

# Barham High Newsletter



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Term1 Week 10

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic finish to our first term of 2017! Firstly, thank you and well done to the students and staff for your hard work with numerous achievements.

### Feeder School Visits

I had the pleasure of visiting the five primary feeder schools (Barham Public School, Koondrook Primary School, Wakool/Burraboi Public School, Moulamein Public School and Murrabit Primary School) to meet the 41 Year 6 students.

We will be having our first transition day for the smaller schools on the 27th April where the students will be participating in our school ANZAC ceremony, and having ANZAC themed lessons in a high school setting.

We are looking forward to hosting the schools and a separate transition day for the Barham Public School Year 6 students is being planned with Mrs Peach.

### Years 7 & 11 Excursions

The weather for both the Year 7 STEM Excursion and Year 11 Crossroads Excursion was exceptional, and we thoroughly enjoyed the warmer weather.

The STEM Excursion complemented the work being done by students in Science, Technology/Engineering and Mathematics as well as in Geography & Visual Arts.

The Year 11 Crossroads Excursion covers the mandatory aspect of the Stage 6 curriculum and delivers it in a comfortable environment.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

The newly introduced Term 1 parent teacher interview night was a great success, with nearly 65% of students' parents attending and gaining valuable feedback on their progress. If you missed out on this evening please feel free to contact the school early next term to talk to your child's teacher.

### Students Return

Students will be returning to school on Wednesday 26th April, which will be a Day 3 on the student timetables. I wish you all a safe and egg-cellent first term break and look forward to a very busy Term 2, when we have the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday of Week 2.

*Brendan Yu*

Relieving Principal





## FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Week 10 already! What a busy term it has been. The last couple of weeks have been especially hectic as most students have been completing assessment tasks of one description or another. It was fantastic to see such a large turnout of parents/caregivers at our Parent/Teacher evening last Wednesday. Many students also attended and this is to be encouraged.

Year 7 is currently in Melbourne attending the STEM excursion. A quick look at the running sheet indicates some great experiences ranging from A-Z (Aquarium to Zoo that is), with a tonne of other stuff thrown in. Year 7 have enjoyed an eventful first term at Barham High School and are gradually getting used to the routines and expectations of high school life. Well done to Mr Yu and Miss Dennis who will no doubt be looking forward to the holidays when they return on Friday.

Year 11 is at Anglesea attending the mandatory Crossroads excursion. Hopefully the weather remains fine and they get to enjoy some of the benefits of the South Coast. As well as sessions on study skills, drugs, alcohol and other adolescent issues the format is terrific for allowing the students to develop team skills which they will need as a group moving through the next two years. Many of the Year 11's will be involved in the Deb Ball early next term and we wish them all the best.

Our Breakfast Club goes from strength to strength and thanks to the staff for volunteering on a roster basis to help set up and clean up. Thanks also to community members who have donated food items. It will continue next term whilst there is sufficient interest on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Congratulations to Sam and Maddy McGowan who competed at the State Swimming Championships Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. It is a great feat just to get to this level and for Sam McGowan to achieve two personal best times by significant amounts is particularly noteworthy. Sam broke his own PB's in 100m butterfly and 100m breast stroke by 3s and 2.5s respectively.

Other fantastic achievements by our students include; Amy Salter who made it to emergency in the open age Riverina Girls Hockey team which competes in the up-coming state carnival in Tamworth, our Lawn Bowls and Open Boys Cricket teams which made it through to the next round of their competitions and our Chess and Tennis teams which were narrowly defeated in their competitions.

Tom Dennis (CSU student) conducted a film making workshop for our Stage 5 Photo/Dig, Vis Arts and IT elective classes last Thursday and it was a huge success. Thanks to Miss Dennis and Miss Sullivan for their collective efforts.

Our dance students also went through their paces last Friday to prepare their entry in the Riverina Dance Festival. A big thankyou once again to Alicia Marshall who goes out of her way to help our students.

The Tuesday afternoon tutorial program has started up again and students are encouraged to make use of this valuable time. It runs through to about 5pm.

Congratulations to Jack Webb, one of our Year 12 students who was successful in securing a great local apprenticeship. Well done Jack and best wishes for the future.

Everyone is reminded that students do not return to school until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April next term. Monday is a Staff Development Day and Tuesday is ANZAC day. The BHS ANZAC day Ceremony will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April and on that same day we welcome Year 6 students from our smaller primary schools to our first transition day which takes on an ANZAC day theme. On Tuesday of week two next term we have our Athletics Carnival and then in week three we have the Legal Studies Excursion and the Tertiary tour. All Year 10, 11

and 12 students are encouraged to go on the Tertiary tour as this year it visits regional tertiary institutions; Charles Sturt University, Wagga and Albury campuses, La Trobe University Wodonga and Wodonga TAFE. These institutions have many benefits for our students including fantastic courses, reduced ATAR requirements and significantly lower costs. They are country institutions that cater for country kids and offer world class courses.

I wish everyone a restful holiday and Easter break and look forward to term 2.

**Ian McConnell**  
Deputy Principal

## Careers News.....

Year 10 will begin their first block of **work experience** in Week 5 of Term 2 (22-26 May). Students are busy preparing their resumé, contacting a business of their choice and interest, and preparing the necessary paperwork. Thank you to those students who have completed the requirements so far. Work experience enables students to familiarise themselves with a working environment, and gives them a taste of the real world at work. Businesses nominate the times of work, the appropriate dress code and activities to be undertaken in the business arena.

In careers lessons **Year 9** are researching an interesting career of their choice. They are looking at duties to be undertaken, training (university, TAFE, apprenticeship, on the job), pathways of entrance to a job, pros and cons of the job and where studying certain subjects can benefit the choice.

**Year 10**, apart from their work experience preparation, are looking at work safe practices, and working through necessary modules prior to entering the world of work. Amongst the areas considered are health and safety responsibilities, manual handling, dealing with an emergency and personal safety.

**Year 12** are researching tertiary institutions looking at accommodation, support services, locality etc and the all-important question - Why study at this institution? This is followed with the query of why they will succeed at this course and this place. Another area of interest is for those seeking employment, preparing a useful resume, looking at job advertisements on line and preparing a cover letter to partner with a job application.

Week 3 (Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May) will see interested students from Years 10,11 and 12 attend the **Tertiary Tour** of both university and TAFE campuses at CSU Wagga Wagga and Albury, LaTrobe Wodonga and Wodonga TAFE. Students have been issued with a note. This is a great opportunity for students to experience university and TAFE life and explore the courses that are available.

Information booklets have arrived from

- **LaTrobe University**; see the poster outside the careers room for details; more details and registration are available by visiting [latrobe.edu.au/experience-ltu](http://latrobe.edu.au/experience-ltu)
- University of South Australia services for Schools
- **CSU MYDAY** (dates and details are on the poster on the board by the Careers Room)
- **Macquarie University** Undergraduate Course Guide for Year 12 students
- Macquarie University - Discover Macquarie for Years 10 and 11 students
- **UNSW** 2018 Undergraduate Guide
- **Western Sydney University** open day is Tuesday 30 May - Western Sydney U Day provides the opportunity for senior high school students to experience a day on a Western Sydney University campus; see Mrs McConnell for more details

Enjoy the holiday break and we look forward to more careers moves in term 2. Year 12 please use this time productively to develop a time management plan for study.

## Davidson Shield

Barham had a home match against Hay War Memorial High School in round 1 of the Davidson Shield Open Boys Cricket on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Hay batted first and made a very competitive 193 off their allotted 40 overs. Best of the Barham bowlers were Tom Guerra (3 for 38) and Kade Watts (3 for 23). Sam Cruse, BJ Baxter Jukes and Jake Vallence also picked up a wicket each and Garry Lolicato had only 15 runs taken off 6 tidy overs. Barham got away to a steady start in their run chase and Jake Vallence and Tom Guerra put on 47 runs for the opening stand. A series of useful partnerships edged the tally closer but at 9 for 181 it was anyone's game. Cool heads prevailed and Kade Watts and Sam Cruse were able to get the required runs in a nail biting finish. Tom Guerra completed a fine all round performance finishing with 38 runs. Useful contributions came from Dempsey Coote (24), Jake Vallence (20), Garry Lolicato (20), Clay Davis (17), Kade Watts (16 no) and Jesse Mayne (15).

A big thankyou to Tim Coote and the Barham/Koondrook Cricket Club for the ground preparation and to Sharon Lolicato for scoring. The next match will be against Wade High school in early term 4.





Our tennis players in action



## PROJECT 101





**T**he Year 7 Students currently feel 'on top of the world' at Eureka Skydeck and have enjoyed the first day of their STEM Excursion. The students have visited Federation Square, Eureka Skydeck and the Aquarium today. With visits to the LEGO Education Centre, MCG & NSM, Melbourne War Memorial, Graffiti Laneway, Melbourne Zoo and Queen Vic Markets to go over the next two days.



## **Year 7 STEM Excursion to Melbourne**



## YEAR 8 SOUTH COAST EXCURSION



In Week 7 of this term, the Year 8 students headed off on their excursion to the South Coast of Victoria. The excursion consisted of new and exciting places for many of us, including the Maritime Village, the Discovery Centre and the Laser Light Show about the ship *Loch Ard*, which was a highlight for most of us.

Driving along the coast, being able to experience the fantastic scenery of the Twelve Apostles, then walking down the many steps to the beach to get even closer, was an experience which I'm sure we'll all remember.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the teachers who came with us - Mrs Farrant, Miss Dennis and Mr Wren, for making the trip so great.

Tatum Boyd





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Wakool Burraboi  
Public School P&C

Resin Art

workshop

Learn how to use Resin to create your own beautiful 60x60 cm artwork  
while supporting your community!

WHEN

2 Classes  
Sunday 7th May

class 1

10:00<sub>am</sub>

class 2

2:00<sub>pm</sub>

\$ 180 per person

WHERE

Wakool Burraboi Public School

DETAILS

\$30 per participant will be donated to Wakool  
Burraboi Public School P&C

BOOK

Please contact Kimberley Macauley to book your place in a  
class by Monday 1st May  
Ph. 04 298 711 57

