

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8

01/12/2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is great to be back. I have just returned from three weeks long service leave during which time, Mr Ian McConnell relieved in my position. I would like to thank him most sincerely for doing such a fine job, it is very reassuring to know that the school is in good hands when I am absent. Thank you as well to Mr Brendan Yu for very capably filling the Deputy Principal position and to Kate Donnan for taking over the TAS faculty.

### Assessments and Reports

There have been a large number of assessment activities in the junior school during the last few weeks and this is reflective of the end of the year processes where teachers finalise their summative assessment procedures. However, it is rapidly drawing to a close with staff busily working their way through the reporting process. The reports for Years 7-10 will be issued during week 10 on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our reports seek to show where students are at, what they have achieved and what they may need to work on. It is hoped that they are clear, informative and logical. If you have any questions concerning them, please contact the school.

### Week GR8

Our Student Representative Council have been working hard this week to highlight issues around teenage mental health by hosting Week GR8. The message for the week is that everybody is important and welcome.

### End of year. . . .

As we begin transition into December and the festive season, we still have a number of activities remaining. Year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Drivers' Education program and we will be finishing the year with our Term 4 Merit Assembly, Performing Arts Day, Presentation Evening and Rewards Excursion.

### Stop work meeting

The NSW Teachers Federation has advised that it will hold a stop work meeting of school teachers on Thursday, December 8. This morning meeting should be concluded soon after the commencement of the school day. School will start as normal for students and they will be provided with supervision. The merit assembly will also be conducted as previously advertised.

Glenn Buchanan

*Principal*



## FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

A big thank you goes to Mr Brendan Yu for filling in the Deputy's position over the past three weeks. He did a terrific job. Thanks also to Kate Donnan for stepping up to lead the TAS faculty.

The Barham High School Showcase evening held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November was a huge success. A very large crowd of parents, grandparents, carers, family members and members of the wider community were treated to fine displays from our more creative and performing faculties. Congratulations to Ms Ackland (Visual Arts), Ms Weekes (Music) and Ms McDonnell (Hospitality) for their organisation and to the students in these groups whose work was on show. A highlight of the evening was the auction carried out by Mady Telford-a chip of the old block-and congratulations to the Guerra and Disher families, the eventual successful bidders.

Year 10 have had a busy post exam period, participating in the Teen and Youth Mental Health First Aid course over three sessions last week, completing the All My Own Work course, which is mandatory for Stage 6 and some are doing optional work experience this week. Most of Year 10 will also participate in Driver Ed Monday and Tuesday of next week and four students will be involved in Silver Duke of Ed activities in week 10.

As part of our Work, Health and Safety policy we carried out a Lockdown drill this week. The Lockdown procedure is to ensure minimal threats to the staff and students in the event of storms, school intruders, including animals or the risk of explosion. We sincerely hope we never have to undertake a 'real' procedure but I am confident in that event the students will react appropriately.

Please take note of these important upcoming events. Semester 2 Merit Assembly - Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. at cluBarham, Performing Arts Day -Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, Stage 4 and Stage 5 Rewards Excursions - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Presentation Evening - Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m. at cluBarham.

Please support the 2017 Debs and partners as they fundraise as part of the Late Night Extravaganza tomorrow evening (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December). They will be running a BBQ in Mellool Street from about 6:00p.m.

***Ian McConnell***

Relieving Deputy Principal

### **One off Free RMS Session for Parents of Learner Drivers in Barham**

To help parents in supervising learner drivers the Roads and Maritime Services (formally RTA) has set up free two-hour workshops for parents that offer practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The next workshop will be held on Thursday December 15 at the Rest Centre from 2:00 – 3:30p.m.

Bookings are essential. Call David Riches on 0434 964 764 or email at [saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com](mailto:saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com)



## SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES:

THE PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE SUBSIDY IS BEING PHASED OUT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY.

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced by the School Drive Subsidy. The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016.

Parents or guardians currently receiving the existing PVC subsidy can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017. If they want to remain on the existing PVC subsidy, they don't need to do anything.

### WHAT IS THE MAIN CHANGE?

For parents/guardians driving one or more students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Note: parents/guardians can't be on two schemes at the same time.

If new students are added after 17 January 2017, **all** eligible students will automatically go onto the new School Drive Subsidy, including existing PVC subsidy students.

- You can find out more at: [transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive)
- The website also has an **online comparison calculator** where parents/guardians can check which of the two subsidy schemes is better for them based on their own individual circumstances.
- If you have more than one student on the existing PVC subsidy, you should consider staying on it.

## Week GR8 is here!

Students enjoyed cinnamon and jam doughnuts Monday and they were so popular that we sold 110 in 5 mins! What a record!

Thursday will see the finals of our **Fast 5 netball** competition which has seen some fierce competition. Results will be in the next newsletter.

For the whole week our students who display **random acts of kindness** will be recognised and could receive one of the amazing prizes that have been donated by our very generous local businesses. Again, winners and thankyou's will be in the next newsletter.

Friday we will be celebrating the end of Week GR8 with a **Free Dress** day (no uniform required). However, **sports clothes are encouraged, as well as an old pair of sneakers**. Full leather uppers are required for ALL practical classes as usual. A 'Wet & Wild' tabloid sport afternoon at school, instead of the normal sport program, will be happening too. Students **need to bring a change of clothes and a towel** and have permission to wear thongs to exit the school grounds at the end of the day. To keep us hydrated and cool Zooper Doopers will be on sale for 50c each. All students are encouraged to come along and join in on the fun. If you have any questions feel free to ask your SRC reps.



## SCHOOL FEES

If you have not paid your school fees, it would be greatly appreciated if they are paid before the end of the term.

Please contact the school office if you are unsure if payment has been made.

### **BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Next year our fortnightly newsletter will be emailed to all parents. You will be asked to update your records, including your email address, when students return in 2017.

Hard copies will still be available for those who want them.

## Careers News.....

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Eight Year 10 students are currently enjoying a week of Work Experience. They are: Emma Peters (CSIRO – Clayton), Jake Vallence (Lake Boga Marine), Anita King-Gee (Clavin, Rogers & Associates – Cohuna), Emma Carter (Barham Hospital), Erin McConnell (Border Veterinary Clinic - Barham), Sian Murphy (My World Travel), Kyle Sampson (Bryan Goble Plumbing) & Lachie Lyons (Koondrook Primary School). These students are to be congratulated for their organisational skills and motivation to complete their placement.

Barham High School is also very appreciative of the local employers that support our Careers Program each year.

### **Year 8 Careers Interviews**

All Year 8 students will have a brief introductory careers interview with Mrs McConnell in Week 9. The aim of the interview is to get to know the students individually as well as introduce them to careers resources prior to starting the Year 9 Careers program next year.

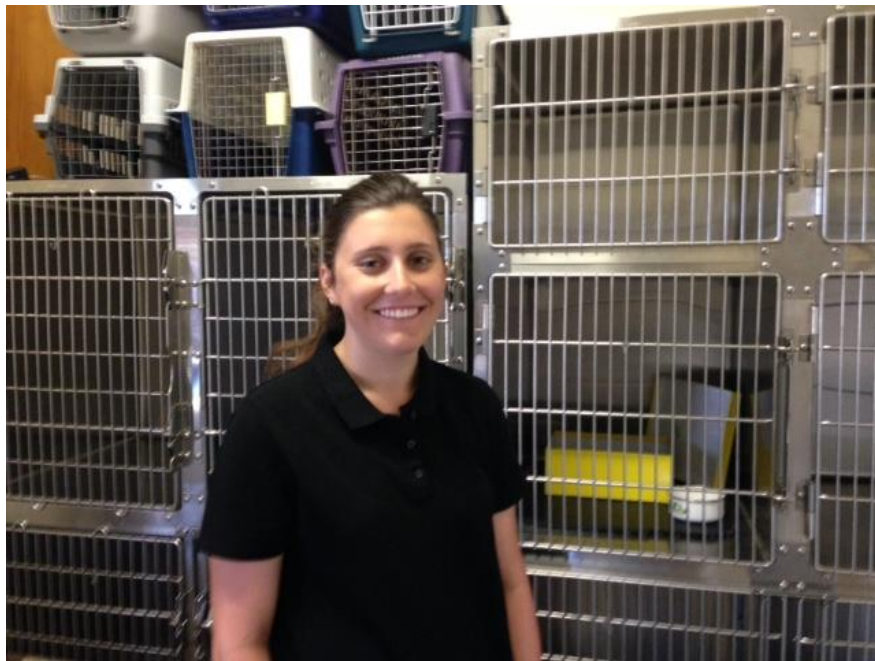
### **Year 11/12 Interviews**

Interested Year 11/12 students have been seeking support recently regarding subject and tertiary course decisions. The one on one opportunity is invaluable to help students make informed decisions and also gain clarity in their career planning ideas. Parents are also encouraged to be involved and appointments can be negotiated outside normal school hours if needed.

### **Year 12 2016 HSC and ATAR Results**

Year 12 will receive their **HSC results on Thursday 15 December** and their **ATAR notification on Friday 16 December**. It is imperative that students seek careers counselling support if their tertiary preferences need adjusting at this time. There is a very narrow window period before the **VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) close of preference date at 12 noon on Tue 20 December**.

**YEAR 10  
WORK  
EXPERIENCE**





## BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL 2016 SHOWCASE

**What** a great night of fine art, great music and delicious food, showing the amazing array of talents we have here at Barham High School. Students poured out their creativity and talent at the Showcase held at the school on Hall Monday evening. All Visual Art and Photography and Digital Media students participated in the exhibition that brought out the latent skills of all students.

Students had played with colours and dribbled paint onto vast canvasses in a spectrum of colours that gave vent to their imagination. These Jackson Pollock inspired masterpieces created by Year 8 were auctioned off by budding auctioneer Madeline Telford of Year 7. The students would like congratulate the lucky new owners and thank them for the substantial bids!

Exhibition spectators had the chance to deeply immerse themselves in an ingenious environmental installation, comprising a river passage featuring Giant Yellow Belly, Murray Cod and oversized yabbies. The digitally enhanced, group art work was created by Year 11 students Taylah Thompson, Codie Sambrooks, Zoe Sampson, Flora Parragi and Brittney McInnes.

Other highlights were Darcy Martin's life size Taridis, created from recycled and found objects. Erin McConnell's wall panel comprising of fascinating family artefacts, patch worked into a textural kaleidoscope of family history. Tea Thompson's piece took a human form grown of objects found in our beautiful natural surroundings and recycled plastic bottles in explosion of coloured flowers. Year 7 animatedly described their extraordinary animal masks through which they express their individual culture and identity.

The evening was enriched by some noteworthy performances by Stage 5 Music students who entertained audiences throughout the evening. The event included delicious nibbles prepared by the hospitality students. The exhibition was held to provide a platform for students to display their talents and boost confidence of their creative talent **and was well supported by family and the community.**



**Year 11 installation**

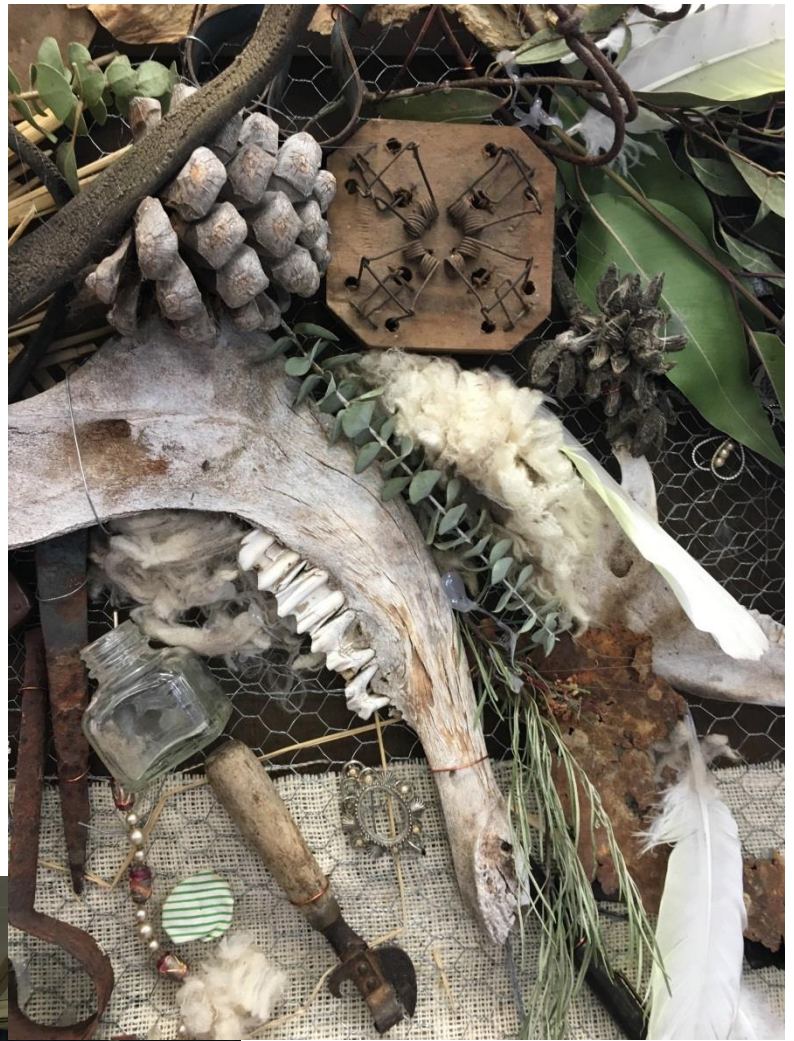




*The Yabbie* – Year 11 installation



→ detail - Erin McConnell



← Year 8 *Found Object* sculptures



## **An End of Term Science Report...**

Here we are again at the end of another busy year, full of plenty of Science! It seems like only yesterday Year 7 were learning to light Bunsen burners and we were celebrating Science Week.

In very exciting news, we recently found out that Lauren Robinson won second place in the Australian Crystal Growing competition. Well done to Lauren! We were absolutely blown away by this results and it's definitely something to be excited about! Special thanks to our crystal growing guru Kerri Lolicato for all her expert advice!

We recently celebrated the success of Abbey Hird who was awarded the Victor Chang Award for Excellence in Science. This recognises Abbey's outstanding results and commitment to her Science studies and we are incredibly proud of her.

Year 7 have just completed a unit on Forces, in which they designed a hands-on team challenge for their peers. We enjoyed two weeks of marble runs, egg drops, centre-of-gravity challenges, bottle rockets, hover boards and recyclable cars and the students are to be commended on their creativity and strong teamwork skills. We are going to cap the year off by making a giant marble run in the school hall to really test our knowledge of forces and our communication skills!

Year 8 have just finished their Student Research Projects in which they investigated the reaction rate of dissolvable tablets. There were some outstanding reports and it's easy to see we have some budding scientists on our hands. The students have also recently started a unit on Electricity and will be soon creating their own circuits with switches and light bulbs. They also sat for the VALID8 test earlier this term, and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

Stage 5 have been exploring heat, light and sound this term, enjoying a range of practical activities and learning about all the light we cannot see from the Electromagnetic Spectrum. It has been a busy term for them, but they've managed to squeeze lots in.

Our senior students are well into their HSC courses, with coursework and assessment tasks flowing. There've been all sorts of chemical reactions in chemistry, some biological hazards in the form of liver in Biology and bottle rockets launched from all angles in Physics. The students are working exceptionally hard and are to be commended on their efforts. We remind them to enjoy their break, but also use their time wisely to consolidate their knowledge of the topics covered so far.

Mrs Farrant and Miss Dennis recently attended a conference on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in the classroom. The conference gave many practical tips and the opportunity to fly drones and check out some futuristic robots. While their heads are swimming with ideas, they have begun to implement even more hands on tasks into programs and look forward to even more activities for next year.

Science Club will be back in 2017 with some new and exciting challenges and plans for Science Week are already well underway.

It has been another fantastic term in our Science labs and we cannot wait to get things underway for 2017! Thanks to all our fabulous for students for their shared enthusiasm in all of our wacky and fun activities this year!

### **Year 7 2017**

This term, we had the pleasure of being visited by our new Year 7 students for 2017. The students, currently in Year 6 from surrounding schools, spent three days 'acting like high-school students'. They experimented with Science, created in Art and Design and Technology, baked up a storm in Food Technology, visited the farm in Ag, did their sums in Maths, dropped some beats in Music, got acquainted with LOTE, investigated English and HSIE, and also experienced the school canteen, went on a grand tour of the school, enjoyed lunch breaks and handball games, met the School Captains, got to know their new teachers and learnt all about how high school works.

I cannot wait for these students to start next year and I'm looking forward to all of the new adventures that are to come!

***Miss Dennis***



*Declan, Amy, Amber & Jack with the winning egg drop vessel*



*Year 6 being bubbleologists*

*Year 7 working on their marble runs & egg drop vessels*



# Voice for Gannawarra Youth

Are you a young person who is passionate about representing the interests and views of other young people in Gannawarra? Are you interested in meeting young people, in networking, planning events and learning about how Council works?

## 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

## 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



Youth Council is recruiting for 2017!  
For more information please contact  
Penny at Council on 5450 9333 or  
[penelope.scanlan@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:penelope.scanlan@gannawarra.vic.gov.au)

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# WIRED INTO THE WARRA

Gannawarra Shire Council has received a \$50,000 grant through VicHealth Bright Futures to develop a website for young people in Gannawarra. The website aims to contain the following information:

- JOB OPPORTUNITIES • ACCESS TO LOCAL AND ONLINE SUPPORT • EVENTS
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT • HOMEWORK SUPPORT

## PAID INTERNSHIPS

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 • MARKETING

To be eligible to participate in this program you must be aged between 16 and 25.

## BRIEFING AND REGISTRATION FOR INTERNSHIPS

Gannawarra Shire Council will be running a briefing and registration session for the internships and development of the website. Young people must attend the briefing to be eligible to apply for the internship. If you are interested in an internship and unable to attend the briefing, please contact Jane to put in an expression of interest.

WED 14 DEC  
5-6 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 49 VICTORIA ST, KERANG  
WITH YUMMY FOOD PROVIDED



For further information or to register for the briefing contact Jane Ogden, Project Officer, on 5450 9333 or via email, [jane.ogden@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:jane.ogden@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) or go to the Gannawarra Shire Youth Council Facebook page for more information.



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