Barham High Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another great school year. We have already been heavily engaged with school events, having completed our Year 11 assessment information evening, conducted the SRC elections and hosted the induction ceremony at an assembly at cluBarham. A well-deserved congratulations to last year's Year 12 students with 100% of the students who applied to university being accepted, I wish them all the best.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Murray Campbell on his successful appointment to Director Public Schools NSW – Far South Coast. Mr Campbell will be the director of NSW schools along the Eastern shore board south of Ulladulla. Those schools will benefit greatly from Mr Campbell's wealth of experience and expertise. This, of course, means that sometime during the year a merit selection process will commence to appoint a new principal of Barham High School.

We welcome some new teachers to bolster the ranks at Barham High School. Miss Tannaha Edmunds is our new permanently appointed PDHPE teacher and she replaces Miss Lisa Radley as she enjoys her new position at Kyogle High School. Miss Nicola McDonnell will replace Mrs Amy Trott while she spends the year with her new daughter and Mr John Westacott will replace Mr Steven Langman as he recuperates throughout the year.

Year 11 Assessment Information Evening

Thank you to the Year 11 students and parents who attended the Assessment Information Evening, it was an important opportunity to pass on vital information regarding the assessment requirements for the Preliminary course as well as the HSC course. If any family would like a recap or further information, please contact the school.

Swimming Carnival

Our first major sporting event for the year is our swimming carnival and we are very much looking forward to it. It is going to be a warm day and I encourage students to remain hydrated and protected from the sun.

Students please remember that the swimming carnival is a normal day and you are expected to be in attendance. As we hold a twilight carnival, we will hold normal classes until 2:00 when we will then go to the pool. The carnival usually ends about 7:30 – 8:00.

Parents please note that there will be no school on Friday as this will be a day in lieu of the swimming carnival.

Welcome BBQ

To all of our new students I hope you are settling in to your new environment and I look forward to meeting your parents on Monday 22nd February. Our BBQ will commence at 6pm in the staff area outside the Deputy's office. The "get together" is an informal event where parents of Year 7 students and other new students have an opportunity to meet our staff and get a tour around the school.

Bus Lane

A reminder to all students and parents that the yellow marked bus zone at the front of the school is a pedestrian free zone during bus times. This is for the safety of all as it can be quite chaotic, especially in the afternoons. Pedestrians are requested to walk around the yellow painted zone. Please note also that It is against the law to drop your child off in the bus zone.

Clothing

As another year starts, it may be prudent to ensure that school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. One of the consequences of a uniform is that everyone's clothing garments look the same and returning lost property to the correct owner is impossible without correct identification.

Lockers

Whilst the majority of students prefer to leave their bags on the bag racks, lockers are available to all students who require them. We have approximately 100 lockers in the school with an occupancy rate of approximately 20%. As students have been informed in the daily notices, these are available free of charge with a fee applied for any lost keys. Requests for lockers can be made at the office during lunchtimes.

Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

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PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

The first meeting of the year will be next Monday, 15th February at 7:00p.m.

It will be held in B1, which is the first room on the left
after you walk in the front gate of the school

All are most welcome to attend

Induction of School Leaders

A formal ceremony was held at cluBarham on Wednesday 10th February to induct our school leaders for 2016. Elections for the school and house captains had been held in October of 2015, and elections for members of the Student Representative Council were held on Monday 8th February. Our thanks go to Henry Barr, Cayden Keiller, Grace McKindlay, Kaitlyn Sommerfield, Kadyn Wallace and Hayden Whatmore, who conducted the election in an efficient manner.

Our school leaders for 2016 are:

School Captains – Lily Filmer and Mitchell O'Neill

Vice Captains – Tegan Frankling and Christopher Phelan

Student Representative Council:

Year 7 – Tatum Boyd, Kalani Scoullar, Madeline Telford
Year 8 – Ellie Disher, Holly Guerra, Cayden Keiller
Year 9 – Sophie Disher, James Lang, Samuel McGowan
Year 10 – Emma Carter, Garry Lolicato, Erin Whelan
Year 11 – Andrew Buchanan, Jorja McGowan, Mikayla Penrose

Scholarships were also presented to students at this ceremony, with the recipients being chosen on the basis of their application and achievement in 2015.

Year 10 – Emma Carter, Nicola Jones
Year 11 – Abbey Hird, Mikayla Penrose
Year 12 – Emily Jones, Keeley Shears

The Jim and Greg McConnell Award for Senior Studies was presented to Alexandra Tapaganao.

The final presentation was the Jack Jones Memorial Award for the Dux of 2015, which was presented to Holly Walden-Mills. Holly responded with some very sound advice for our current students.

Holly Guerra and Brooke Whelan entertained those present with a delightful duet on the piano.

School Captains

2016 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

DUX OF 2015, HOLLY WALDEN-MILLS

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY SPEECH

I am both proud and humbled to have my achievements recognised in front of all of you this morning. In October of this year I will have lived in Barham for 8 years. 6 of those years I spent as a student at Barham High School, and I believe that my results not only over the past 12 months but all of my high schooling are a reflection not only of my own ability but due to the support and influence of the staff and students of this school. High school is not an always easy time, especially when you're an expert procrastinator with a fear of failure like I am. That being said, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of my teachers over the last 6 years, in particular those who taught me in my senior schooling. Your advice and encouragement was so important to me, and the effort that you each took in supporting me was more than I could have ever asked for. Thank you to Miss Sullivan and Ms Hildebrand especially for dealing with my moodiness and perfectionist tantrums when composing my major works - I know that I was not always an easy person to work with and I apologise for that. To Ms Donnan and Mr Taylor, for constantly pushing me to exceed my own expectations, and to do everything to the best of my ability, always. To Mrs. McConnell, for steering my

confused and undecided mind towards a university and a course that I cannot wait to attend next year. And to Mrs Ryan, Ms Batty and Mr Yu, whose nurturing and encouragement always showed that they believed in me even when I couldn't believe in myself. I would also like to thank my parents, Keeley and Liam, for letting me rant and rave to them whenever I was feeling particularly anxious about my HSC. Your unconditional love and support kept me sane over one of the most important times in my life so far.

As I take the next step into my future, and look back on the past two thirds of a decade, I understand now, that a teachers role isn't just to teach – it is to inspire, and believe it or not, they actually want to be your friend. So use them, ask questions, be curious, listen to what they have to say. My only regret now is that I didn't use them to all the advantages that I could have.

My advice to the current year 12s, is to enjoy your last year of high school as much as you can. It will be one of the best years, and hopefully the good times will outweigh the dreaded exams. Take time to learn your content, cramming the night before is not an effective way to study, no matter how appealing it may be too put it off. Reread your work, get someone else to read it for you, read it again. You may get tired of reading the same thesis, or essay, or report over and over but the end result of having a polished, well written piece when marked by a fresh pair of eyes will benefit you every time. Work hard, but don't forget every now and then to take a step back and appreciate your efforts and recognise what a good job you're doing. Year 12 is tough, exams suck, but you're doing your best and that's important.

My advice now goes out not only to Year 12, but to all of you. Set goals and stick to them. It doesn't matter how big or small your goal is, whether your goal is different to the person sitting next to you, or whether you want to share your goals with everyone or keep them to yourself. Every ambition, every dream is important and having something to look forward to is the best kind of motivation you can ask for.

I would like to conclude now with a quote from one of my biggest idols and famous role models, Emma Watson, which sums up my attitude about the future and the way that I went through high school. – "I'm going to do what I want to do. I'm going to be who I really am. I'm going to figure out what that is. All I can do is follow my instincts, because I'll never please everyone."

Thank you

Careers News……..

2015 Year 12 Success

All students who applied for university in 2015 gained an offer! A 100% success rate is a fantastic effort from Year 12 2015! Ten out of eleven students also gained their first preference. Tertiary applications included NSW, Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland. This shows that Barham High School students have researched career options widely, prepared good back-up plans and taken advantage of early entry schemes and special consideration. It also proves that being rural and remote does not hinder your dreams if you are prepared, well organised and can show motivation, teamwork and initiative through participation in extra-curricular activities, volunteering and community involvement. The cohort has also been successful in gaining two full time apprenticeships and one traineeship. Two students are gainfully employed whilst taking a gap year. Out of twenty students only one is still seeking full time employment. Congratulations Year 12 2015!

Ex Students Panel

Six ex-students presented an informative panel to the current Year 12 Tertiary Careers class early this week. The focus was on 'If I was in your shoes now……..' with the students giving advice on HSC study tips and course and career planning. It is always invaluable to hear from past students and parents who can relay first- hand information on 'how to survive the HSC and give yourself the best chance of receiving a tertiary offer'. I would like to thank Jesse, Holly, Liza, Brad, Dylan and Jessica for giving their time. An excellent resource for students and their parents about to enter first year at university is the CEF University Survival Guide; https://cef.org.au/university-survival-guide-2016/

Year 10 Three Way Interviews

Year 10 students have been issued letters regarding Work Experience organisation and meetings with the Careers Adviser. These meetings are offered both in school hours and out of school hours and enable parents/guardians to get a good understanding of the Work Experience program and process.

Flinders University Excursion

Our exciting trip to Flinders University in Adelaide will take place on 2-4 March. We are combining with Deniliquin High School for this valuable opportunity which is heavily subsidised by Flinders Uni. The program of events will focus on broadening student's aspirations and understanding of higher education as well as showcasing the support services available for rural and remote students.

CEF'S 2016 UNIVERSITY SURVIVAL GUIDE

As students across the country head off to university this week their minds will no doubt be racing with questions. We've got the answers.

Download the 2016 University Survival Guide for FREE at www.cef.org.au

School Student Transport Scheme

Bus students living in NSW who reside more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from their bus stop may be eligible for the Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy.

A new application is required when a student changes:

1. school, including from primary to high school
2. residential address
3. transport pick up point

This is an online procedure: www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc
The school has information flyers for anyone who needs help with this.

Please note that a Year 7 student who received the subsidy as a primary school student must re-apply.

Summer Hygiene:

Now that the weather is warming up and students are bringing deodorant to school to use after sport and PDHPE lessons, it is a timely reminder that aerosols are NOT ALLOWED. These can cause very severe allergic reactions to some people and will be confiscated if they are brought to school. Please make sure that you bring roll-on deodorants only to school.

ABSENTEE NOTES

Please send in a note when your child returns to school after being absent.

If a note (or phone call) is not received within 7 days of the student returning to school, we are unable to adjust computer records, thus showing these absences as “unjustified” on school reports.

Student Accident Insurance

A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to students at Barham High through the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales. The school’s P&C has organised this policy on a whole school basis.

The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts. Importantly, the policy partially covers injuries (such as neck, pelvic and back injuries) although the levels of compensation are limited.

Private Health Insurance

Parents have the option of taking out private health coverage for their children. This is usually limited to the reimbursement of medical expenses and will not generally provide the breadth of cover provided by a specific student accident insurance policy.

Parents should be advised that if they wish to take out accident insurance for their children they will need to make their own enquiries and arrangements.

Golden Rivers Dance

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Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Barham	Barham	Barham	Moulamein
4 – 4:45 Junior Tap 5-8yrs	4:00 – 4:30 Tiny Tots 3-5yrs	4-4:30 Fairy Ballet 4-6yrs	4 – 4:30 Tiny Tots 3-5yrs
4:45 – 5:30 Intermediate Tap 9yrs+	4:30-5:15 Junior Jazz 5-7yrs	4:30-5:15 Junior Modern 7-12yrs	4:30 – 5:15 Fairy Ballet 5yrs +
5:30 – 6:15 Junior Hip-Hop 7-10yrs	5:15-6 Junior B Jazz 8-9yrs	5:15-6 Senior Modern 12yrs+	5:15 – 5:45 Jazz/Hip-Hop 5yrs+
6:15 – 7 Inter/Senior Hip-Hop 10yrs+	6-6:45 Intermediate Jazz 10-12yrs	6-6:45 Advanced - Mixed	5:45 – 6:15 Tap 5yrs+
	6:45-7:30 Senior Jazz 13yrs+	6:45 – Adults Casual Classes	Moulamein Classes Will only run weekly if we have sufficient enrolments
All class ages are a general guide and children may be placed in a different age group based on capability.			

Places still available in most classes- waiting lists available.

Contacts : Alicia Marshall - 0488325156

goldenriversdance@hotmail.com

www.goldenriversdance.com

Golden Rivers Dance on Facebook

ART WORKSHOP

Saturday 27th February - 10:am to 1:00pm

At the Gateway visitor centre Cohuna

Price: $10 - Age: 12-16 years

Includes materials and lunch

Bookings are essential: call Jessie 5487 1448

YouthWeek-ly Contributions

To celebrate NSW Youth Week for 2016, the team at Wakool Shire are looking for young residents to contribute pieces to a keepsake newspaper.

The publication will be a compact collection of opinions, creative pieces, stories and reviews from some of our local youth to celebrate the theme of 2016 Youth Week: **"It starts with us".**
It will be a great platform to get your opinion or work heard and seen; the choice of topic is yours!

If you're interested, are 12-18 years of age and and can get something together by March 30th then email Courtney at Council. Once you've let us know your interest we can pass on all the details you need to know: **courtney.dean@wakool.nsw.gov.au**

ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On **Friday 26th February**, 2016
at the Swan Hill Outdoor Pool at **5.30pm**

This event is open to all full time students of Primary and Secondary Schools. Swimmers do not need to be registered with Swimming Victoria to take part.

- Entry forms for individual swimmers should be completed and handed to the NTBSC representative allocated to compile and balance entries and fees.
- $5 entry fee per competitor is payable in cash or cheque made out to Nyah Two Bays ASC.
- Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events over a 50 meter distance are open to all school aged children**.**
- School relay teams are invited to compete, students wishing to swim in a relay should indicate so, on the entry form and teams can be organized with or by the compiler.
- A BBQ dinner, tea and coffee will be available for purchase on the night.

Please inform your students and circulate entry forms for students wishing to enter. Please remind students that Friday 19th is the closing date for entries.
Your NTBSC representative will be allocated and will make contact prior to Feb 19th. This representative will help co-ordinate entries and collect fees, and enter relays on your schools behalf.

****If you are interested in competing, please see Mr Wren for entry forms****