

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Science Week

Congratulations to Miss Dennis for bringing National Science Week alive at Barham High School this year. We have had some fantastic feedback from the primary students who participated in a science fun day held in the Science labs at school. Special mention must be made of Miss Dennis's minions, the helpers she enlisted to aid in the facilitation of the day. These students' demonstrated responsibility and professionalism as they conducted demonstrations and provided explanations to the phenomena observable in each "experiment". The science open night was another roaring success, congratulations.

Year 12

The Year 12 reports have been sent home with students. I would like to encourage our Year 12 students to thoroughly read through the report comments and consider taking on the advice of teachers in preparation for your HSC examinations. Please make use of your teacher's expertise and knowledge in the final weeks leading up to the examination, there is lots of help available.

Careers

Year 10 students are gearing up for the world of work with "get that job day" this week and mock job interviews held next week. These events will provide unique and valuable experience to students in assisting them to apply for jobs and understanding the requirements of potential employers and what they are looking for when employing young people. Thank you to Mrs McConnell for her efforts in organising these events.

Father's Day

I would like to encourage dads to roll up to our annual Father's Day Breakfast this Friday in our school hall. The bacon and egg rolls start from 7:30am. The return of the note and \$5 donation is appreciated to assist with catering.

Sport

Friday absences have been on the rise lately which is beginning to concern me. Whilst I acknowledge that many dental and orthodontic practitioners require appointments to be made on that day, there seems to be a percentage of students actively avoiding Friday afternoon sport. Sport is a mandatory requirement of the NSW Board of Studies curriculum and we are required to ensure student participation. Every effort is made to provide a wide variety of sporting choice to appeal to as many people as possible.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

Careers News.....

Year 10 Careers

The 'Get That Job Day' was held on Tue 1st Sept with twenty six Year 10 students participating in the workshops. The overall aim is to assist students to prepare for future job interviews. The skills acquired help develop self-confidence, communication and social skills and can be utilised in everyday life situations. Most activities were quite interactive and gave the students valuable practise in skin care, make-up, personal presentation and role playing interview situations. The importance of positive social media profiles and other forms of contact with potential employers such as voicemail and email were also addressed. Tara Green conducted a highly professional personal presentation seminar and Mark Deckert provided invaluable tips and feedback from his real world employer and apprenticeship training background. Social etiquette and conversation starters were enhanced by the opportunity to enjoy a delicious three course lunch at Long Paddock Food Store.

Year 10 will experience a 'Mock Interview' with local employers on Tue 8th Sept and should be well primed for the event after the 'Get That Job Day'.

Year 12 Careers

Year 12 students are currently involved in their 'Exit Interviews' and are fine tuning their tertiary and job seeking plans. It is a very busy time for those applying to university and TAFE as well as completing their final weeks of schooling. The students are being encouraged to ensure they have adequate 'back-up' plans in their tertiary preferences, apply for on-campus accommodation as early as possible as well as source and apply for scholarships. Students and parents are welcome to contact the Careers Adviser for support at any time over the coming months.

Mandy McConnell – Careers Adviser



National Science Week 2015 @ BHS

Barham High School once again celebrated National Science Week with a bang this year! National Science Week is an annual event that happens all over Australia in August. Barham High School was lucky enough to receive a \$500 grant for activities this year and we certainly put it to good use with two spectacular events.

We were delighted to be joined by primary students from Barham Primary, Koondrook Primary, Murrabit Primary, Wakool Primary and Moulamein Primary on Wednesday 19th August for a morning full of activities. The students got to see a range of demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen and a smoke machine and all agreed to put their best scientists' hats on for the day. Under the expert watch of their High School leaders, students got their hands dirty with slime, rockets, fizzy reactions, annoying kazooos, lava lamps and the best paper plane challenge ever! They asked many questions, made lots of guesses and tested everything. The excitement levels were high and it was fantastic to see so many students enthusiastic about science. A big thank you to the fabulous Barham High School students who lead each group so well and explained the science behind each activity to perfection.

On the same evening, Barham High School threw its doors open to the community to host an Open Night. The public engaged with many activities and were treated to some spectacular, albeit slightly smelly, chemistry demonstrations. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves at the event, and even more wonderful to see students from the workshops earlier in the day sharing with their parents the activities they were now experts at! Thank you to everyone for coming along and getting into the spirit of being curious and asking questions!

Both events were extremely successful and we thank the primary schools and the community for the generous support. Students from the Barham High School Science Club were full of enthusiasm for the events and their spark and passion for science is very exciting – thanks to them! Thank you to the wonderful staff at Barham High School for all of their support and fabulous organisation. Plans are already underway to make next year even bigger and better and we will most definitely see you there!

- Miss Dennis



National Science Week fun!



SRC report

Last week Emma Carter, Garry Lolicato and I attended the Wagga Wagga region SRC conference held at Warrambui just out of Murrumbateman. Over 100 Yr 8-11 students representing schools from Broken Hill to Bega, Wollongong to Barham were involved in a range of presentations, workshops, energizers and discussion forums. Issues that were discussed included body image, how to get the most out of a team, youth mental health, conflict resolution, LGBT, positive behaviour for learning, motivation factors and the new Wellbeing Framework. We were lucky enough to listen to Graham Kahabka, the Executive Director of Public Schools NSW give an inspiring address about leadership and the Principal of Dapto High School gave us a few tips on how to use our student voices to make worthwhile improvements to our school and its environment. Every day was jammed packed full of activities with little breathing space in between. Students were randomly assigned rooms to sleep and colour groups for small group discussions. Many of the students took a while to warm to processes and activities that put them outside their comfort zone, but they were constantly told that it was an essential part of the networking process and was 'character building'! The theme for the conference was 'Pay it Forward' and many ideas focused on how SRCs can make a difference in their school and encourage positive behaviour through random acts of kindness and a variety of learning opportunities. So as you can imagine we returned home with our brains full of ideas and new opportunities for Barham High School and its students and we can't wait to share them with you! The first piece of exciting news is that Garry was elected as a reserve for the 2015-2016 Leadership team. Congratulations to Garry!

Currently we are running a 'junk food' raffle to assist with the conference costs. Tickets are being sold at Murray Blu Clothing & Things and at BHS for \$1 and the raffle will be drawn next Tuesday at our school assembly. Thank you for your support.

Our footy colours day is being held on Friday 11th Sept and the SRC will be selling hot dogs and hot chips. Please complete the included pre-order form if you don't want to miss out. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask your SRC reps.

Mrs Farrant



Delegates engaged in the energizer 'Priest of the Parish'that's Garry with the feather boa on his head!



Emma's colour group discussing 'big ideas'



Emma's group completing the spider web challenge



Garry's group trying to solve riddles

VALID SCIENCE 10 ONLINE ASSESSMENT

On Monday 7th September Year 10 students will be partaking in the VALID SCIENCE 10 online assessment. The VALID 10 assesses students in the state, providing valuable data to the school on student achievement in Science. All Year 10 students will be participating. If you would prefer for your child NOT to take part, please contact the school prior to Monday. Students also need to bring a set of headphones for the test. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

WELCOME TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

FAIRFAX FESTIVAL

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Thursday 17 September
Swan Hill Town Hall 7pm

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VACCINATION REMINDER

Year 7 students

The 3rd round of vaccinations for Year 7 students will take place on Thursday, 17th September (last week of term)

Barham High School P&C AGM will be held at the school on the 19th October 2015 @ 7:00pm.

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE WELCOME.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted for all positions.

We require at least 2 positions to be filled due to families finishing at our school at the completion of the year 12 exams.

If you are interested in either of the following positions please contact Sharon McGuinness or Susan O'Neill for more details.

- P&C Treasurer – not a huge job as most of the transactions are done by the canteen treasurer.
- Cleaning Co-ordinator – We clean the reception centre after a funeral has hosted the wake there and the funeral directors pay us for this. This position is just to receive the calls from the funeral directors and then organise someone to clean. At the moment our co-ordinator usually cleans also (unless she is unavailable), as she can't make it to meetings so that is her contribution to the P&C. She has found this is a great way of helping our school without having to attend the monthly meetings.

2016 Barham Deb Ball Meeting

Sunday 20th September

12 Noon @ Barham Preschool

Enquiries :- Kylie 0418 431164 or Kelly 0428 583108

Lunch Pre-order form

BHS Footy Colours Day

Friday 11th September

- Hot dog - \$3
- Hot chips - \$2
- Pies - \$2.50
- Sausage Rolls - \$1.50

Please complete table below, stating **quantities** and **return with payment** to the front office by **Wednesday 9th September** (*correct change is appreciated*).

Family Name:

Name	Order	Quantity

Total money paid: \$_____

Please note: limited food will be available on the day but **we can't guarantee** you will 'get what you want' without pre-ordering it.

Thanks BHS SRC

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CANTEEN ON THIS DAY