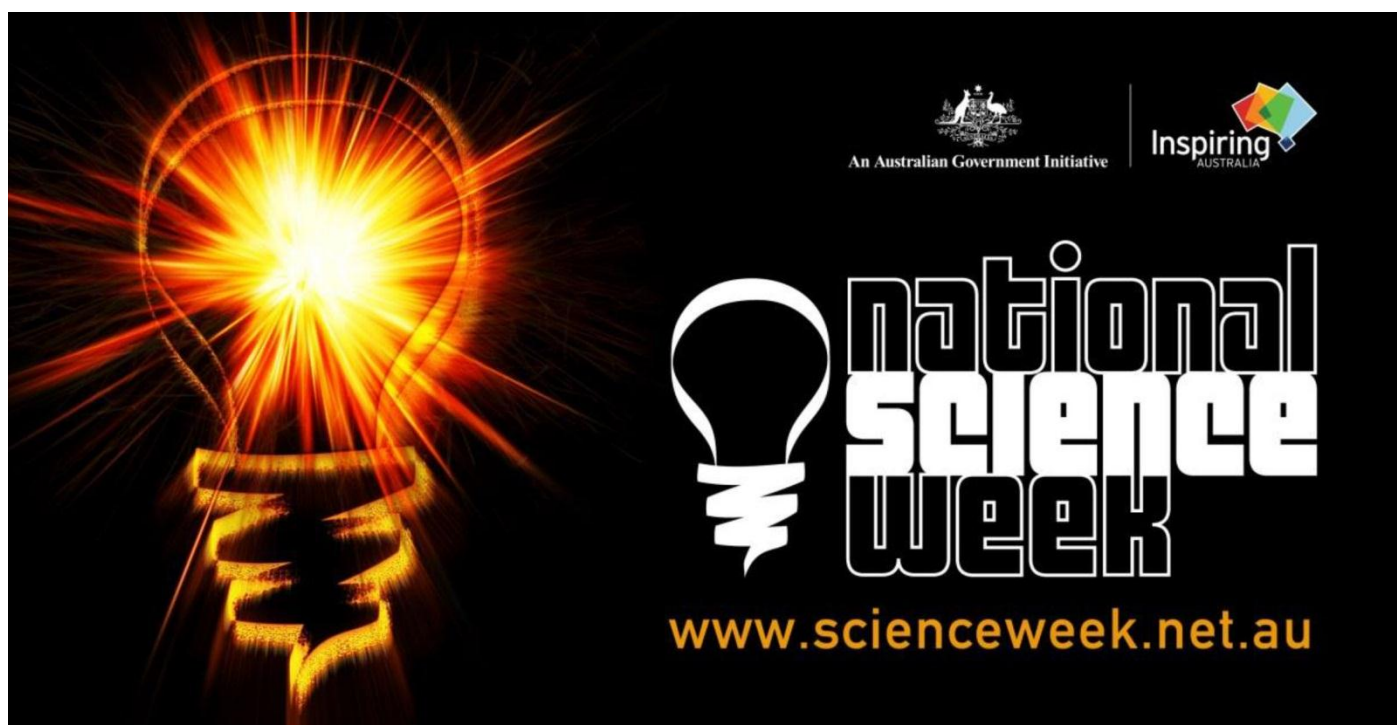
## Science



*Stage 5 working hard*



*Emily dissects an eyeball*



## SCIENCE OPEN NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**AUGUST 2015**

**5.00PM – 7.00PM**

**BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL –  
SCIENCE LABS**

**ALL WELCOME (ADULTS, KIDS, FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS,  
FRIENDS)**



Come along and celebrate the achievements of our students and have fun with science!

All community members are invited to Barham High School to take part in celebrations for National Science Week. There will be hands on activities, including lava lamps, bottle rockets, kazoos, microscopes, musical instruments, sensory experiences and more, as well as demonstrations including Liquid Nitrogen, chemistry, oranges and ice cream. There is absolutely something for everyone of all ages, so head on down and see what all the fuss is about!

For more information, please contact Amy Dennis at the High School on (03) 5453 2322 or [amy.dennis3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:amy.dennis3@det.nsw.edu.au)

**IGNITE YOUR IMAGINATION**



## Riverina Visual Arts Camp

Students in Years 8-11 are invited to apply for the annual Visual Arts Camp held at the Institute of TAFE Wagga Wagga campus from 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of October (Term 4, Week 2). Students who have shown interest and talent in Visual Arts and/or Photography and/or Design are encouraged to apply. Students will spend three days making art under the guidance of professional tutors in the TAFE's top of the line new art spaces. The camp will conclude by displaying the students' work for parents/teachers. Miss Sullivan is co-ordinating this camp, so transport will be provided to students (this will incur a cost in addition to the camp fees). For information and application forms, please see Miss Sullivan ASAP as places are limited.

### ***Miss Sullivan***

Camp Co-ordinator



***Miss Sullivan's pastel drawing from last year's VA camp***

### **Being offered at your local Deniliquin TAFE campus are the following opportunities**

– why not try it. Contact 5882000 for more details

- **Automotive for Women** Deniliquin 4 September, 9.30am – 3pm or Deniliquin 6 November, 6 – 9pm 1 day, \$270
- **Small Motor Maintenance** Deniliquin 4 to 25 August, 6 – 9pm 1 night per week for 4 weeks \$440
- **Photography– Become a Happy Snapper** Deniliquin 4 & 11 September 12.00pm – 4.00pm - \$220
- **General Construction WHS Induction** (White Card) Deniliquin 13 August, 9am - 4pm \$210

### ***Shandra***

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## FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

**Subject selection:** Year 10's have been looking at subject selection for Stage 6 in 2016-17. It is early days in this process as we try to map curriculum offerings to meet the needs of the group.

**Fairfax:** Students from Year 8 and Year 9 will participate in workshops next week in preparation for the Fairfax festival which will be held later this term.

**Trial HSC exams:** Trial HSC exams start tomorrow (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August) and run through all of next week. We wish all Year 12's luck in this task which, for most students, will comprise a major proportion of their school based assessment mark. Students with major works and projects as part of their coursework are putting in long hours to make sure they are completed on time.

**Tertiary Information Seminars:** Some Year 12's took the opportunity to attend the tertiary information seminars in Kerang last week. They provide valuable up to date information not only on all matters concerning tertiary options next year, but also other career/ jobseeker options.

**Lovebites:** all Year 10 students attended and participated in this one day workshop last week and eyes were opened to issues surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Staff training and professional development:** Staff have attended a variety of courses over the past two weeks and much valuable information will start to filter back to improve student outcomes. Courses include ALARM ( A Learning & Response Matrix) training, HSC English Study day and a Society and Culture Video Conference.

## VACCINATION REMINDER

### *Year 7 students*

*The 3<sup>d</sup> round of vaccinations for Year 7 students will take place on  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September (last week of term)*

## Regional Athletics

Last Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, eight Barham High School students travelled to Albury to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Fortunately the weather was perfect albeit a little cool. Whilst no student qualified to go on to compete at the State level they all performed well and a number of personal bests were achieved on the day. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied the students, especially Tania Peters and Ruth and Jason Vallenge, who took a number of students between them. Congratulations to all the students on making it to this level.

Matthew Hird	4 <sup>th</sup> High Jump (PB 1.55m)
Mikayla Penrose	5 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Elle Petrascu	4 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump, 6 <sup>th</sup> 100m
Dempsey Coote	5 <sup>th</sup> 200m, 7 <sup>th</sup> 100m
Kirby Coote	4 <sup>th</sup> 400m (PB)
Emma Peters	5 <sup>th</sup> 400m, 6 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Jake Vallenge	5 <sup>th</sup> High Jump, 9 <sup>th</sup> 100m and 200m
Sam Cruse	7 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump





