

Barham High Newsletter

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Term1 Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another wonderful academic year at Barham High School. We are quite thankful that the extreme weather conditions of our first week back have abated somewhat which has made life at school significantly more comfortable. It is lovely to see the students back into their lessons, ready to learn.

This year, the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program will be deployed into our schools. This program has been a decade in the making and is one of the largest public sector business reform initiatives in NSW. Our office staff will be leading the implementation of this new initiative as we overhaul the financial operations within the school and introduce a raft of new educational enhancing applications.

I have been chosen to lead the deployment of this program to 25 schools in our "local geographic area" ranging from schools in Hay, Deniliquin, Finley and Barham as well as schools in those surrounding areas. To that end, I will be based at the Deniliquin regional office starting in Week 6 until the end of Term 3. Mr Brendan Yu has been selected to replace me during that time. I thank Mr Yu for putting himself forward to take on this responsibility. Whilst I will miss Barham High School and our staff and students, I am very excited to take on this important role and look forward to returning later in the year armed with a plethora of new understanding and expertise.

I would like to welcome Mr Peter Mulholland to the school as our new music/LOTE teacher and also Ms Aileen Clear who has replaced Miss Fiona Smee for the first semester as she fills a Teachers Federation role in Sydney.

School Swimming Carnival

The weather was made to order last Thursday night when we held our school swimming carnival. It was great to see so many interested community members there to cheer the swimmers on, especially the exciting relays at the conclusion of the event. It was incredible to see the records tumble – congratulations to all involved.

Leaders Induction Ceremony

This week we welcomed our new school leaders for 2017. Congratulations to our new School Captains, House Captains and SRC representatives who will represent the school admirably. A special thank you goes to the students of Barham High School for their impeccable manners and high standard of school uniform displayed on the day.

Year 7 Welcome BBQ

It was a pleasure to meet the families of our new enrolments on Tuesday night at our annual Year 7 Welcome BBQ. A low key affair was well organised by our Year 7 adviser, Miss Any Dennis who had plenty of willing helpers to make the evening a success. Thank you to those who attended and I hope they enjoyed the quick tour of our wonderful school and the great resources we use for the benefit of our students.

Bus Lane

A reminder to all students and parents that the yellow marked bus zone at the front of the school is a pedestrian free zone during bus times. This is for the safety of all as it can be quite chaotic, especially in the afternoons. Pedestrians are requested to walk around the yellow painted zone.

Glenn Buchanan (Principal)



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

It has been a hectic start to 2017 and many school activities have already taken place.

A big thank you goes to Mr Taylor for conducting the election process for our 2017 Student Leaders. The Student Leaders were inducted at a Formal assembly held last Monday at cluBarham. During that ceremony Mr Des Jones, representing the family of the late Jack Jones, presented The 2016 Dux of BHS medal to Emily Jones which was accepted on her behalf by Nicola Jones. Des was in Year 9 when the current high school buildings were first occupied in 1967. The High School appreciates not only the money provided but also the fact that Des travels from Yarrawonga each year to make the presentation in person.

The Year 11 cohort received their Preliminary Assessment booklets at a well-attended assessment information evening held last week. It was stressed to all those attending that it is most important that students become familiar with the content of that booklet.

Congratulations to Mr Wren and the PDPHE faculty for the successful running of the swimming carnival last Thursday evening. A few long standing records tumbled and the Zone Carnival results are eagerly awaited.

This week we hosted the incoming Year 7's and their families at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ. It was an enjoyable evening and I thank Miss Amy Dennis for her organisation of the event.

School uniform issues are minimal so far but please remember to write a note if your child is out of uniform for any reason. Being out of uniform without a note will result in some loss of lunch time privileges. Being late for school without a reason will attract a similar penalty.

Ian McConnell (Deputy Principal)

Year 8 South Coast Excursion

Information notes (handed out at end of last year) and permission notes (this week) have now been distributed to Year 8 students. The excursion will be held from **Wed 15th to Fri 17th March**. Notes and a \$100 deposit are required to the front office by Friday 24th February, with full payment to be made by Friday 10th March. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or online through the Barham High School website. If you have any questions regarding the excursion, including payments please contact Mr McConnell or Mrs Farrant during school hours.



Summer Hygiene:

Now that the weather is warming up and students are bringing deodorant to school to use after sport and PDHPE lessons, it is a timely reminder that aerosols are **NOT ALLOWED**. These can cause very severe allergic reactions to some people and will be confiscated if they are brought to school. Please make sure that you bring roll-on deodorants only to school.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – First ever for Barham High School:

Well done Abbey Hird!

I began the Duke of Edinburgh in 2014, encouraged by both my curiosity and the numerous benefits that accompany achieving such a highly recognised award. Each year, following my completion of each level of the award, beginning with Bronze, progressing to Silver and finally Gold, I challenged myself to extend my commitments and complete further levels. At the beginning of 2016 I created a personal goal to achieve my Gold award, which involved a commitment to a physical recreation activity, learning a skill and community volunteering for one hour each week for an entire year.

At times achieving my Gold award was difficult and challenging, particularly on 4 day camping expeditions and the 5 day Residential Project I completed volunteering with the Great Victorian Bike Ride in 2016. Finding motivation to continue required me to evaluate myself and I believe I have fostered my own determination and perseverance as a result of some of these challenges. My continued involvement with this award has led to a number of personal achievements. I discovered enjoyment in cycling and completed the Great Victorian Bike Ride as a participant in 2014, introduced myself to handmade crafts such as sewing, paper craft and quilting and was encouraged by the award to earn my driver's license last year.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has encouraged me to embrace my individuality and work hard to fulfil the goals I set for myself. I would like to thank all those who assisted me during my award, particularly Barham High School's Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator Mrs Mandy McConnell, who was a huge support and motivator throughout the three and half years I spent completing all three levels of the Award and I would absolutely encourage anyone to consider undertaking this esteemed and worthwhile award. I am so grateful to have completed the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and I look forward to the opportunities and experiences that the award will undoubtedly bring in the future.

Abbey Hird



Induction of School Leaders

A formal ceremony was held at cluBarham on Monday 20th February to induct our school leaders for 2017. Elections for the School Captains and House Captains had been held in October of 2016, and elections for members of the Student Representative Council were held on Monday 13th February. Our school leaders for 2016 are:

School Captains: Andrew Buchanan and Jorja McGowan

Vice-Captains: Samuel Barr and Mikayla Penrose

Student Representative Council:

Year 7 – Sam Frost, Lochlan Sommerfield, Teesha Thompson

Year 8 – Tatum Boyd, Kalani Scoullar

Year 9 – Ashleigh Chenhall, Yvette McLaughlin, Imogen O’Sullivan

Year 10 – Samuel McGowan

Year 11 – Garry Lolicato

Scholarships were also presented to students at this ceremony, with the recipients being chosen on the basis of their application and achievement in 2016.

Year 10 – Sophie Disher, Matthew Hird

Year 11 – Nicola Jones, Kasey McClay

Year 12 – Abbey Hird, Brittney McInnes

The Jim and Greg McConnell Award for Senior Studies was presented to Taylah Thompson.

The final presentation was the Jack Jones Memorial Award for the Dux of 2016. Nicola Jones collected this award on behalf of her sister, Emily. Since Emily has already commenced her tertiary studies in Bendigo, she had sent her response to be read, expressing her gratitude to the whole school community for the support she had received and with some very sound advice for our current students.

Mark Barnes and Max Webb entertained those present with a rendition of *Mortal Kombat*.



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Barham High School Swimming Carnival

On Thursday evening, the 16th of February, Barham High School held its annual twilight swimming carnival at the Koondrook Pool. The weather was fit for the occasion and the students are to be commended on their attendance, highlighted by Cadelslee with 47 of their 51 house members attending. It was fantastic to see the number of students and parents in attendance and we thank you for your support.

This year saw some more sensational results from our hard working athletes. These were highlighted by the records broken by Maddison McGowan in the 15 girls 66 metre backstroke and Samuel McGowan in the 16 boys 66 metre freestyle, open boys 33 metre butterfly and 100 metre freestyle and the 16 boys 66 metre breaststroke, great effort guys!

Our age champions all swam incredibly well on the night and are worthy recipients in their age group. They are as follows:

12 year boys: Blake Glynn
13 year boys: Dominic Dick-O'Flaherty
13 year girls: Kirby Bott
14 year boys: Ned Mathers
14 year girls: Indeah Campbell
15 year boys: Leonard McClay
15 year girls: Maddison McGowan
16 year boys: Sam McGowan
16 year girls: Macey Bott
17+ boys: Garry Lolicato
17+ girls: Jorja McGowan

The big winner on the night, the champion house, was Cadelslee. Fantastic leadership by their house captains and the massive attendance number was vital for their win, congratulations.

A huge thank you goes to the parents, volunteers, pool committee, high school staff and the students for yet another successful swimming carnival. We look forward to your support and continued enthusiasm at term two's Athletics Carnival.







A friendly reminder: to 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.

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 Student Transport Scheme



Bus students living in NSW who reside more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from their bus stop may be eligible for the Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy.

A new application is required when a student changes:

1. school, including from primary to high school
2. residential address
3. transport pick up point

This is an online procedure: www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

The school has information flyers for anyone who needs help with this.

Please note that a Year 7 student who received the subsidy as a primary school student must re-apply.

Dear parent/s or caregivers,

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps to build and maintain friendships with other children. If children miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they often experience difficulties in coping with their schoolwork in later years. You can help your child by getting involved with their learning right from the start and encouraging them to go to school.

Must I send my child to school every day? Yes – unless:

- Your child is too sick to go to school
- Your child has been injured
- Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- Your child has an infectious illness (such as chicken pox, mumps or measles)
- There is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

Must my child attend sport? Yes. Sport is part of normal school activity which students must attend.

What does my child's teacher have to do?

- Mark attendance rolls every day
- Request a note of explanation if your child has been absent
- Inform the relevant contact person if your child is absent
- Make phone calls home to check on your child's wellbeing if your child is absent a lot

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

- It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child is absent.
- Please provide a written note explaining the absence or contact the school by telephone.
- Any absence from school needs to be explained within seven days of the absence.

My child won't go to school – what should I do? You should contact your school principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help. The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you.

Please remember to try to make non-urgent appointments with dentists and doctors before and after school.

Do not keep your child away from school for:

- birthdays
- minding other children
- hair cuts
- shopping



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When life pressures are causing you stress, you can take action. NewAccess is a FREE coaching program to improve your mood and get you back to the things you used to enjoy.

Call **02 6923 3195** or go to
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Charles Sturt University HSC Chemistry Day

Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga hosted the HSC chemistry study days on each day during Week 3, with over 250 HSC chemistry students from Riverina high schools in attendance. Barham High School chemistry students, Sam Barr, Andrew Buchanan, Abbey Hird and Sharey Green, made the long trip to the Wagga Wagga CSU campus last Friday to participate in this program. Not only were they able to use the latest technology available in analytical chemistry, they also had the opportunity to interview practising research scientists to gain a better understanding of the work they carry out as well as pathways available to chemistry graduates. Each topic covered was mandatory to the HSC chemistry course. This is a highly valued program, important to rural and remote high school students and is well worth the pain of the very early start time and large travelling distance.





RAIDERS NETBALL



13 & 15's TRAINING 5pm Thursday 23rd Feb
17's TRAINING 6pm Thursday 23rd Feb

Queries to Tania Peters: 0467 539230

Do you LIKE, Love or want to be involved in...

FREEZA WANTS YOU

FREEZA IS A GROUP OF YOUNG, VIBRANT LOCALS (AGED 14-25) WHO WORK TOGETHER TO ORGANISE EVENTS INCLUDING: COLOUR RUN, SKATE WORKSHOPS AND POOL PARTIES.

BE INVOLVED IN EVENT PLANNING, SOUND AND LIGHTING, MARKETING, PUBLICITY AND FUN EVENTS FOR ALL AGES IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

LOOK OUT FOR: ARVO TEA AND CHAT AT NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (NDCHS), KERANG @ 4PM TUES 21ST FEB. SEE YOU THERE!

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Planning

Arts &
Culture

Music
Industry

Graphic
Design

Sounds &
Lighting

Having
FUN!!

Event
Management



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of Industry**
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Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills*



**Help is available to pay
your energy bills.**

**For information on
rebates and emergency
assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW
on 137 788**

** eligibility criteria apply*

YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATE/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Family Energy Rebate* – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part a or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadline is available from our website.

NSW Gas Rebate* – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

Medical Energy Rebate* – \$236 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

Low Income Household Rebate* – \$236 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

Life Support Rebate* – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

EAPA* – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebate or emergency assistance. Go to www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.

If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.

REMEMBER

**If you have a DHS (Centrelink) Health Care Card you could qualify for the
Low Income Household Rebate and/or NSW Gas Rebate.**