

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the cold weather emerges, term 2 begins to draw to a close. It is time to reflect on what a busy term it has been and to look forward the variety of activities still to come. I would like to thank our wonderful staff at Barham high School for all the support they provide and for continually going above and beyond to provide our students with as many experiences as possible.

Week GR8

This week, our SRC is promoting Week GR8, an opportunity to provide a week of feel-good activities and experiences for the school community. Events include organised sporting events at lunch time, special foods available throughout the week, positive feedback sessions and a free-dress-Friday. Thank you to the tireless SRC representatives for all of your hard work in organising this week.

Reports

The reporting cycle is again upon us. Year 11 reports went home last week and teachers are busily preparing the Year 7-10 reports to be issued towards the end of term.

HSC study days

Some of our senior students are involved in HSC study day events where senior markers from the Board of Studies, as well as other curriculum experts provide advice and assistance in preparing for the HSC examinations. These very valuable experiences are extremely useful in providing an insight to the expectations and rigours of the courses they are studying.

7-11 parent teacher interviews

We would like to welcome parents of students from Years 7-11 to our parent/teacher interviews. They will be occurring on Wednesday 29th June in the school library. Notes with booking times will be sent home with reports.

Merit assembly

Our merit assembly for semester 1 will be held on Thursday the 30th of June at 10:15am at cluBarham. At this time of year it is fantastic to reflect on the amount of positive rewards our students earn. I would encourage parents and members of the community to attend this event. As a whole school community, we should all be proud of our students' achievements.

Rewards excursion

We are very proud of our students at Barham High School and the positive behaviour they exhibit. We have built a culture based on respect and care for each other. To recognise the fantastic effort our students put into their behaviour, the welfare committee organises rewards excursion events at the conclusion of each semester. As a result of the very positive feedback we received from last year's excursion, we are again taking students to The Zone in Bendigo. We subsidise the whole cost of transport out of school funds, the students paying for the cost of the activities and lunch.

Glenn Buchanan

Principal



From the Deputy

The HSC Subject selection process cranks up a notch next week with the issuing of the HSC Course Information Handbook for 2017-2018. Yr10 students have already completed preliminary work including participating in work experience, attending Tertiary tours and careers expo's and generally being challenged to consider post school options. Each faculty will discuss with students courses offered by them and the requirements needed to succeed in these courses. Parents, caregivers and students are urged to consult Mrs McConnell, our careers adviser, who has expert knowledge on subject selection and course planning for both non-tertiary job seekers and students planning further study at tertiary and TAFE institutions. All parents, caregivers and students are invited to the Yr10 into Yr11 subject information night which will take place at 6pm on Monday 25th July in the school library. Initial subject selection forms will be issued on this night and are to be completed by Friday 5th August. Each student is urged to gather information from Stage 6 students already doing courses, teachers and head teachers as well as Mrs McConnell in order to make decisions on subject choices based on the best information available in order to enhance their career prospects. Parents and caregivers need to be involved in this process as well so that at the subject selection information night specific questions can be raised with the relevant experts.

Just another reminder to latecomers unless they have a note or call offering a valid reason they will complete a detention with me at lunchtime. Consider it as developing a work related skill. I am sure employers would not tolerate employees who are regularly late to work. Late entry is disruptive and unfair to already settled classes.

Thanks for your help with uniform. Notes have been good to let us know of difficulties obtaining new uniforms as winter has snuck up and hit with a vengeance. The wearing of black socks remains an issue so your assistance would be appreciated in obtaining white socks.

Some family group photos were missed at today's school photo shoot. The photographers will be returning to the Barham Public School on Tuesday June 28th and are happy to catch these groups up as well as students that were absent today and even those families that did not take envelopes initially. So if you would still like a family photo arrange to pick up an envelope from the front office.

Ian McConnell

Relieving Deputy Principal

Careers News.....

Swan Hill Careers Expo

Thirty one, Year 9, 10 & 11 students attended the Murray Mallee Careers Expo in Swan Hill on Wed 8 June. The Expo covered a wide range of course and career areas and also held short seminars that the students engaged in. Student evaluation comments included: "subject choices are very important", "there are lots of universities that provide the same course", "there are over 100 different jobs at a racecourse", "I learned about studying abroad", "it takes about two years to become a qualified beauty therapist", "Deakin University at Waurin Ponds has over 800 beds in student accommodation", "apprenticeships sound great!", "there are many different career choices", "you have to be 18 to join the police", "school based apprenticeships are cool".

Work Experience

Year 10 completed a very successful work experience program in early May. Nearly all employer reports have been received and the feedback is a reflection of this cohort's excellent work ethic when engaged in activities they enjoy. The majority of students were placed locally and I would like to thank the businesses who contributed their time, energy and expertise to this very worthwhile program.



Erin and Kyle researching careers at the Swan Hill Careers Expo

WKGR8

The SRC organised a number of FREE activities for students to do during lunchtime this week. These included Dodgeball, Touch Football, Meditation and puzzles, board games and mindfulness activities. They also sold a number of cinnamon and jam doughnuts and a variety of chocolate bars. Students have permission to wear casual sports clothes on Friday (tomorrow), but must have correct footwear to satisfy WH&S requirements. There is no associated cost with this. The SRC would like to thank those staff and students who got involved and supported them.





School Student Transport Scheme

NEW: Rural/Regional applications now online

Applications for school travel passes in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms.

WHO NEEDS TO APPLY

A new application is only required if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.

However, you need to update student details online if the student:

- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools or campuses
- Is changing address

How to update your details:

www.apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails

Call 131 500 if you need assistance with your application.

SCHOOL FEES:

Thank you to those parents who have paid their school fees. If you are yet to pay, payment before the end of term will be appreciated. If you have lost your invoice, another mailing of accounts due will be sent early in Term 3.



Please clearly label your child's uniform and possessions. If they are named we can return any "lost" items to their rightful owner.

Please check that your child has brought home the correct item of clothing as all pieces of uniform look the same and another student's can be picked up inadvertently.

SEAN CHOOLBURRA PERFORMANCE



Last week we were treated to an outstanding performance from Sean Choolburra. Kyle Walden-Mills wrote this review of the show:

“Sean Choolburra is an Indigenous entertainer and comedian from Townsville. He visited our school and presented a very funny show.

My favourite part was when he said we should use Weet-bix instead of hay bales in a flood because they would soak up water better than hay bales or sandbags!

He has performed at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and entertained many schools as well. Sean Choolburra is a legend. Very funny. 10/10.”



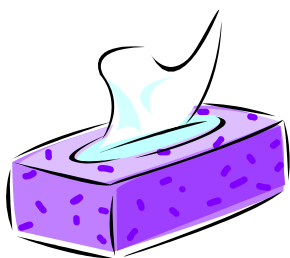
Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

Parents, if your child is sick, please keep them home as illnesses such as influenza or gastroenteritis can spread very quickly through the whole school population.



TISSUES

Now the winter has arrived and noses are constantly running, it would be a good idea to please check that your child comes to school armed with tissues or carries a handkerchief. The school does not supply tissues for students.

Under 15's Basketball

On Tuesday the 14th of June, 16 students travelled to Deniliquin for Under 15's basketball. The day saw us compete against Deniliquin and Finley High Schools.

The first game was the Barham boys VS Deniliquin. The boys, coached by Mr 'Coach Carter' Wren, put in a strong performance. However, the Deniliquin boys outperformed us in a close contest. The stars of game one were Jack Shannon who put on a show with his layup ability, and Leonard McClay who battled for every rebound against a team with some big boys.

The second game was the Barham girls VS Deniliquin. The girls should be commended for the way they played as a team and continually gave each other constructive feedback. The Deniliquin basketball association must be putting something in their water as they again outperformed us in another close game. Sophie Disher led and gave advice to the team and was a great asset on the day, along with Tammika Thompson who could have outshot Michael Jordan in this game.

Our third game saw the Barham boys take on Finley. Garry 'Superstar coach' Lolicato took a break from umpiring to put on his coach's jacket in this game and did a terrific job in getting the boys ready for the contest. The boys were in front for a large portion of the game but unfortunately the Finley boys kicked into gear late and ended up with a narrow win. Jake 'Lebron James' Dick-O'Flaherty starred in this game, attacking the basket every play. Matt 'Arnie' Faul also flexed his muscle dominating the defensive end.

Our final game featured the girls taking on Finley. This game saw everything click for the girls and they could easily have been mistaken for a professional squad as they played to the textbook throughout. Everyone played their role as they pressured the ball with full court defense and passed and shared the ball like the Chicago Bulls in their glory days. It was an outstanding win by the girls and they were thrilled to have the bragging rights over the boys.

Congratulations to all the Under 15's boys: Ned Mathers, Dom Dick-O'Flaherty, Jake Dick-O'Flaherty, Matt Faul, Jack Paterson, Jack Shannon and Leonard McClay and the Under 15's girls: Tatum Boyd, Amy Salter, Rachael Mason, Maddy McGowan, Abbey Free, Tammika Thompson, Sophie Disher, Brodie Carter and Macey Bott for their effort and behavior on the day. A special thanks also to Garry Lolicato who umpired three of the games and coached the other!



The girls team

Work placement

In week 7 Year 11 VET students completed their mandatory work placements at a number of local businesses around Barham. The work placement gives students the opportunity to apply the skills that they are developing within their VET courses in industry contexts. Students used the placements to work towards their Certificate I Engineering, Certificate II Hospitality, Certificate II Construction Pathways and Certificate II Rural Operations. This is one of the major advantages of students studying a VET course as it counts as TWO units towards their HSC but also allows the students to obtain a nationally recognised qualification. From the week of placement four students were offered part time employment.

We would like to thank the following businesses for hosting the VET students:

Scottwood Pastoral Partnership, Ash O'Neill Builder, Central Murray Builders, Barham Hotel, Chinos on Victoria, cluBarham, Coffee Canvas Providore, Riverside Café, Royal Hotel, BHS Canteen, Farmor Manufacturing, Colville Engineering, Hall's Maintenance & Fabrication.

The VET students have another planned work placement week in Term 3 Week 5 and some students will be completing work placements during the coming holidays. Some students are currently studying three VET courses which count as 6 units towards the HSC which allows them to obtain THREE different qualifications.

