

Barham High Newsletter



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Term 2 Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2016 Annual School Report

Over the last eight weeks, I have been reviewing the achievements that we made last year in the writing of the 2016 Annual School Report. The report has been published on the school web page and I encourage all parents to read it as this is a fantastic reflection of the programs and successes that we had.

It is available on the following link:

[https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/doe-nsw-schools/annual-report/2016/8461/2016 Barham High School Annual Report.pdf](https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/doe-nsw-schools/annual-report/2016/8461/2016%20Barham%20High%20School%20Annual%20Report.pdf)

As part of our planning and reporting, we are currently in the 3rd year of our 2015-17 School Plan. We will be reviewing our goals and assessing whether we have achieved these. Towards the end of Term 3 we will also begin our planning of the BHS 2018-2020 School Plan, which will drive the direction and targets for the school in the next three years.

LMBR

Schools within NSW are integrating towards a new school finance and management program to replace the existing OASIS, (currently in its 25th year). The Admin staff and I have been attending professional learning sessions in Deniliquin. This LMBR training is delivered by the deployment team that is led by Mr Buchanan.

Uniforms

The weather is rapidly getting cooler and there has been a backlog on delivery of school jumpers and pants. However Bree from Trend Skate n' Surf has contacted me this week to let parents know that the latest order has been delivered, and ready for students to get their winter uniforms. They can also do lay-by's to ensure the right size uniform can be put on hold.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 & 9 this week sat the NAPLAN tests, as did all the other students in those year groups across Australia. The tests are used to indicate a student's progress in their education for their year level, with the tests spaced two years apart to gain an insight into how the student has developed. There is no pass or fail but the resulting data produced from an external provider is used by staff at BHS to target classroom delivery at the level of the students.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was again a fantastic success with a high number of serious competitors in events, especially the junior girls, which is fantastic to see. Well done to all competitors on the day. We are still holding a number of events at lunch times, therefore the results have not yet been finalised. At this stage, they are all very close for Age Champions and Champion House.

Girls YES Program

BHS this term will be running the Girls YES Program for our Year 9 and Year 10 girls. The program will be run by Deniliquin TAFE here at school one day a week, and will be building the girls' skills in Hospitality, personal presentation and business skills. I look forward to seeing the progress of the girls who are participating in the program, which complements nicely with the Boys Project 101 that is happening this semester. In Semester 2 we will again be running separate programs for both the boys and girls at BHS.

Brendan Yu

Relieving Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Cyber safety workshops will be held on Thursday 11th May. Ex-police officer turned author, Fleur Ferris, will speak to Stage 4 and Stage 5 students about this very important issue. Topics covered will be from real life situations and experiences and will give our students the skills to be wary of on-line predators and other on-line pitfalls.

Stage 6 students will have Meningococcal vaccinations starting this Thursday. Vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council are offered free of charge by the Ministry of Health as part of the NSW School Vaccination program. If students are absent on the day catch ups will be held at a later date.

Our School CARE/welfare team and Hospitality class will host the annual Mothers' Day breakfast this Friday. If mothers, grandmothers or other significant females have not received an invitation, please consider yourself invited but let the school know as soon as possible for catering purposes. The breakfast will be held in the Hall from 7:30 am at a cost \$5.00 per family.

Next week is another busy week with many curricular and extra-curricular activities planned. On Tuesday the Under 15 boys and girls ANF teams travel to Deniliquin and there is a Down-the-Line shoot as well that day. On Wednesday we will present an Alcohol and Drugs workshop to all Stage 5 students and BHS have a team participating in the Naidoc Debating Challenge in Deniliquin. On Thursday, Year 11 Biology and Senior Science students will be completing mandatory fieldwork in the Gunbower forest. On Friday we have the Cross Country carnival.

It is great to see students making use of the tutorial program Tuesday afternoons from 3:20 pm and thanks to staff for supervising in the computer room to make this happen. A big thank you to staff who also supervise the free 'brekkie program' on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from about 8:20 am. All students know they can grab toast, cereal and juice free of charge on these mornings.

School photos will be happening on Thursday June 1st and the personalised pre-pay envelopes will be distributed next week. Family Envelopes will be attached to the envelope of the eldest sibling.

Ian McConnell
Deputy Principal

Careers News

Years 9-12 have been emailed **Careers News** information and a hard copy of this is in the Year 12 study.

Year 10 begin **Work Experience** in Week 5 (22-26 May) and have prepared with a safe@work module to fit their industry, and participated in a work readiness session. Both these two areas are compulsory prior to entering the workforce.

Areas of investigation and interest that our BHS students are working in include: Agriculture Machinery Maintenance, Building and Construction, Journalism, Hairdressing, Education, Hospitality, Real Estate and Office Administration, Nursing, Science Research, Information and Communication, Health Care, Plumbing, Water Management, Sound Technology, Vehicle Repair and Animal Care. Students are travelling to work in Sydney, Echuca, Deniliquin, Traralgon, Swan Hill, Kerang and locally in Barham and Koondrook. I look forward to visiting many of these young people as they enter the 'real world of work'.

Interesting Fact!

- In which Industries do Australians work? These four largest, collectively, account for around 40% of employment
 - **Health Care and Social Assistance**
 - **Retail Trade**
 - **Construction**
 - **Professional, Scientific and Technical Services**
 - Industries that recorded a fall in employment (although some subsectors within these had jobs growth)
 - **Manufacturing**
 - **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing**
 - **Wholesale trade**
 - **Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services**
 - The largest number of new jobs were created in
 - **Health Care and Social assistance**
 - **Professional, Scientific and Technical Services**
 - **Education and Training**
- Source: ABS, Labour Force 2016

In the mail this week

- ✓ **UNSW Health Careers** kit 2017; including flyers on the Rural Student Entry Scheme, and Indigenous Entry into Medicine - see Mrs O'D in the Careers room for details
- ✓ **Student Exchange Programs**; visit www.org.au. Applications for short term exchange programs departing in November and December are open. Semester and year programs depart in January 2018
- ✓ The magazine **GRDC Groundcover** issue May-June 2017 is available to borrow; covering topics such as climate, grain and graze, crop protection and development, water use, markets and many more.
- ✓ Course Guide for 2018 Federation University (Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland, Wimmera and Online)

Interested in a **Career in the Military**? visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Adfa/

Information sessions are being held at:

Albury 29 May ADF Careers session; Swan Hill 8 June, Trades Info session; Please see me for details.

Christine O'Donoghue

B.H.S. LUNCH TIMES

Monday to Thursday: 11:40am → 12:20pm

Friday: 10:50am → 11:20am

Year 7 Melbourne Excursion

In Week 10 of last term, Year 7, along with Mr Yu and Miss Dennis headed off to Melbourne for three jam-packed days of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. Day 1 began with a very cosy bus ride, and a trip to Federation Square, where the students learnt about the buildings structure, the varying uses of Federation Square and its history.

Eureka Sky Deck was next and took us to new heights! We could view Melbourne from above and the students enjoyed the trip in the lift all the way up the 88 floors. The aquarium was next and a hit, with the students now being well versed in the difference between terrestrial and aquatic organisms. Much time was spent watching the penguins and all their antics.

Day two took in the Lego Education Centre, with the students coding Lego Robots and making them perform all sorts of tricks. Check out the Facebook page for a time-lapse video of two students constructing their robots. Next it was onto the MCG, which was a massive highlight of the trip. The students got to tour the club rooms, media centres, private boxes and the MCC exclusive area. There were lots of questions and lots of fun facts collected.

On the final day, we took in the Queen Victoria Markets for a second breakfast and then headed off to the Zoo, before making the long trip home. There were plenty of singalongs and some exhausted humans by the time we returned to Barham!

Night time activities included the much-anticipated trip to Bounce, where all sorts of acrobatic tricks were shown off. On the second night, we headed off to Federation Square for the Star Gazing Live event, put on by the ABC. We were involved with the live stream, hosted by Dr Karl, and learnt some fascinating facts about our sky. We even got some pretty cool light up wristbands as a souvenir. This one-off event was a great way to cap of our STEM exploration.

The students were, in the words of Miss Dennis, “absolute legends” and it was a delight to take them away! Well done, Year 7!

In the huddle – Club Room MCG



Checking out Melbourne's graffiti



Sealife Aquarium



The Sky Gazing Live Event at Federation Square

Project 101 Progress Update

The Project Students have been busily preparing the gardens for planting out later this term. As part of their garden design, students are going to be welding rustic sculptures made from rusty, recycled materials. Miss Sullivan is after donations of **small** rusty tools like spanners, parts of old farm machinery and some reo bars. Larger items that could be used as planters/garden beds or centrepieces in our rustic gardens would also be appreciated as I'm sure people have got some rusty gems going to waste! If any parents or community members have some of these to donate, could you please contact Jody Sullivan at school or email jody.g.sullivan@det.nsw.edu.au. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

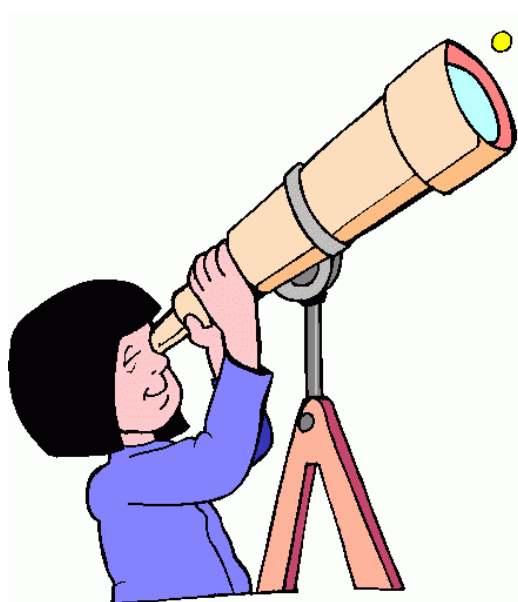
From the Science Faculty...

It's hard to believe that Term 2 is well underway, and we are already in May! There's been a stack of exciting science happening in the last term, and even more on its way to round out the first semester.

A reminder that all students are required to wear leather shoes in their Science lessons. If they do not have them, they will miss out on practical activities.

Year 11 Senior Science and Biology students will be undertaking Fieldwork in the Gunbower Forest next Thursday. Students are reminded to get their notes and money back to the office ASAP. This is a mandatory excursion for students in these subjects.

Years 11 and 12 students in Biology, Physics and Chemistry have the opportunity to purchase subscriptions to HSC Study Lab. This website provides videos covering syllabus outcomes, quizzes and revision activities. The cost is \$30 for one subject, \$50 for 2 subjects and \$60 for 3 subjects. This is a great resource with current content and money needs to be returned to the office by next Thursday 18th May. See your Science teacher for more information.



- ★ As we get closer to the HSC, there are several opportunities for students to increase their knowledge and understanding.
 - Year 12 Biology will be travelling to CSU Wagga to participate in a study day on 6th June. The annual Science Study Day in Albury has also been announced and notes will go home shortly for that. These opportunities provide students access to HSC markers and a wealth of knowledge. Students can also purchase the Success One HSC books – see Mrs Farrant for details.
- Keep your eyes peeled for further updates as the term progresses!

Year 8 Space Models

This week, Year 8 Science students submitted their OUT OF THIS WORLD space models for their topic 'Earth and Its Neighbours in Space'. Students needed to construct a 3D model of one space-related idea. This year we had a lot of solar systems, some rockets and specific planets. Models were made from all kinds of materials, including cake and chocolate! Check out some of the fantastic efforts of our students. Well done Year 8, great effort!



YEAR 8 SPACE MODELS (CONTINUED)

