

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term1 Week 7

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Visitors to the school:

When visiting the school it is most important that all people check in with the front office before proceeding further into the school. If you are working in the canteen, there is a record keeping process in place and you needn't come to the front office. The Department of Education expects us to have a register of all people in the school and it is a simple means of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of us all.

### Excursions:

There are a number of excursions in the pipeline over the next few weeks: Year 11 Crossroads excursion during week 10 and the Year 7 and Year 8 excursions at the end of the term in week 11. I hope that if your child is involved they have given you all the information that they have so far. If you have any questions concerning these excursions please phone the school and we will try and address any concerns you may have.

### Year 12

At this time of the year, the thought of HSC seems far off into the future; be assured that it is not that distant. Assessment tasks are coming thick and fast and the Mid-Course Examinations will commence at the end of week 9 (only two weeks away). Year 12 students need to focus on their goals, work with their 10% on top teachers, develop achievable and effective study patterns and revise class work to maximise their opportunity to achieve great results.

Success at the HSC is a team effort; there are plenty of available sources of help, including the excellent teachers at Barham High. Students should be making every effort to leverage as much assistance as they can.

### BHS 50 year celebrations

Thank you to the small number of interested people who attended the first meeting to commence planning to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the opening of the buildings at Barham High School. The event will be held next year on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:00 here at school.

Glenn Buchanan

*Relieving Principal*



## From the Deputy

There are a couple of issues that I am seeking parent/guardian support with.

Firstly, if there is a reason why students are not in the full correct uniform then please provide a note to me or a phone call to the office to explain why. They will be issued with an 'out of uniform pass', otherwise the student will complete a partial lunchtime detention.

Socks need to be white. Black socks are not part of school uniform so unless a valid reason is supplied, wearing black socks will be deemed out of uniform.

Under Work, Health & Safety Legislation the wearing of leather footwear in all practical areas is mandatory. Many leather sports shoes do not have leather uppers or tongues so are not permitted under this legislation. Students will not be allowed to participate in practical subjects like the sciences, Visual Art, Agriculture, Hospitality, Primary Industries, Textiles, Food, Wood and Metal Technology. In these subjects the practical components are needed to successfully complete the course.

PE or sports uniform is allowed to be worn to school if the students have a practical PE or PASS class during first period. They must change into correct school uniform at the completion of the lesson.

Secondly, if there is a valid reason for late arriving students, then please provide a note or call to the office to explain why. Students will be issued with a late note. Latecomers without a valid reason will make up time at lunchtime.

All stage 5 and stage 6 students are now expected to have laptops and be bringing them to each lesson. The school has several devices available for lease so please contact the office or Mr Bowen if you have not got one. I will be following up with an audit next week.

## Year 8 South Coast Excursion

The Information sheet and permission notes have now gone home for the Year 8 South Coast Excursion which will take place in week 11 this term from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. It is expected that all students attend this excursion as it complements the theory work done in class. If meeting the payment deadlines is a problem you are encouraged to contact Mr McConnell or Mr Buchanan as soon as possible. If you did not receive the information or permission note please contact Mr McConnell or Miss Smee. They are also available on the school website.

***Ian McConnell***

## CHANCES FOR CHILDREN

***Chances for Children*** is a fund that aims to remove financial barriers for children and young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential.

Chances is set aside from other funds and programs in that it is a locally based fund, established by the local community, and supported both financially and in kind by local individuals and businesses.

Chances has two funding rounds each year, usually in March/April and again in September/October.

Applicants to this fund are generally young people seeking financial assistance to pursue tertiary education, either at university or TAFE or to undertake an apprenticeship.

Children and young people who would like to further develop their talents in sport or music, those who wish to pursue cultural endeavours or who may need extra educational support through classroom assistance or tutoring are encouraged to apply through this fund.

For more information please see the website or contact Michelle White (school counsellor) for more information.

## Flinders University Tour

Forty-five students from Deniliquin & Barham High Schools were funded by Flinders University (Adelaide) to attend a two day university experience program last week. Flinders University generously covered our travel costs as well as provided food and evening beach activities run by their P.E. students (Flinders ASPIRE Mentors). The program began with the 'Amazing Chase' so that our students could orientate themselves with the campus and was followed by seminars on finance/scholarships, sports clubs/societies and an accommodation tour. Day two included workshops on: psychology, creative writing, nursing, medical science and an energetic boxing/fitness workout. We also toured the impressive new Tonsley Campus which has state of the art facilities in engineering, science and maths. A tour of Port Adelaide Football Club or a City Walking Tour was the choice for our last morning in Adelaide. To their credit the students demonstrated a high level of interest and engaged well with all of the activities, as well as interacted well between the two schools. Thursday night included Ten Pin Bowling with teams made up of mixed Deni/Barham students. When relocating to further study our students are usually faced with having to make new friends and engaging in 'small talk' can be daunting for some students. This excursion not only broadened aspirations, gave insight into new courses, careers & facilities but also allowed our students to mix and make new friends. Overall, it was a resounding success and we would like to thank Flinders University for their support. Lakes Coaches, as always, provided excellent service and we thank them for their continued support.



***Our exciting arrival at Flinders University: a welcome message on the big screen in the plaza***





*Experiencing a psychology lecture*



*Brighton Beach – Barham & Deni students with mentors*

*Emma & Erin enjoying the boxing session*

# Join your local library and get free homework assistance!

## Yourtutor



Yourtutor is an online learning service that connects individual students to qualified, expert tutors. Support is available for students from Grade 4 to Year 12. The tutors help with:

- Homework
- Assignments
- Exam preparation
- Study questions
- Maths
- Science
- English
- Assignment research
- Study skills

Students can connect to tutors six days a week!

Monday – Friday	3pm – 10pm
Sunday	3pm – 10pm

Help is one-to-one, secure, anonymous and free to library members. Log in using your library membership (barcode) number.

## Kerang Junior Netball Association

### Friday Night Junior Netball

***This year's season is to commence on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 with a Skills and Registration Night.***

Juniors - 4:20pm (Grade 1 in 2016 to Grade 4 in 2016)

Seniors - 5:20pm (Grade 5 in 2016 to Year 9 in 2016)

To be held at the Kerang Indoor Basketball Stadium. Registration forms can be picked up prior to the night from Kerang Sportspower. If any parents are able to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

***Any queries call Kirstyn: 0408 509221 or Melissa: 0428 522468***

## Riverina Regional Swimming Carnival 2016

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March three of our students, travelled to Leeton for the Riverina Swimming Carnival. The students achieved some fantastic results, which is a credit to their passion and dedication to their swimming. Leonard improved his personal best times in all of his events from the zone carnival at Hay, an achievement of which he should be very proud. The only way to improve is to keep getting better from your previous best! Maddy was a very close third in her backstroke in what has been described as a nail biting finish! Special congratulations go to Sam who came first in both his breaststroke and butterfly events! This means that Sam, as well as Maddy, have both qualified for the state carnival, which will be held in Sydney. A huge thank you goes to the parents who accompanied them and drove the distance to Leeton for the carnival. We wish Sam and Maddy good luck at state level!



## BARHAM KOONDROOK PONY CLUB

### *Come and Try Day*

20<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am. All welcome, with or without a horse.

For further information call Melissa: 0400 075020





***Chess Competitions in the Library at lunchtime***

## **SRC Report**

The SRC are very busy planning their first event for the year, **Easter Week**. This will be held from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> –Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Students are to organise their **own teams of 6** (mixed gender and year if you wish) to compete in various 'Easter themed' games to be run every day at lunchtime. The cost to participate is **\$6 per team** (\$1/student). Team Name, names of team members and \$6 are to be placed in envelopes provided and placed in box (on shelf near Canteen) **by WED 16<sup>th</sup> March**. The activities will be run on a cumulative point score system, with prizes and merits awarded at the end of the week.

In addition to this, the SRC will be **selling Hot Cross Buns** from the canteen **before school** on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) morning (8.30-8.50am). The price is **\$1 per Hot Cross Bun or 3 for \$2**. There will be no pre-order system, **ONLY** window sales, so get in early to enjoy a yummy warm hot cross bun. If you have any questions about this week, feel free to ask your SRC rep.

It is pleasing to note that the SRC members have already shown a great deal of enthusiasm, organisation and team work, with many members willingly taking on specific roles. It looks like 2016 is going to be BIG, so make sure you are paying attention!

## **Raiders Junior Kick to Kick & Registration Night**

Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 5 pm to 6:30 pm

Cost - \$70 per player

All players are required to provide their own helmet in 2016.

**Club helmets are no longer available.**

**Registration will take place in the club rooms whilst the children have a kick.**

A parent/guardian must attend the registration night to complete 2016 Indemnity & Consent document.

Please bring Medicare and Ambulance Cover details.

Age groups:

Under 14.5 – a player turning 15 after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is eligible to play in that competition

Under 12-9 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2016 is eligible to play

If you require any additional information

Please contact Julie Frankling on 0429 841699



*More from the Flinders University Excursion: great information targeting rural schools*