

Barham High Newsletter



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Term1 Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C meeting

Thanks to all involved at the P&C meeting on Monday the 15th, there was some lively discussion around a number of school topics and preliminary organisation towards celebrating our 50 year anniversary since the opening of Barham High School. Our P&C meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7pm with our next meeting on the 21st March. Our P&C contributes significantly to the success of the school, so come and be part of it.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Barbeque

My thanks to everyone involved on the night; to Ms Pereira for organising the evening, to Mrs McConnell and her band of helpers for the food, to the parents and students for coming along and to our staff for their passion and enthusiasm. It has been a great introduction to the year for our Year 7 students and this is a tribute to the excellent transition program that we ran last year.

My apologies to those parents whom I didn't get to meet personally, but thank you to everyone for coming along.

Communication processes and the School Diaries:

Please use your child's diary if you need to communicate with the school about your child's progress; please don't forget that you can use their diary to communicate with their teachers. Students should be using the diary to record their homework and to put in reminders about excursions or assessment tasks.

If you have any concerns or questions about communication please don't hesitate in phoning the school.

Excursions:

In Week 10 this term, the week starting the 30th March, the students in Year 11 will be involved in their "Crossroads" excursion. This will be followed in Week 11 with our junior students involved with the Year 7 Science and Technology excursion and Year 8 South Coast Excursion. Both junior excursions will leave on the 5th April and return on the 7th April. These are important educational opportunities and I hope all students will be able to attend. If you have any questions or concerns about accessing the excursion please give me a call at the school.

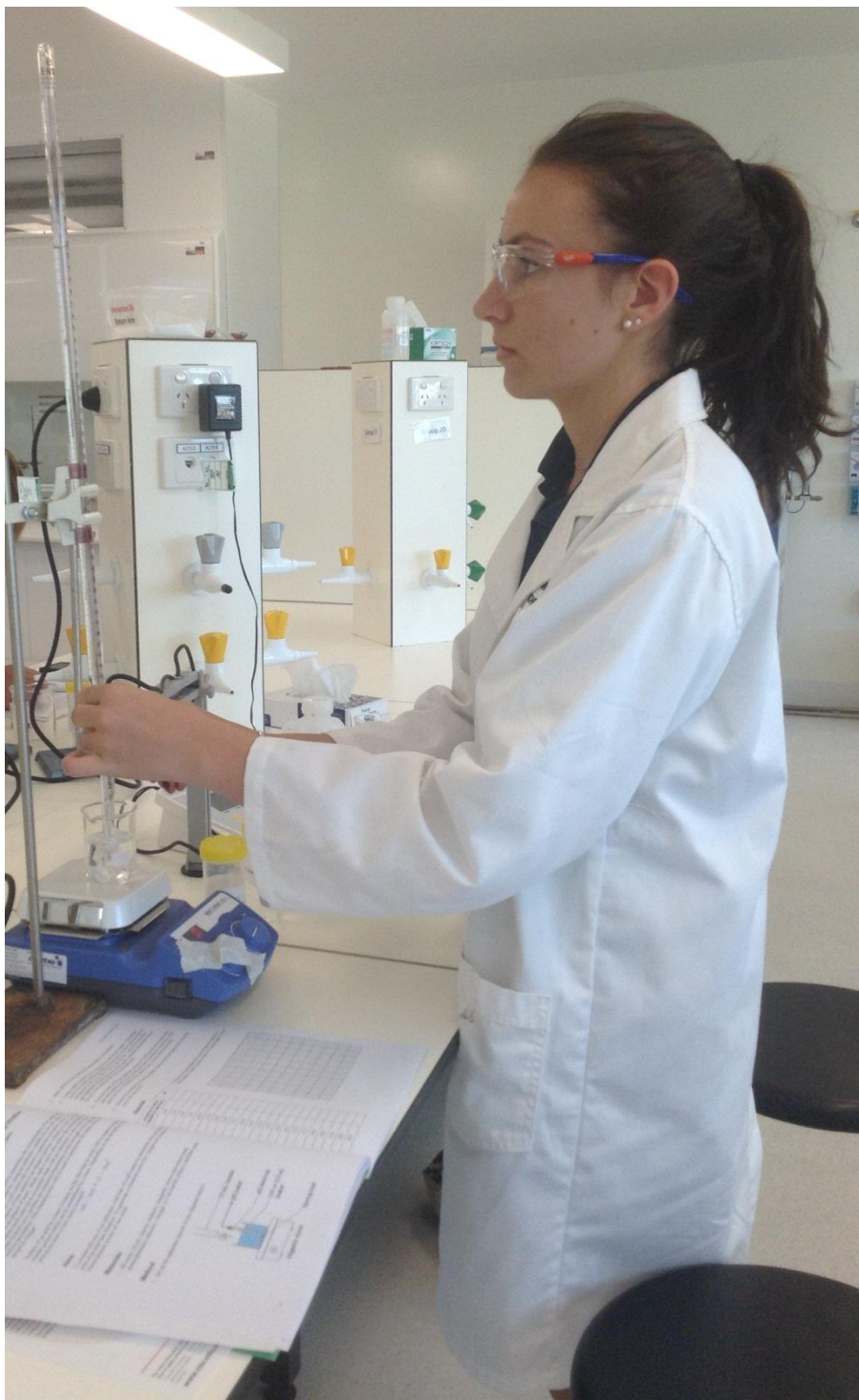
Glenn Buchanan

Relieving Principal

Barham High School fast approaching 50

On the 27th of September 1967 the then Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, arrived in Barham in a black Rolls Royce and, amongst much pomp and ceremony, officially opened the Barham High School on its current site. Previous to that, secondary education in Barham took place at the Barham Intermediate High School which was located where the Barham Public School is now. Consequently, in 2017 Barham High School will commemorate fifty years of quality secondary education. A meeting will be held on Wednesday March 9th 7pm at the High School for past and present students, parents, teachers, SASS, cleaners and community members to discuss how the community might mark this anniversary.

Charles Sturt University HSC Chemistry Day



Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga hosted the HSC Chemistry study days on each day during week 4, with over 250 HSC chemistry students from Riverina High schools in attendance.

Barham High School chemistry student, Emily Jones, made the long trip to the Wagga Wagga CSU campus last Wednesday to participate in this program. Not only was she able to view and get to use the latest technology available in analytical chemistry, Emily had the opportunity to interview practising research scientists to gain a better understanding of the work they carry out as well as pathways available to chemistry graduates. Each topic covered was mandatory to the HSC chemistry course.

Emily was interviewed by Riverina ABC radio as reward for being the student that travelled the furthest to make the day. She spoke eloquently on the value of this program and its importance to rural and remote high schools, well worth the pain of the very early start time.



DEC Student Volunteering Awards

The NSW Premier Student Volunteering Program is up and running again this year!

What is it? This program is open to any student in **Years 9 and 10** who volunteer their time to others in the community. It has to be ***unpaid work*** such as coaching and refereeing sports, helping at an animal shelter, working with Meals on Wheels, visiting people in aged care or helping younger students with school work. There are many other examples too!

Many of you already volunteer your time, but this program allows you to easily record the hours you spend helping others. All you need to do is complete a permission note and record your hours on paper. Then give this to Miss Grainger and she will log this online for you. Your hours accumulate in Years 9 and 10. You are then recognised for your efforts by the Premier of NSW and you will receive a certificate once you reach certain levels of hours.

Volunteering is a great asset to add to your ROSA (Record of School Achievement) Certificate using the 'Up2Now' service which creates a record of all extra-curricular activities you do and is also an *impressive* feature to add to your Resume when seeking employment opportunities or for pathways beyond school.

If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please speak to Miss Grainger!



GYC Report

On Tuesday 16th Feb Mrs Farrant accompanied this year's BHS youth councillors to Melbourne for the GRIP Leadership Conference which was held at the Convention Centre. Mikayla Penrose was acting Mayor for the day and was joined by 12 members of the Gannawarra Youth Council and Penny Scanlan (the Gannawarra Shire Youth Development Officer). It was a long day but well worth the journey as stated by our enthusiastic reps below:

"It was an enjoyable day. I learnt some tips on how to motivate people and liked mingling with students from all over Victoria. I look forward to working with the other Youth Councillors." Harry

"It was a very good day, I really enjoyed it. I learnt how to make events dynamic. The music and dancing in Loud Noises was my favourite bit. I am also excited to be a part of Youth Council this year." James

"It was a good day and I look forward to events like this in the future. It will definitely help Youth Council be bigger and better this year!" Mikayla

"I really enjoyed the OAnti-Bullying workshop and can see that some of the ideas can be used in our school. The Loud Noises segment was my favourite and this trip was a great way to meet the new members of GYC. Being confined to a small space (ie the bus) helped get to know everyone and during the conference it was nice meeting new people and sharing ideas." Emma



Student participation at GRIP – That's Harry on stage!

Induction Assembly

On Wednesday February 10, we held our annual induction ceremony. Our new school leaders, house captains and Student Representative Council were all presented with their badges, and the 2016 Scholarships awarded. We also recognised the hard work of the 2015 DUX Holly Walden-Mills. Congratulations to all these students on their commitment to making Barham High School a wonderful place to be.



Holly Walden-Mills receiving her Dux Award from Des Jones



Our 2016 House Captains



***Our 2016 School Leaders:
Captains Lily and Mitch & Vice-Captains Tegan and Chris***



***Our Gannawara Youth Council members for 2015:
Mikayla, Emma & Jorja with Cr Oscar Aertssen***



***2016 Scholarship recipients:
Abbey, Emma, Mikayla, Nicola, Emily & Keeley***



2016 Student Representative Council with Mrs Farrant and Mr Buchanan

Swimming carnival 2016

On the evening of Thursday the 11th of February Barham High School held its annual swimming carnival at the Koondrook Pool. The weather was perfect for swimming and it was great to see a good turnout of students and participants in each race. There was also a fantastic number of parents who attended the carnival and we thank you for your continued support of the school.

Special congratulations go to the age champions for each age group:

12 year old boys- Dominic Dick-O'Flaherty

12 year old girls- Kalani Scoullar

13 year old boys- Jack Patterson and Jordan Bassett

13 year old girls- Amy Salter

14 year old boys- Leonard McClay

14 year old girls- Maddison McGowan

15 year old boys- Samuel McGowan

15 year old girls- Macey Bott and Kasey McClay

16 year old boys- Luke Nicholas

16 year old girls- Emma Peters

17 years plus boys- Lachlan Lyons

17 years + girls- Brittney McInnes

We also had some records broken by three different students. Maddison McGowan broke the 66 metre 14 year old girls backstroke as well as the 66 metres 14 years freestyle. Sam McGowan broke the intermediate boys 33 metres fly and the 66 metre 15 year old boys breaststroke. Finally, Kasey McClay broke the record for the intermediate girls 33 metre butterfly. A couple of these records have been held since 1984!

Finally, the big winners on the night were Tullacoota, finishing on 431 points with Cadelslee coming in second on 358 points and Barimo in third on 263 points. Good luck to those students who have qualified and will be participating in the zone swimming carnival in Hay on the 23rd of February.



BDSMC BAR-ROOK SWIMMING CLUB

MEMBERS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

& PRESENTATION NIGHT



KOONDROOK SWIMMING POOL

FIRST EVENT STARTS AT 5:30 PM

15TH OF MARCH 2016

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS

& THEIR FAMILY

DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FROM POOL KIOSK

BRING A CHAIR

& YOUR BATHERS TO ENTER THE FAMILY RELAY

(HOPE TO BE FINISHED BY 8:30)

****SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL BOOT CAMP****

Golden Rivers NL Junior Camp

Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th April

Two days of netball, netball, netball

With top coaches, great new program,

Umpiring workshop all presented boot camp style at the
Wandella Netball Courts.

Places limited so get in early.

See GRNL FB event page for rego details

Email grnl.regos@hotmail.com for rego form

Contact: Shelley James 0429 167 522 Angela Hird 0428 532 583



Barham Public School P & C Art Competition

Purchase a canvas from Barham Public School Office the cost includes entry into competition

Adult \$20

High School \$10

Primary School \$8

You can then paint or sketch your work on them

Theme for Art Work

Harvest & Grain

Local Area

Cartoon

Categories

Professionals

Adult

High School

Year 4 - Year 6

Kinder - Year 3

All entries need to be back to school by 29th Feb 2016

Great Prizes for Winners

All work will be on display at School of Arts Hall

from Friday 4th March till Sunday 6th March

Winners will be announced on the Friday Night

All entries will be on Display

For more information contact Julie Sleep 0408133410