

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 6

17/11/2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal was held last Friday evening and it was a great success. Congratulations to Mrs McConnell and her willing band of student and parent helpers and thanks to cluBarham for such a wonderful event. We look forward to the Year 12 HSC results and the release of ATARs. The Year 12 students have been invited back to school on the ATAR release day (Friday December 16th) for morning tea.

Proud and Deadly awards

Three Barham High School students will receive awards at the 2016 Riverina Proud and Deadly Awards ceremony to be held in Deniliquin on Thursday. Ms Batty will accompany Bonnie Martin, Indeah Campbell and Bruce Baxter Jukes to this prestigious occasion. More information and photos will be included in the next newsletter.

Barham High School Showcase

The 2016 **VISUAL ART SHOWCASE** will be held this Monday the 21st of November from 5pm to 7pm in the Barham High School Hall. The exhibition will highlight all art work from Year 7 to Year 11. There will be an auction of one piece of art. Year 11 have a spectacular installation to be experienced along with many other amazing art works and sculptures. There will also be performances from Stage 5 Music, complementary drinks and nibbles courtesy of the Hospitality class and a lucky door prize. All are welcome.

Stage 5 Assessment period

It has been a busy assessment period for our Stage 5 students, some of whom have completed up to 7 exams in the last two weeks. Now sees the task for staff of marking exams, compiling grades and preparing reports back to parents. Year 10 students have a busy program of extra-curricular activities coming up over the remainder of the term mixed in with normal classroom activities. This includes Teen/Youth Mental Health First Aid workshops and the All My Own Work program next week, Work Experience for some in Week 8, Driver Ed in Week 9 and a Duke of Edinburgh camp in Week 10.

The Teen/Youth Mental Health First Aid workshops are a great opportunity to build capacity within our school to support students with emerging mental ill health. It is most important that all Year 10 students complete the workshops as a cohesive team.

Victor Chang School Science awards

Thirty-one Riverina Year 11 students were last Wednesday, November 9th, awarded Victor Chang School Science Awards for their excellent achievement and passion for science.

Abbey Hird of Barham High School was presented with her award by Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute research scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at a Riverina presentation ceremony hosted by June High School.

ABC Riverina interviewed Abbey following the awards and this interview was heard by Petrina Evans, Teacher Quality Advisor, Educational Services Public Schools NSW who remarked 'she (Abbey) spoke beautifully and was a credit to herself, her school and public Education.' In the interview Abbey mentioned her various volunteering roles fostered through the school including the peer mentoring program and the Duke of Edinburgh program as well as her achievements and aspirations in the field of science.

Abbey continues to do great things and this award is just reward for effort, highlighting that being rural and remote is no barrier to achievement.

VALID10 results

We have received a summary of our 2016 VALID10 results and BHS is very proud of the outcomes. The VALID10 or Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development, is an online end –of-stage assessment for the Science KLA that has replaced the Essential Secondary Science Assessment or ESSA. Our Year 10 cohort sat the test on September 7th and the results will be released officially in Week 8 this term. 30% of our students received band 5 and 6 results (top two bands) and over 80% of our students achieved band 4, 5 and 6 results. We had no students in the bottom two bands. UTS (University of Technology Sydney), so impressed by our results in ESSA and VALID over a number of years, are researching Barham High School as a model of best practice in NSW.

Stronger HSC Standards

The Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards has announced that Year 12 students from 2020 will be required to reach a minimum literacy and numeracy standard before they are eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

The minimum standard is set at a functional level of literacy and numeracy required for everyday life. The standard is not representative of the skills required for academic study but at the minimum level students will need to function after they leave school.

Students can meet the BOSTES standard by achieving:

- a Band 8 in each of their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests

or

- a pass in the online literacy and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12

This has major implications for our Year 8 cohort as they sit NAPLAN next year in Year 9 and move towards their HSC in 2020.

Rewards Excursion

The semester two rewards excursion has been brought forward slightly to Wednesday December 14th and I encourage all eligible students to attend. This is a great team building day and reward for sustained effort throughout the semester.

Ian McConnell

Relieving Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Year 6 Transition

Over the last three weeks we have had the prospective 2017 Year 7 students participating in our Orientation program. It has been very pleasing to meet the students and hear some of their stories of how they have enjoyed the taster lessons. The enthusiasm and excitement on these students' faces was infectious on both the students and staff at BHS who made their days welcoming.

We look forward to all the prospective students joining us in 2017 to begin their high school careers with us.

N awards

A student who is given an 'N' award in a mandatory course in Stage 5 – English, Maths, Science, History, PDHPE. will not be eligible for a ROSA and may not be entitled to enrol in the Preliminary year.

A student will receive an 'N' award in a course if they fail to meet 1 or more of the following requirements:

- a) following the course developed or endorsed by the Board; and
- b) applying yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks provided in the course by the school; and
- c) achieving some or all of the course outcomes.

If a student's attendance falls below 85% of a school's programmed lesson time for a course, the principal may determine that, as a result of absence, the above course completion criteria may not be met.

Unfortunately over the last few weeks a number of students have had to be removed from classes to complete unsubmitted assessment tasks. These students have been able to complete the work, which begs to argue why the students were unable to do so in the original instance. I would like to encourage all students to not let this happen in the future, as the assessment tasks are achievable within the specified time frame, it only requires the student to apply themselves outside of school to get the work completed.

Tutorial Program

We are still offering the opportunity for students to participate in the tutorial program being run on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm – 5pm. This is being used to assist students with completing homework and assessment tasks, giving them the opportunity to use the school resources such as our library and computer room. I would like to encourage as many students as possible to attend these sessions. They are extremely worthwhile and have been used successfully in enabling students to catch up on missed work or late submissions of assessment tasks.

Uniform & Leave passes

School procedure is at the beginning of the day. If students require a uniform pass or leave pass, they must come to the Deputy Principal's office to get these before 8:50am. Leaving it until lunch time or five minutes before the student is required to leave is not ideal. We understand with the change in weather some students do not have their full summer uniforms as yet. However, we encourage all students to attend school in full uniform, as we have a number of assemblies/meetings coming up in the next few weeks where they will be representing the school.

Rewards Excursion '

As Mr McConnell mentioned in his Principal report, a lot of work is being put in to ensure that students are rewarded for their good behaviour over the last semester. Now isn't the time for the great behaviour being shown all year to diminish over the final three weeks of school. As staff have been focused on acknowledging both positive and negative behaviour all year, thus enforcing our own culture of consistency, students are under no illusion of what acceptable and unacceptable behaviour is. I therefore implore all students to follow the acceptable behaviour path over the final three weeks and make the classes and school enjoyable for all.

Brendan Yu (Relieving Deputy Principal)

Victor Chang School Science Awards

Thirty-one Riverina Year 11 students were yesterday awarded Victor Chang School Science Awards for their excellent achievement and passion for science.

Local science wiz Abbey Hird of Barham High School was presented with her award by Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute research scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at a Riverina presentation ceremony hosted by Junee High School.

Abbey's citation read:

Abbey is an exceptional student who displays a natural ability and genuine interest in the sciences. Her aptitude, problem-solving and research skills are highly developed, as demonstrated in her consistent academic success over her high school years. She has received the Academic Award (first place in the year) every year. Abbey achieved a band 6 in the ESSA and VALID 10 online assessments and for her Year 10 Record of School Achievement. Last year she also received the P&C Scholarship for first place in her year and the Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Young scholarship. In this, her Preliminary year, she is achieving excellent results, consistently over 90% in all of her assessment tasks and is ranked first in both Physics and Chemistry. Abbey is a positive role model, with a 94% attendance rate this year and a desire to be involved in any science-related field past her HSC. She is a very deserving recipient of this award.



Barham High Year 11 student, Abbey Hird was congratulated by scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at the Riverina Victor Chang School Science Awards.

Week Gr8 is coming.....

Any local businesses who would like to donate a prize for our 'Random Acts of Kindness' raffle can do so by leaving it at the front office or contacting the school and a member of the Student Representative Council can come and collect it. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Farrant at the school. Any donations, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Shows, Pros and Things that Grow

Term three ended on a high for the Ag Department with many events building up to create a successful term that is continuing into term four.

For the duration of Term 3 the students were working on breaking in five steers that were to be used for Melbourne Royal in the Hoof and Hook competition. The steers were either sourced or donated to the school at the end of Term 2 and had gone through the process of being used to grain feed, getting immune to being around people and then gradually put into halters and lead around the farm itself. The weeks leading up to the show were wet and made it difficult for students to work with the cattle. It was decided that only four of the steers were ready and these were concentrated on in more detail.

Melbourne did not disappoint in the amount of activity and things to see and do. Students spent a day enjoying the show including rides and show bags, a day was spent helping parade sheep for the Hewitt family of Koondrook and, on the Monday the cattle were judged on the hoof. In this section the judge is looking for an animal that is well finished, has depth, good fat cover and plenty of muscle. On the Tuesday the students were all a part of the paraders section. In this section the students are judged on their appearance, how they handle the animal, how they watch the judge etc. This day was a day for the students to show themselves and their animals off to the best of their abilities.

All students did extremely well in the paraders section, considering that all but two had never been in the ring before. Two students that particularly stood out were Lucy Anthony and Anita King-Gee who both placed third in their heats. This is a fantastic effort and both girls should be proud of their achievements.

The comments from the general public, and past students and teachers were well deserved. They mentioned how good the display looked, their lovely manners and how well behaved the students were. All nine who attended the trip deserve our congratulations.

A round of applause is in order for those students who entered something in the Barham Show. Whether it placed or not it is still a fantastic effort. Some of the ones that were noticed was Leonard McLay getting a first in the junior egg section, Maddy Telford coming first in paraders and second in the junior judging while also leading for the Storms at the show. Between Anita and Amber King-Gee they received four first and five second places at the Barham Show in the horse section which made for a great weekend. Another student who travelled to Bendigo was Amber King-Gee who paraded sheep for the Hewitt family from Koondrook, these sheep were also led by our students in Melbourne.

We posted on the Facebook page about having eggs in the incubator, well these eggs have now hatched and we welcome new chicks to the school with the aim of growing them up and selling them as pullets. The chicks started hatching as we headed to Melbourne. They are still so cute and just starting to turn from yellow to brown. We will be on the hunt for more fertilised eggs this term to make use of our incubator and hatch more chicks.



The Show team at the Royal Melbourne Show

Barham Debutant Ball 2017

The next planning meeting for the 2017 Barham Debutant Ball next will be on Friday 18th of November in the cluBarham auditorium, 5pm for a 5:30pm start.

PURPLE PATCH SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALS

Zip Grey boys school shorts \$10 each - while stocks last
Selected High School dresses &60 each – normally \$107.25

Cohuna Swimming Club is looking to run an AUSTSWIM Course in Cohuna.

Date: TBA (Possibly in January)

We require at least 8 people for the course to go ahead.

If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact

Amanda at Cohuna Swimming Club on 0428 315 771 or at cohunaswimclub@gmail.com

THANK YOU FROM OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT

This is my last week in Barham High School before I am heading back home to Hungary. I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me and made my experience better!

I am really thankful for my teachers who were helpful and patient towards me, I could always ask them for advice and who spent time assisting me. I am also very grateful for having a very good class with amazing people who I will miss so much! They were interested in my culture and in me; they were friendly and nice to me. I hope we will keep in contact when I leave, because they made my Aussie experience memorable.

I will also miss my workplace and the people who I work with, the places where I have gone (such as Kangaroo Island, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide) and of course the slang and weird foods that are only in Australia. I also learnt to shoot, I realised that I like painting and I experienced a more laidback lifestyle and what it's like to live in a rural town. In all I had a very impressive time here with ups and downs which gave me new skills, knowledge about myself and life experience. Thanks for everyone who took part in my Australian life and made my time here better.

Regards,
Flóra Parragi



The Class of 2016 Formal Dinner

Year 12 2016 celebrated the end of their secondary education with a formal dinner at the Barham Services Club auditorium on Friday 11 November. The colour-themed decorations and flowers in pale yellow and grey transformed the auditorium into an elegant setting.

Fifteen of the sixteen graduates, and their family, friends and many staff of Barham High School attended the function. Mr Glenn Buchanan farewelled the Class of 2016 as Principal and Lily Filmer and Mitchell O'Neill replied on behalf of Year 12 in their last formal role as School Captains. Tegan Frankling and Alexandra Tapaganao followed with a humorous speech on the 'personality' of each Year 12 member. Mrs Mandy McConnell (Year 12 Adviser) thanked all those involved in the preparations of the Formal and in particular Julie Frankling and Susan O'Neill for organising the invitations, decorations and assisting with the set up. Julie was also thanked for the magnificent cake. Mrs McConnell also surprised the Year 12 group with 'This is Your Life.....so far', and is indebted to several anonymous sources of information that enabled her to describe the students' lives from birth to the 'predicted' future.

On behalf of Barham High School we would like to wish The Class of 2016 all the very best on the 15 Dec (HSC results) and 16 Dec (ATAR released), and hope all their future goals are realised.



Gannawarra Shire Council Internships

Gannawarra Shire Council will be holding a briefing session for young people interested in undertaking a paid internship with Council during the January school holidays. Council has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from VicHealth Bright Futures to develop a website for young people in Gannawarra. The website will contain information on job opportunities, access to local and online support, events, community engagement opportunities and homework support. As part of this exciting project, Gannawarra Shire Council will have a number of paid internships for young people that will run throughout January 2017. The internships will provide young people with an opportunity to build their skills and knowledge in a range of areas including project planning, webpage development and design, coding, community engagement and marketing.

A briefing session will be held to provide information on the internships and development of the website. It will be held on Wednesday 14 December from 5pm till 7pm at Council Offices, in Patchell Plaza Kerang. For more information or to register, please contact Penny at Council on 5450 9333 or via email, penelope.scanlan@gannawarra.vic.gov.au.



Youth Council is recruiting for 2017!

For more information please contact Penny at Council on 5450 9333 or penelope.scanlan@gannawarra.vic.gov.au

What does Youth Council do?

- Provide advice to the Gannawarra Shire Council on the issues and needs of young people in the Shire
- Assist in identifying issues and needs relevant to young people in the Shire
- Organise events and activities for young people in the Shire
- Be aged between 12 and 17 years
- Live, work or study in the Shire of Gannawarra
- Be prepared to consult with other young people in schools and the wider community
- Be willing to work as part of a team
- Have an interest in issues that affect young people

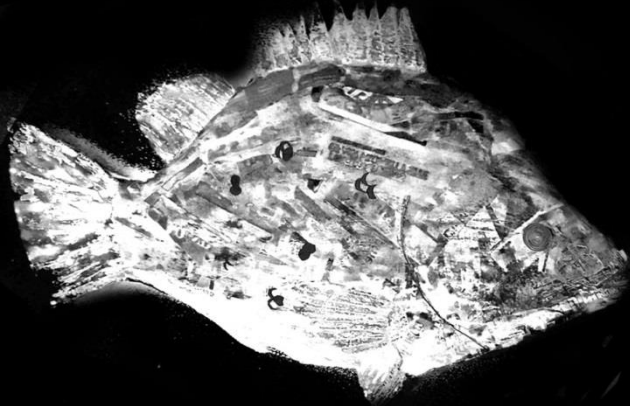
APPLICANTS MUST: Be aged between 12 and 17 years, Live work or study in the Shire of Gannawarra, be prepared to consult with other young people in schools and the wider community, be willing to work as part of a team, have an interest in issues that affect young people

BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE EVENING

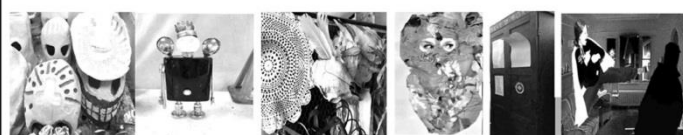
The 2016 Showcase will open on Monday the 21st of November at the School Hall. Doors open at 5pm with Stage 5 Music performances beginning at 5:30. There will also be some nibbles available, complements of our Hospitality students.

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
5PM TILL 7PM
MUSIC PERFORMED BY STAGE 5 STUDENTS
DRINKS AND NIBBLES AVAILABLE
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL
HALL



SHOWCASE 2016



lucky Door Prize Entry;
Name.....

All visual Art students from Year 7 to Year 11 will have work on display. This year students have created some very innovative work. Year 8 have experimented with ideas about painting and have created large scale Jackson Pollock style paintings which will be auctioned off on the evening in a silent auction. All Year 8 students contributed to create these two large art works reminiscent of Jackson Pollock's dribble paintings. Year 8 also created outstanding sculptures. We had submission of a life size Tardis by Darcy Martin, a rotating spy camera by Leonard McClay and a bird made from a shovel, kitchen tongs and an egg flip bill by Lauren Gleeson, to name a few of the exceptional sculptures which will be on display.

Year 11 have created an intriguing installation piece - take an underwater stroll through a river comprised of giant Yellow Belly, Murray Cod and oversized Yabbies. It is well worth coming along just to experience this remarkable group work.

In the Stage 5 course students have explored Culture and Identity with work involving everything from sheep skulls and doilies to dresses made of recycled plastic bottles and

gum leaves. Of course the photography and digital media students will be showing their amazing portfolios.

Finally, Year 7 students have experimented with objects and materials to make identity wall masks of their inner animal, with amazing sculptural masks fashioned on animals such as Peacocks, Zebras and Wild Boar.

Come along and support our students and hopefully win the lucky door prize (**cut out the lucky door prize ticket that is embedded in this article and bring it to the exhibition to enter**), enjoy the music, the art and the food.



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

Kasey McClay – photo from a fairytale series

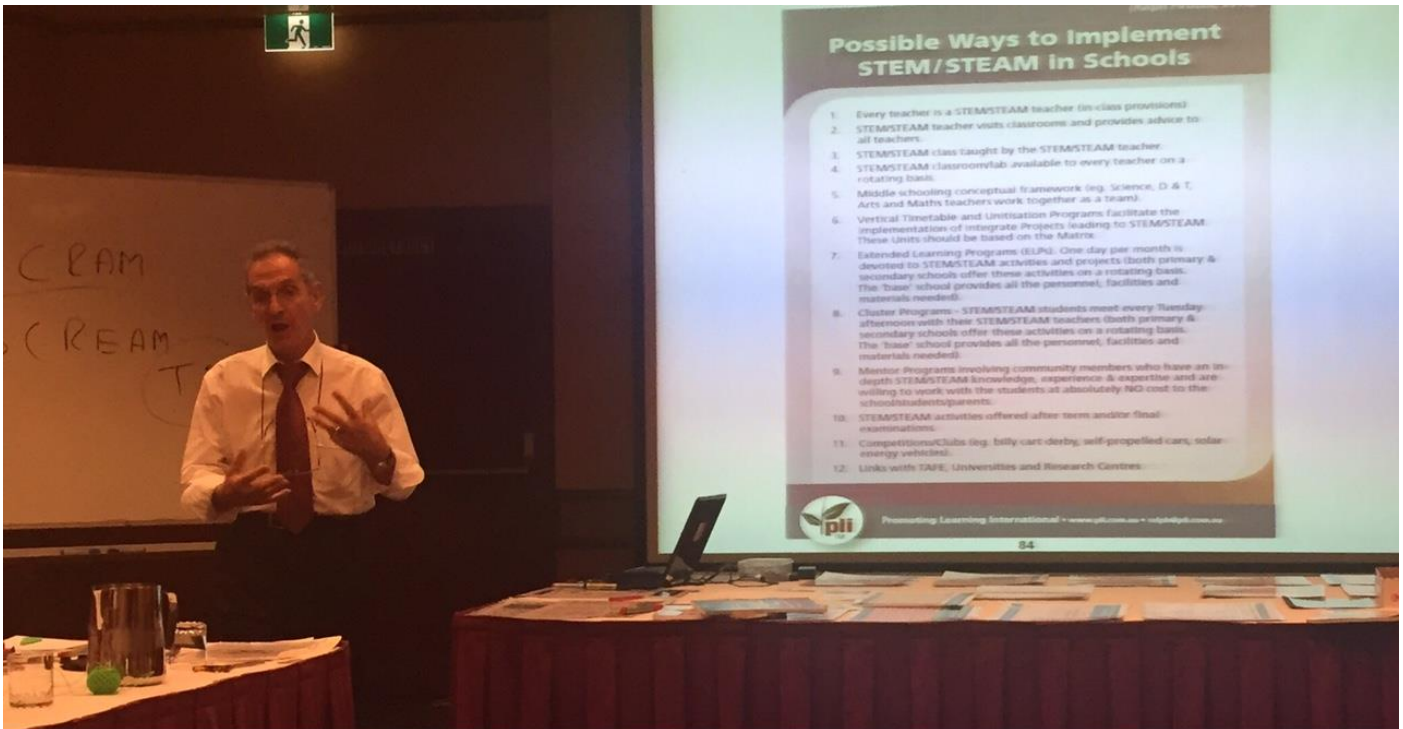
Lauren Gleeson – Collage

Year 8 – Sculpture

Name of conference:

STEM creating the most exciting and challenging classroom by Ralph Pirozzo

We are learning about implementing STEM in the classroom, as well as participating in hands on demonstrations and checking out robots, drones and more! Our heads are spinning with lots of new ideas for the Science Classroom and beyond!



Want to know how to help your teenager with careers ideas?



Parents as Career Transition Support (PACTS) Workshop

- **How up to date is your knowledge about current career options?**
- **Would you like to be better informed to help your son or daughter plan for their future?**
- **Do you want to know about education, training and employment options available to them?**

The Murray Mallee Local Learning & Employment Network (Murray Mallee LLEN) is running a free program for parents called PACTS (Parents as Career Transition Support), which is a workshop specifically developed for parents of secondary school students at all year levels. The workshop provides an interactive, informal and enjoyable way to learn about career transition in a setting that has been developed for parents, with parents.

Topics include: What is VET, VCAL, VCE? Occupational Categories, Career Myths & Facts, Careers Vocational Assessment Tools - what are they? Career Services available at school and more.

7-9pm, Wednesday 30 November, 2016

Sir John Gorton Library, Cnr Shadforth St & Murray Valley Hwy, Kerang.

Free event, supper provided.

To book call Rebecca on 5033 2017 or email project@mmlen.com



“THE KEY TO GET AHEAD IS TO GET STARTED”

Mark Twain

The Murray Mallee Local Learning & Employment Network is offering a free resume printing service to all young secondary school students, school leavers and young people in the region.

Simply bring in an electronic copy of your resume on a USB stick or a hard copy and we will print up to 10 copies of your resume and cover letter on the spot and provide you with 10 blank envelopes.

We are also happy to provide you with feedback/advice on your resume and job application free of charge!
Our offices are located at 73 Beveridge Street, Swan Hill and are open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.



www.mmlen.com
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Ph: 5033 2017

Dyslexia Drive

EAST COAST AUSTRALIA & TASMANIA | 4 STATES - 45 TOWNS

FREE 90 minute Seminar:

Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed and struggle through school and later life. Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

Learn How...

You can finally break free from the cycle of reading failure and learn how to help your child read.

Learn why it is that dyslexia occurs. Understand what's happening in the classroom and how to accelerate your child's reading quicker than you thought possible - all at an affordable price, in the comfort of your own home, at a time that works with the family commitments.

You will see that small adjustments can make big changes to your child's learning and you'll gain powerful insight on how to support your child to ensure their promising future.

See locations & details online at
dyslexia.com.au/register

Your Speakers

Marianne Mullally, Dyslexia Expert, Author and parent of a dyslexic child has over 10,000 hours of clinical experience working with dyslexic adults and children over the past 11 years.

Tom Mullally, Dyslexia sufferer now turned entrepreneur in the social media marketing space was at the age of 7 told that he would never amount to anything.

Register Online at www.dyslexia.com.au/register | or call 02 9436 3766

FREE EVENT
REGISTER HERE



Local Dyslexia seminars: 21/11 Deniliquin: 7-8:30pm, 22/11 Kerang: 1-2:30pm, 22/11 Swan Hill 7-8:30pm



North Central District Amateur Swimming Association Inc.

District 14 BAR-ROOK Encouragement Pool Carnival

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016

10.30am Start EVEN

Tadpole Race 33m Swim for any child who hasn't swum in a carnival before.

Competitors do not have to be registered with Swimming Victoria

Please note that the District 14 Committee is in charge of this carnival
This Carnival will not be Validated due to being a 33m Pool, but swimmers will
gain District points

**ENTRIES CLOSE WITH Rosalie Bruton, 700 Kyalite Rd, KYALITE 2715 or email
Rosalie Bruton: bruto1@activ8.net.au (payment on day) by**

Saturday 19th November 2016

The entry fee is \$2.50 per event. Cheques to be made out to NCDASA

**Late entries close at 10.00 am the day of the carnival and shall incur a late
entry fee of \$5.00 per event**



The Koondrook Swimming Pool Inc

7 Thompson Street
P O Box 137 Koondrook Victoria 3580

APPLICATION FOR SEASON TICKETS 2016 / 2017

This membership only covers general admission to the pool, special and fundraising events will come at an additional cost.

Please select membership type		✓
Family Ticket \$165.00	2 adults plus children (single parents may nominate other adults as guardians eg. Grandparent)	
Adult Ticket \$90.00	1 Adult	
Student Ticket \$60.00	Full time student (Primary, High School or Uni)- student card to be presented for Uni	
Aged Pensioner \$60	Age Pensioner (Seniors card not valid)	

Replacement Membership Card Fee - \$5.00 – please do not mis-place this card – NO CARD, NO ENTRY (except for booked School Events)

	Name	Membership No
Adult 1:		
Adult 2:		

Child	School	Age	Membership No

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Office Use Only:	
Date Paid:	___/___/___
Amount Paid:	\$_____
Circle Payment:	Cash/Cheque, Direct Deposit/

Direct Banking Details

Koondrook Swimming Pool INC

BSB: 032 869

ACC: 55 0371

Please email confirmation of payment to:

koondrookswimmingpool@bigpond.com

Please note: All rules of the pool are there for the safety of all pool patrons and to ensure that all swimmers can enjoy their time at the pool. Any suggestions or complaints should be sent in writing to The Koondrook Swimming Pool INC.