

Barham High Newsletter

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Term1 Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic and busy start to the year at Barham High School. As Mr Buchanan mentioned in the previous newsletter he has been seconded into the LMBR program and I will be relieving in the Principal position until he returns in term 4. I am looking forward to working with the staff and the community to the benefit of the students at Barham High during this time, and am excited for the year ahead.

As a result of relieving in the Principal position, my position of Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE needed to be filled. I am pleased to announce that Mr Rhys Martin has been selected to relieve in this position. He will continue to teach a number of his own classes, but will also be responsible for supervising the subjects within the TAS/PDHPE faculty. Well done and thank you Rhys for taking on the challenge.

Miss Ann Frizell will be covering the Preliminary Industrial Technology Timber class. We have combined with Deniliquin TAFE to deliver and assess the VET Construction and VET Metal & Engineering courses for this year and Mr John Westacott will be taking my Stage 5 Industrial Technology Metal and Industrial Technology Timber classes.

Zone and Riverina Swimming Carnival

It was fantastic to see so many students representing BHS at the regional swimming carnival in Deniliquin last week with a number of successes and wins. Well done guys we are very proud of all your efforts. We had four students represent the region at the Riverina swimming carnival, with even more success. Congratulations go to Kirby Bott for competing in her first of many Riverina swimming carnivals, Leonard McClay on bettering his qualifying time and to Sam McGowan and Maddy McGowan for qualifying for the State swimming carnival.

Recognition of NAPLAN Results

We are very pleased that ACARA has identified our school as having demonstrated substantially above average growth in NAPLAN results from Year 7 to Year 9.

Identified high gain schools demonstrate substantial NAPLAN improvement in both reading and numeracy as follows:

1. an overall gain that exceeds the national average by more than one standard deviation unit; and
2. an overall gain higher than schools with similar ICSEA levels, by more than one standard deviation unit; and
3. an overall gain higher than that shown by students with the same NAPLAN starting score, also by more than one standard deviation unit.

Growth of this magnitude is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging. We offer our congratulations to the school community. Please see the fact sheet within the newsletter from ACARA.

Sporting Representation

We complement the academic offerings at BHS with a wide and varied range of sporting experiences at carnivals and gala days. This year is no different to any other and I'd like to encourage the students to see their teachers prior to the day to see what work they will be missing.

Parent Email/Contact details

We have had the majority of note bundles coming into the front office and being entered on to our school system by our hard working office staff. However, we don't have that many parent email addresses. If you have provided the school with a parental email address, we are capable of sending a link to an electronic copy of the newsletter and send permission notes home for a faster turn-around.

BHS Facebook page

For our new students, parents and families of BHS who have a Facebook account, you can like our BHS Facebook page to keep up to date with student achievements and work throughout the year. Search Barham High School in Facebook and like our page to follow the year as it progresses.

https://www.facebook.com/BarhamHighSchool/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

BHS Website

We have moved away from our paper copies of calendars as there are events which are added as the year goes on. To stay up to date with upcoming events visit our School Website and click on the calendar to see what is happening this year.

<http://www.barham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

P&C

The first P&C meeting occurred in Week 4 (20/2) and was well attended. If you are a new parent and want to have input or want to share ideas, I encourage you to come to our next meeting Monday 20th March at 6:30pm where we will be having a canteen meeting prior to the P&C agenda items following.

Brendan Yu - Relieving Principal

RSL DONATION



On Friday representatives from the Barham RSL, Mr Bill O'Malley and Ms Christine Dartnell, presented the school with a very generous donation of \$500 which will be used to assist the education of Barham High School students. We thank the Barham RSL most sincerely for their generosity and largess. The true mark of an inclusive community is where local organisations can provide support to each other. We are very lucky indeed to have a close relationship with this worthy organisation.



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Congratulations to Lachie Lyons and Erin McConnell for recent successes in the Lions Youth of the Year contest. See later article.

The student after school tutorial program will commence again next Tuesday and will run for the rest of this term. With assessments becoming more frequent as the term progresses it is a good opportunity to access school resources. The sessions will start at about 3.20pm and will run through until about 5pm.

Next week we have two groups going out on excursions. On Wednesday all Stage 5 will take part in the Mandatory HSIE fieldwork as they visit local sites. From Wednesday to Friday Year 8 will make the annual pilgrimage to the Victorian South Coast. This year students will have an extra experience at the Bendigo Science and Technology Centre on the way there. Excursions are great learning experiences and these first hand activities develop a better understanding of the natural world.

A day to mark in your calendars will be Wednesday March 29th for the term 1 parent teacher interviews. These will take place from 3.30 pm -7 pm. Watch this space for more detail.

Just to add a reminder to the article in the last newsletter regarding school attendance. Students must attend school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances including sickness and/or serious family situations which need their involvement.

Ian McConnell (Deputy Principal)

Lions Youth of the Year

The Barham Lions Club Youth of the Year contest was held on Monday 27th of February. After interviews, impromptu and prepared speeches the eventual winner was Lachie Lyons. Erin McConnell won the Public Speaking award. Congratulations to these two Year 11 students who were fine ambassadors for our school. The photo shows Erin and Lachie with judges Jenny Callow, Sue Radywonik and Lorrae Curry.

Lachie progressed to the next level of judging in Kerang on Sunday March 5th. Up against the best of talent from Kerang, Cohuna, Finley, Pyramid Hill and Girton College (Bendigo), Lachie won the Public Speaking award. This was the final contest in the Public speaking section so we congratulate Lachie on this significant achievement.



New Tullacoota House Captain

Since Jack Webb has left school to commence an apprenticeship, Brittney McInnes was inducted as the new Tullacoota house captain at a school assembly on Tuesday 28th February.



Rare Curlews

This rare and endangered pair of Curlews was spotted at school trying to find shade on a hot afternoon.

Schools demonstrating substantially above average gain

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia's national reporting program, including *My School*. The *My School* website is updated annually with the previous year's NAPLAN results and other enhancements.

For the past few years, ACARA has released information on schools demonstrating substantially above average gain in their NAPLAN results as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 5 to Year 9. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of acknowledgement.

School leaders in schools with above average gain can talk about how they achieved these gains to enable other schools to learn from them. For example, a new school-based literacy or numeracy initiative may have led to better NAPLAN results.

Identifying substantially above average gain

My School reports three type of gains in student achievement:

- i. overall gain compared to previous years; and
- ii. gain compared to schools with similar students based on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) level; and
- iii. gain compared to other students at the same average NAPLAN starting score.

Schools identified with above average gain have demonstrated substantial improvement in both reading and numeracy (except where noted) as follows:

1. an overall gain that exceeds the national average by more than one standard deviation unit; and
2. an overall gain higher than schools with similar ICSEA levels, by more than one standard deviation unit; and
3. an overall gain higher than that shown by students with the same NAPLAN starting score, also by more than one standard deviation unit.

In addition, to ensure diverse representation of schools within each state and territory and across ICSEA levels, some schools that do not meet these strict criteria on all three criteria, but nonetheless show gains that are significantly above average in reading and numeracy, were also identified.

All identified schools had to have matched NAPLAN results for at least 15 students and the overall percentages of matched students had to be higher than 70 per cent. For more information, [contact ACARA](#).

Premier's Reading Challenge

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Year 7 students at Barham High School will do the Challenge as part of their library class. Any other student interested can see Mrs Hildebrand to enrol.



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Practical Support for Higher School Certificate Examinations

Information for Students and Parents

The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results.

Students may need provisions for:

- a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to the Board of Studies. This application tells us which provisions the student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments.

Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents' role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports.

Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations.

Once the Board of Studies has made a decision about which provisions are approved or declined, a decision letter is provided to the school. The school will provide the student with a copy of the letter.

If you or the school are not satisfied with the Board's decision, it is possible for the school to lodge an appeal. Appeals must state why the Board's decision is unsuitable and must include new evidence to support the appeal.

If you think that you or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please discuss the matter with the Year Adviser, School Counsellor or teacher.

Raiders Junior Football Training

It has come to the coaches' attention that some of the Under 14.5's & Under 12's will have school commitments on Thursday the 16th March.

Therefore training will commence on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 5:30pm sharp at Barham Recreation Reserve

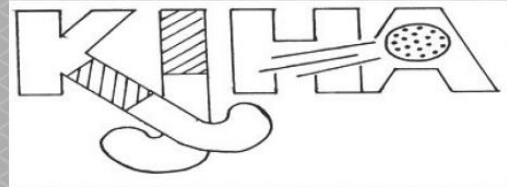
To be eligible for Raiders Junior Football in 2017 your child needs to have turned 9 on or before 1/1/2017.

Any questions please call Julie Frankling: 0429 841699

Get Hooked on Hockey

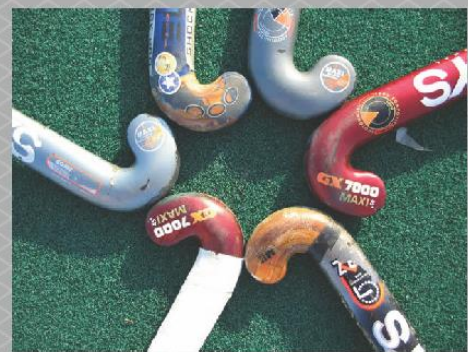
Try something different this season

**Kerang Junior Hockey Association
2017 season is starting soon. New
or existing players are invited to join
us for our:**



**"Come, Try and Register Day"
25th March 9am @ McLead Oval -
Kerang**

**Player ages start from 5 to 17
Season starts 22nd April 9am.
For more info call Mark 0407 551 465
or email on kjha3579@gmail.com**



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players - whether new or a returning player,
we have a team for you. LMHC trains in
Kerang and plays in Bendigo. We
have teams in A and B grade, men and
women and under 15. Age can be from
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