

Barham High Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 6

25/08/2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C Meeting

We had another engaging conversation this month during our monthly P&C meeting where we investigated some of the recently released NAPLAN data for Barham High School. Overall, the growth data we have been able to demonstrate with our Year 7 and 9 students is quite exceptional. For us, it is validation that a number of our support programs and initiatives are having a positive effect on student learning outcomes. A reminder that our P&C meets every third Monday of the month and that all interested parents are most welcome to attend.

NAPLAN results will be going home this week via the mail. Please contact the school for any assistance.

Year 12

The Year 12 trial HSC examinations are now complete and our teachers are busily marking and providing feedback to the students. I would very strongly encourage the Year 12 students to continue with their application and stay focussed and engaged. The completion of the trial examinations does not mark a finish line, merely an indication to begin the final sprint. Please make use of any available resources as you prepare for the culmination of your schooling experience.

We have plenty of avenues for support, please make use of them. Our teachers are subject matter experts, make use of their expertise and listen to their advice.

Science Week

Many thanks to Miss Dennis, Mrs Farrant and Ms Ackland for hosting an excellent Science week Open night. I have received lots of positive feedback from people who participated in the event. Thank you also for the many and varied science activities that were conducted during lunchtime throughout Science Week for the entertainment of our students.

As an extra bonus, we kicked off our Year 6 transition program with students from our feeder schools participating in a morning of activities, also co-ordinated by Miss Dennis. Thank you to the BHS students who assisted on the day.

Year 11 Workplacement

Last week also saw out Vocational Education and Training (VET) students participate in work placement. We offer a number of vocationally based courses in our senior school; these include Hospitality, Metal and Engineering, Construction, and Primary Industries. These courses teach our students the skills they need to be able to work in

specific industries. One of the requirements of the course is that the students spend a minimum of 70 hours practising their skills in a genuine workplace environment. Last week many of our students took the opportunity to experience the “real world”. I thank the various employers who kindly looked after our students and thank them also for their commitment to public education.

Glenn Buchanan

Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

A big thank you from me for your attention to school uniform of late. The wearing of full school uniform indicates pride in Barham High School and a willingness to be part of a team. Black socks do occasionally appear and they are definitely not part of uniform. The penalty for out of uniform is a lunchtime detention with me unless, of course, the student has a note of explanation-zipper broken, uniform failed to dry and so on. With the onset of spring, it is the season when jumpers and coats get shed as cool mornings warm into sunny afternoons. It is important that names be on all clothing in case they are inadvertently left lying around.

We still have a few latecomers and parents are reminded that school starts at 8:50am sharp. It is disruptive to classes if students arrive late. Once again, latecomers will complete a lunchtime detention with me unless there is a bona fide explanation by note or phone.

The subject lines for Year 11 2017 are nearing finalisation and they will be given to Year 10 students next week. Once again, a big thank you for your positive application to this important process. We believe we are creating a curriculum pattern that reflects the needs of Barham High School students.

The last two weeks have been hectic with Year 12 trial exams, science week activities including our 6-7 transition program and VET work placements. With the Preliminary course drawing to a close assessments are being finalised before the end of Preliminary course exams which will happen in week 10. This is a stressful period for our Year 11 students so a little TLC may be needed.

Ian McConnell
(Relieving Deputy)

Congratulations to Lachie Lyons who achieved a Distinction in the Big Science Competition and Chris Phelan for achieving a Merit in the ICAS Science Competition

Careers news.....

Year 10 Job Seeking Skills

All Year 10 students have been issued notes regarding the **'Get That Job Day'** on Mon 5th September and **'Mock Interviews'** on Tue 13th September. These events are not only assessment tasks they are invaluable opportunities to develop self-confidence, job seeking and life skills. **Excursion notes for 'Get That Job' are due to the front office with \$10 by Mon 29th August.**



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of courses

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SRC Basketball Competition

Wednesday 24 th Aug	The Pigeons vs Team Maddy	Super VI's vs Frozen Doritos
Thursday 25 th Aug	Grace's girls vs LOL	Bye – The Red Pandas
Wednesday 31 st Aug	The Pigeons vs Super VI's	Grace's girls vs Frozen Doritos
Thursday 1 st Sept	Team Maddy vs The Red Pandas	Bye – LOL
Wednesday 7 th Sept	The Pigeons vs Frozen Doritos	Super VI's vs LOL
Thursday 8 th Sept	The Red Pandas vs Grace's girls	Bye – Team Maddy
Wednesday 14 th Sept	The Pigeons vs LOL	Super VI's vs Team Maddy
Thursday 15 th Sept	Frozen Doritos vs The Red Pandas	Bye – Grace's girls

Week 10 – Finals

A Sportsperson Award will be given out per game



Spring into YOGA with Jo Cunningham

Gentle stretch & relaxation – body mind balance
- **Dynamic movement – vinyasa flow**

If you are interested in joining a class please call or email :

Jo Cunningham YOGA

0423 249445

jagadamba1@yahoo.com

To be held at Riverside Reception Centre, Barham

- General class (gentle & relaxing) Thursdays @ 4pm (75 mins)
- Intermediate class (Dynamic) Thursdays @ 5:30pm (75 mins)

Starting 1st September. All welcome

National Science Week 2016

Just like that, another jam-packed week of celebrating the wonder and curiosity of Science has passed us by. And what a week it was!

We began with a paper plane throwing competition on Tuesday. There were some very innovative designs, and our eventual winners were Ashleigh, Adam and Abbey – congratulations!

Lunchtimes saw Science Club students putting together artworks based on the theme 'Droids, Drones and Robots.' The rationale behind our Science v Art theme this year was looking at the creativity and collaboration required in both fields. Understanding that approaching challenges and tasks from a creative perspective was crucial to our theme, as was showing students how we all interpret the same theme differently. These ideas certainly came out in the students' works and we are looking forward to displaying them around the school.

On Monday we welcomed Year 5/6 students from the feeder primary schools for a morning of hands-on activities and challenges. The students made mini 'Vibrobots' using the same motor that makes smartphones vibrate. They attached the motor to a toothbrush, then they made an animal with legs that moved out of pipe cleaners, and finally, used recyclable materials to create a mini-robot. There were lots of laughs and inventive designs, and the students demonstrated their excellent problem solving and teamwork skills. They then had to construct spaghetti and marshmallow bridges that could hold 150 grams. Lots of fun was had, but it was agreed by everyone that we will leave traditional materials for the construction of bridges in the future!

Our Open Night rounded out our celebrations and it was wonderful to see so many community members playing with slime, making mini-volcanoes, enjoy our screening of the Scinema short films and adding their stamp to the community art installations. We also put together a mammoth 118 cupcake periodic table of the elements that was not only educational, but also delicious! Visitors to the open night got to pick their favourite element and test their knowledge. Overall it was a fantastic night and the buzz and excitement for Science was definitely in the air. Thank you to everyone who attended and had fun!

A huge thank you to the National Science Week Team for our generous grant that helped us to run so many of these great activities and thanks also to all the fabulous Science Club students who worked hard all year to make it all happen.

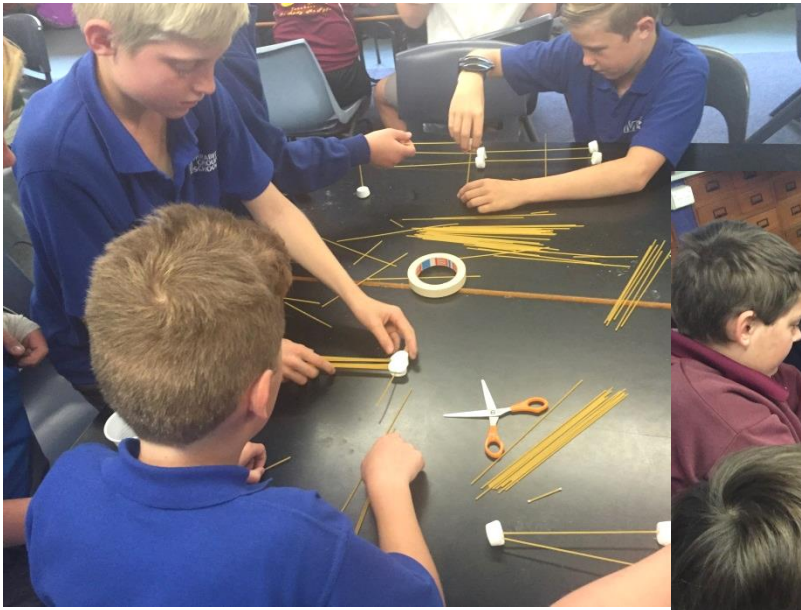
A final massive thank you must go to Mrs Farrant, Mr Lang and Mrs Lolicato for helping Miss Dennis' crazy dreams become a reality, as well as Mrs McConnell, Mr McConnell and Ms Ackland for their assistance on the night. The event would not have been possible without you all.

It's hard to believe it's all over for another year, but we've already got our thinking caps on for next year. Watch this space!

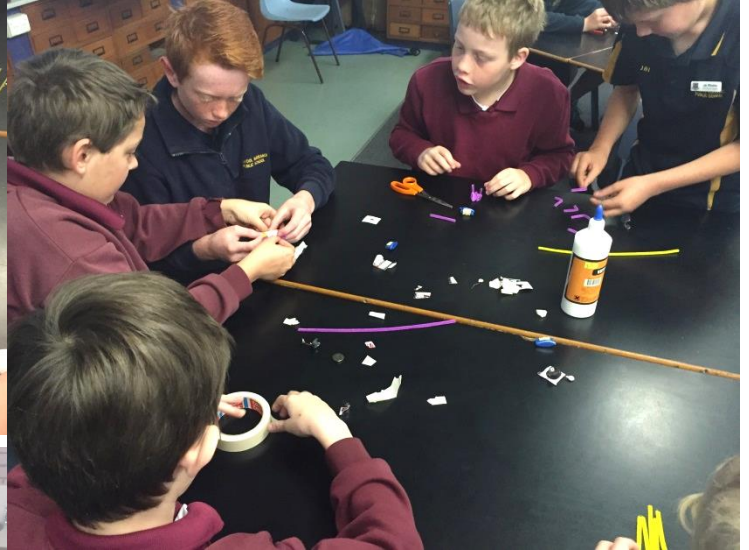


The open night in full swing

National Science Week 2016



Left: Primary students making bridges from non-tritional materials



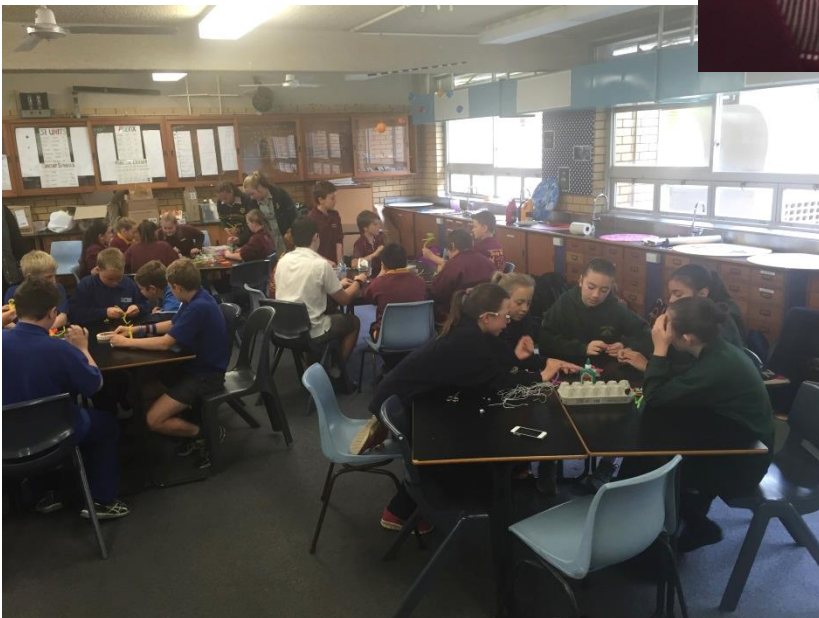
Below: Primary students putting together Vibrobots



Above Left: Testing our Vibrobots

Above: Primary students receiving some expert advice.

Left: Years 5/6 students using their problem-solving skills



National Science Week 2016



Our 118 cupcake
Periodic Table,
Educational and
Delicious!

Right: The girls are in their
'element'

Below Left: Getting hands-on with
slime

Below Right: building bridges

