

# Barham High Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

02/06/2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Reports

Term 2 is report writing time and the staff are frantically collating information. Reports for Year 11 are currently being compiled and will be ready next week for distribution while the reports for both Stage 4 and Stage 5 students will be handed out towards the end of term. If you are leaving on holidays before the end of term please contact the school to see if we may be able to organise an alternative distribution.

### Reconciliation week activities

We are celebrating reconciliation week with a performance from the widely renowned entertainer Sean Choolburra. He will be performing in our school hall and parents and members of the community are welcome to attend free of charge. The performance will begin tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9:00 am.

### Fairfax Drama Festival

Preparations have begun this week with students participating in workshops while developing their item for the Fairfax Drama Festival that will be held in Swan Hill later in the year. There has been a lot of excitement around the workshops and I look forward to watching their final performances.

Glenn Buchanan

*Principal*



## **FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK**

The mid to late part of term two sees a heavy concentration of tasks for most Stage 4 and Stage 5 subjects. Parents can assist by helping with general awareness and organisation of study and home preparation. Check that students have tasks recorded in diaries and that they are fully aware what tasks are to be completed in class and what tasks are to be handed in before 8:50 am on the day they are due. A little bit of organisation and preparation now can save a lot of heartache later on.

Mobile phones are still causing issues at school. Not only are calls and texts being made in class time but inappropriate photos and videos are being taken and distributed and phones have been used to interfere with other expensive electronic equipment. Please restrict your contact to lunch and recess. In cases of emergency you can contact the office and a message can be relayed. Please understand if your child's phone is confiscated for inappropriate use on more than one occasion you may have to collect it from school and the privilege will be removed.

Uniforms have generally been good considering the sudden change in weather. If your child is out of uniform for any reason a note or phone call to the school would be appreciated so that they can be issued a uniform pass. Out of uniform otherwise will result in a lunchtime detention. Just a reminder no matter what you have been told, black socks are not part of the uniform. White socks would make a great birthday gift or early Christmas present. I am sure your child would appreciate the gesture.

School photos are happening on Thursday 16th of June. Envelopes were distributed this week so if after searching the bottom of your child's school bag you still can't find it, please contact the school.

I hope to see as many parents and community members as possible at tomorrow morning's performance by Sean Choolburra. He comes highly recommended and it is free. The performance will be in the school hall and if you could be here before 9 am it would be greatly appreciated.

***Ian McConnell***  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## Science

On a very frosty Monday morning the Year 11 Biology class braved the elements to complete their mandatory fieldwork in the nearby Gunbower State Forest. Despite the weather they managed quite well and did a fantastic job completing all the required tasks (I think the fire and hot cuppas helped!). We even carried out two 'good Samaritan' acts of extinguishing camp fires that had been left going when people departed. Thanks to all students for an enjoyable day, although I don't think they all enjoyed it as much as I did.

BHS has again entered the RACI Crystal Growing Competition and Kerri is busy nurturing them at the moment. They have a few weeks left to grow before they get sent off and let me tell you they look pretty good. I'm not sure we can top last year's amazing results, but should get pretty close.

Chris Phelan and Lachie Lyons both competed in the online Big Science Competition and Chris also completed the ICAS Science Competition. These results won't come in for quite some time, but I would like to congratulate them for challenging themselves outside the classroom.

Miss Dennis has been very busy with the Science Club this semester and the Year 8 girls made an excellent video about Space. She was also successful again in securing a grant to run activities during Science Week, so keep an eye out for that next term. This year's activities will be quite different to last years, so stay tuned!



Jorj, Brit, Rach, Brittney & Mikayla  
conducting their transect



Team work in the field at its finest!



Flora & Zoe working in the forest



## **WEEK GR8 IS COMING!! - 14 to 17 June**

**Keep an eye out for information that will let you know the lunchtime activities & yummy food that will be on offer.**

Let's embrace our strengths.

### **SRC CAMP**

#### **SRC News**

In Week 4 the Year 9 SRC reps Sophie, Sam and James accompanied Mrs Farrant to the Wagga Wagga Operational Directorate (#WWSRC) SRC Conference at Warrambui, just outside Murrumbateman. They spent the week with 125 other students from Year 9-11 from 45 different schools covering an area from Wollongong to Bega, Coomealla to Cobar and Barham to Tumut. The theme for this year's conference was 'You're the Voice' which meant that most of the presentations and flexi-shops students engaged in, concentrated on the importance of students using their voice to be more involved in the decision making processes within their school, not merely being a fundraising body. This directly relates to the Wellbeing Framework, which states that every student in NSW public schools can connect, succeed & thrive at school and beyond. This framework encourages schools to provide opportunities for ALL students to succeed, not just some or a few. Keep an eye out for how BHS SRC will be using their voice in the future.

I would like to thank all three students for being excellent ambassadors for our school and our region and I would like to congratulate James on being elected as part of the leadership team for 2017. James will be involved in organising the program and running flexi-shops and activities at next year's conference. We wish James all the best for this amazing opportunity.

*"It was a great experience. I enjoyed discussing ways to improve the SRC and use our voice more. I look forward to working with the other 16 leaders to make SRCs better and make SRCs more inviting for students, so more want to be involved. I am very thankful for the opportunity to go to the conference and can't wait for next year."* James Lang

*"The SRC Conference was a fun and interesting experience. I learnt a lot and hope to help teach the SRC what I have learnt and look forward to implementing new ideas into the school"* Sam

*"The conference was a great experience and I learnt many new leadership skills. The skill I learnt to use more was my voice. I came away with many new SRC ideas that I hope to put in place in the near future."* Sophie



*Big ideas discussion group*



*Our country bus*



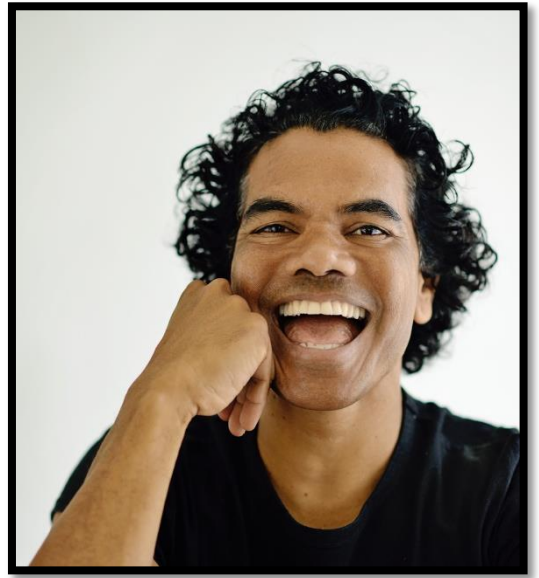
*Sophie in the team challenge*





Sam & James in “priest of the parish”  
(Can you spot them?)

James’ team working together  
(That’s James with his back to us.)



# Sean Choolburra

## Performance

Renowned entertainer Sean Choolburra will perform at Barham High School to celebrate Reconciliation Week. Sean is a dynamic comedian, dancer, storyteller, rap singer and didgeridoo player. He has performed with the Bangarra Dance Company, appeared on numerous television shows, and featured at the Melbourne Comedy Festival. We are privileged to have him at our school.

**Sean will perform at Barham High School on June 3 at 9am.**

Parents, caregivers and community members are welcome to attend this special event and celebrate Reconciliation week together.





# National Reconciliation Week 2016

27 May to 3 June

## OUR HISTORY, OUR STORY, OUR FUTURE

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country

As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow

Reconciliation is at the heart of our nation's future

Join us on our nation's journey at [reconciliation.org.au/nrw](http://reconciliation.org.au/nrw) and make reconciliation part of your future.





## Keep Kids Safe: #parentscheckthecheck!

Parents or carers who engage the services of a private tutor or coach have an important role to play in helping to keep their children safe.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 adults who provide private tuition or coaching services to children will need to obtain a new Working With Children Check.

The Certificate for Self Employed People will no longer be valid after their expiry date and the certificate holders will need to apply for a new Working With Children Check.


Parents or carers should ask their child's tutor or coach for their name, date of birth and their Working With Children Check number.

They must then go online and verify the tutor or coach is not barred from working with children in NSW.

Verifying that a tutor or coach can work with children is quick and easy – just follow the simple steps at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck)




If you suspect that an adult is providing services to children without a Working With Children Check you can go online to make a confidential report or phone (02) 9286 7219.





Help to keep kids safe by sharing **#parentscheckthecheck** with your family and friends through your own social media networks.



# PARENTS

Has your child's private tutor or coach had a **Working With Children Check?**

-  Tutors must have a current WWCC
-  Parents must verify the WWCC online
-  Got a clearance? You're good to go!

   Scan the QR code 

[www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck)

**YOUR MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



## **Local Census jobs available now**

Make a difference in your community and join Australia's largest logistical peacetime operation – the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria. If you're community minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. They'll also earn around \$21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you'll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.

To apply or find more information, visit [www.abs.gov.au/careers](http://www.abs.gov.au/careers)