

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

05/05/2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back

The term has begun with a frenetic start and it looks as though we will be continuing the momentum as the term progresses. At the end of last term, our Year 7, 8 and 11 students all enjoyed their respective excursions and by all accounts the various activities were undertaken with enthusiasm and enjoyment. I must congratulate all of the students involved for their wonderful behaviour and thank the staff for going above and beyond in organising and supervising the excursions.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students for all of their hard work in their examinations last term and I encourage our Year 11 students to be diligently preparing for their exams which take place in week 4 of this term. These events are crucial in allowing students to identify how they are progressing in their subjects, to recognise their strengths and the areas in which to improve.

Excursions

Already this term we have conducted two excursions for students in the senior school. The Tertiary Tour was again an overwhelming success and provided an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the tertiary environment and have a taste of what each campus has to offer. Thank you to Mr and Mrs McConnell for their organisation and involvement.

I was lucky enough to be invited to help supervise the Legal Studies excursion to Melbourne. This was a fantastic learning experience which I thoroughly enjoyed. It is an honour to take students of such a high calibre away; their trustworthiness and exemplary behaviour made the whole experience most pleasurable. Thank you to Ms Donnan for her organisation.

ANZAC day

We commemorated ANZAC Day with our assembly on the first day back this term. Many thanks must go to Mrs Hildebrand for the organisation of the event. Thank you also to the members of the Barham RSL and especially our guest of honour, Mr Lewis Gray for their attendance. The assembly was capably conducted by our school leaders and our whole school community behaved in a manner fitting the solemn occasion.

Parent teacher night

We will be hosting a parent/teacher interview night for parents of students in Year 7 and Year 12 on Wednesday 18th May. This will be an opportunity to discuss how the Year 7 students are settling into the high school environment and how the Year 12 students performed in their half yearly assessments and how they are tracking for the remainder of their courses. Parents of Year 11 students are also welcome to come along and discuss how their child has settled in to study.

Our official Parent Teacher Night for all students will be later in the term, on Wednesday 29th June.

Coming up.

Best of luck to students in Year 10 who will participate in their work experience next week. I look forward to hearing all about the experiences gained in the world of work. Good luck also to students in Years 7 and 9 who will be undertaking their NAPLAN tests next week with writing on Tuesday 10th May, reading Wednesday 11th May and numeracy on Thursday 12th May.

Glenn Buchanan

Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Years 7 and 12 Parent/ teacher evening

A reminder that the Years 7 and 12 Parent/ teacher evening is in week 4 on Wednesday May 18th. For parents or carers of Year 12 students this evening will provide an opportunity for feedback on the recently completed mid-course exams as well as progress through the first two terms of the HSC year. If the tertiary tour has raised questions these can be discussed on this evening as well. Booking sheets will go home with mid-course reports in week 3. If this evening provides a clash then alternate bookings can be made by contacting the school.

Parents and/or carers of Year 7 students are also invited to use this evening as an opportunity to discuss the progress of students.

Mobile phones

Inappropriate use of mobile phones at school is causing some concern again. We view this very seriously and students who cannot do the right thing will have their phones confiscated. All phones should be off in class unless they are being used as part of a class activity.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

A big thank you goes to those parents and students who have organised their laptops or tablets for the start of this term. I will be following up students who have yet to make arrangements and remind parents that suitable devices are available for lease from the school for \$25.00 a term.

Ian McConnell

Relieving Deputy Principal

**Barham High honours local Veteran,
Mr Lewis Gray**



B.H.S. Anzac Day Ceremony

Anzac Day was celebrated this year on the first student day back this term. The focus this year was a tribute to the wartime experience of Mr Lewis Gray of Koondrook who turns ninety soon. Mr Gray's exploits as a member of the Naval Beach Commandos behind the Japanese lines in Java during World War II are a reminder to us all of the grit and endurance of our war veterans. We should all remember that the elderly people in our community have some amazing tales to tell.

Thank you to other members, Robin Pascoe, Bill O'Malley and Christine Dartnell of the RSL who attended.

Thanks also to the students who conducted and facilitated the ceremony: Mitchell O'Neill, Lily Filmer, Chris Phelan, Tegan Frankling, Sophie Disher, Matt Hird, Rhiannon Barr, Felicity Macauley, Ellie Disher, Holly Guerra, Tatum Boyd, Tessa Fasham and Hayden Whatmore. Thanks also to Mr Yu and Mr Lang for the relocation of the flag pole.

Janet Hildebrand

ANZAC DAY AT BARHAM-KOONDROOK



BHS School
Captains, Lily and
Mitchell



Mr Buchanan and
Mr McConnell
with BHS
students at the
ANZAC Day
march

Careers news.....

Melbourne Metro Tertiary Tour 2016

Twenty-seven Year 10, 11 & 12 students were accompanied by Mr & Mrs McConnell to Melbourne last week for a jamb-packed Tertiary Tour. We visited six tertiary institutions and had dinner at Queens College (University of Melbourne). The tours included an overview of courses, student services and accommodation. Most students were impressed by the range and diversity of institutions and it enabled students to broaden their future preferences by getting a better feel for each institution and a better understanding of the tertiary system. Many of our students also realised the benefits of on-campus accommodation, especially for first year students. The benefits include living in close proximity to university services such as libraries, having inclusions such as free wifi, laundry facilities, tutoring, residential adviser support, catered meals and a supportive environment for what can be a difficult transition period.

Although students felt the presentations and tours were a little repetitive, it reinforced the fact that most tertiary institutions basically offer the same facilities and therefore it is imperative that thorough research is done to compare courses. This can be done online on university websites, by attending Open Days (generally held in August) and through meetings with the Careers Adviser.

Below are some good websites to assist students and parents when contemplating tertiary education:

- Deakin University – Parent Information

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/why-choose-deakin/parent-information/your-child-their-future>

- Parents' Calendar – monthly tips for parents

http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/counselling/for-parents/index.shtml

- UniSA guides for New Students: 'Guide for Parents, Partners & Friends'

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/Study-at-UniSA/Parents-and-advisers/For-parents/>

- Country Education Foundation – Support, University Survival Guide for Rural and Regional Students and Scholarship Guide

<https://cef.org.au/students/uniguide/>

- Chances for Children – Chances Tertiary Resources Guide

<http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au>

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will participate in a variety of work experience placements from 9-13 May. At this stage students should be well-prepared and hopefully excited about their week of work. This is always a unique opportunity and will assist students to develop confidence, explore a potential career path, meet new contacts and help when making subject selection choices early Term 3.

Swan Hill Career Expo

This will be held on Wed 8th June and is open to students in Year 9-11. It will be another great opportunity for students to access TAFE, universities, employment agencies and local businesses as well as larger organisations such as Victoria Police. See Mrs McConnell for further information. Notes and payment are due at the front office by Wed 25 May.



Tertiary Tour group at
Swinburne University

Uni course guides offer
valuable information

RMIT CAMPUS CHALLENGE

Winning team:
Emma, Garry, Andrew
and Chris



Reasons why university could be an option for you



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT BUS SAFETY

Unfortunately this year in N.S.W. there has been two separate occasions where students have been injured by a car after alighting from their bus on the way home.

Both students walked in front of the bus and into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Thankfully neither student was seriously injured, however the situation could have been much worse.

The road safety message for all students is:

Wait until the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Year 7 girls

will be given their second dose of the HPV vaccine

on Thursday, May 19th



Do you know what you are eating and drinking?

It is easy to consume sugar without knowing it.

Take advantage of a FREE screening by Charlotte St Dental Centre of a film (That Sugar Film) that will reveal the astonishing amounts of sugar hidden in supposedly healthy low fat/no fat foods on your supermarket shelves. It is a real wake up call to those of us that have never questioned what's really in our food. Dental professionals will be on hand to answer any questions after the screening. It will be held at Deniliquin RSL Club on May 29th at 3pm in the Mount Batten room.

Please call 5881 3468 to reserve a seat.



BAR-ROOK SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 6TH MAY ~ 7.00 PM ROYAL HOTEL

**All Welcome to attend this dinner meeting
Contact Sharon McInnes, secretary: 0428 531428**

Year 8 South Coast Excursion

On the 5th of April, 30 Year 8's travelled to Warrnambool on the South Coast. On the way, they stopped at Bendigo. They went to the Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre. Most students were daring enough to go down the 7m vertical slide. They also had a tour around the Marilyn Monroe exhibition. The last stop before Warrnambool was the Hepburn Springs for lunch and mineral water tasting.



Once they arrived at Warrnambool Discovery Holiday Park, they unpacked and went to see Zootopia, the movie. The following day they visited the Codrington-Yambuk wind farm, rock platform ecosystem, Tower Hill and the Warrnambool Maritime Museum. Later that night they went to the 'Shipwrecks' sound and light show and ten pin bowling.

At the rock platform in Port Fairy, everyone had a laugh when people were tempted to jump to the smaller rocks out further. They were soon drenched by unexpected waves. Day three, the last day, they visited London Bridge, Gibson Steps, Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. At the Loch Ard Gorge they explored the area where the peacock statue from the shipwreck was found and where survivors Eva Carmichael and Tom Price would have explored years before. Then they travelled home with a dinner stop at Maccas.

By Ellie and Felicity

Rock Platform



Loch Ard Gorge



Trying to keep warm and dry at the Twelve Apostles