

# Barham High Newsletter



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Term 2 Week 1

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 2 for 2017! The year is flying and it is hard to believe we are a quarter of a year through already. In term one we achieved numerous milestones: conducting the swimming carnival and three whole year group excursions (Year 7 Melbourne STEM excursion, Year 8 South Coast Science excursion and Yr 11 Crossroads excursion) as well as a number of sporting and curricular and extracurricular activities for the students of BHS. Thank you to the teachers and parents who have assisted in running these valuable experiences for our students.

### Year 6 Transition

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April we hosted our smaller feeder school Year 6 students who participated in a number of high school setting lessons in History, Food Technology, PE, Science and Visual Arts. The fifteen students from Koondrook, Moulamein, Murrabit and Wakool/Burraboai were very excited and gave positive feedback from the activities of the day. It was a pleasure for our school to meet the prospective students, and we look forward to the numerous transition activities we will be conducting with them for the remainder of the year. We will be hosting a Transition day for the Year 6 students of Barham Public later this term.

### ANZAC Day

For ANZAC Day this year the school participated in the Barham Koondrook services, with our school captains and vice-captains laying a floral wreath at both services, as well as a number of other students marching from Barham to Koondrook. Again it was fantastic to see a large number of the community attend the services and pay their respect to the returned service members from Barham Koondrook who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to have the freedoms we enjoy today.

We also had a number of students attend the Wakool ANZAC service, completing readings and laying a wreath at the service.

### Stage 6 VET Construction TVET Day

On Wednesday and Thursday (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April) we had our VET Construction class attend Deniliquin TAFE, which will be delivering and assessing the VET students for Terms 2 and 3 this year. BHS has organised this shared delivery arrangement with Deniliquin to ensure that students have the opportunity to complete their qualification and delivery whilst I am in the relieving position of Principal. BHS has had similar arrangements in previous years with shared TVET delivery through Deniliquin and Finley TAFE campuses, which have had successful results. The VET Metal & Engineering students will also be completing their delivery for Terms 2 & 3 through Deniliquin TAFE.

### BHS Laptops

We have recently received the new laptops that will be used by students. They will be booked out as class sets for students who do not have laptops. The new laptops replace the ones that were originally ex-DERVICES which can still be used by students who forget or need a laptop for a lesson. We are encouraging parents to contact the school if their child does not have a BYOD. The new laptops are planned to be used for the Stage 4 students, and allows our students access to the latest technology. Mr Buchanan ordered these laptops prior to his secondment.

## **BHS 50 Year Celebrations**

The planning committee has been busy working on the events for the 50 Year Anniversary and please 'like' the Barham High School 50 Year Anniversary to stay up to date for the most current details.

We will be commemorating the event by paving a walkway from the undercover walkway to the rotunda between C & G blocks. Community members have the opportunity to purchase a paver with their name engraved into the paver. It would be fantastic to see the whole path paved with names and the flyer is attached to the newsletter with details of how to place an order. Greg Thompson will be working with students in Term 3 to lay these pavers before the 50 Year celebration.

## **Year 12 Study Centre 'The Hub'**

Over the term break we have revamped the Year 12 room into a usable Study Centre with facilities to assist our Year 12 students to achieve the best possible results in their HSC. The room has now had a paint job and carrels installed as well as blinds and a bluetooth sound bar. This area now will serve as a working environment to encourage students to use the room in the correct manner.

## **BHS Study Centre of Excellence**

We have also altered an unused space in the school to allow our Senior students (Year 11 & 12) a place where they can use in the quiet and have access to resources effectively. The area has had eight study desks installed in a passageway attached to the library. We look forward to the students using this space effectively to assist them with their studies.

## **Athletics Carnival**

This year BHS will be holding our Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This day has been selected to alleviate a number of activities always falling on a Friday, hence affecting students' access to their Friday classes. We look forward to the events and I'd like to invite and encourage as many parents to come and see their children in action.

## **ALARM Whiteboards**

Over the term break we received our four new portable whiteboards which have been converted to A Learning And Responding Matrix (ALARM) whiteboards. With one side having the Stage 4 ALARM grid on and Stages 5&6 ALARM on the other side.

BHS has been using ALARM for a number of years now with students as a Literacy strategy used to extend students' abilities in addressing varying questioning styles. ALARM seeks to help students learn how to learn by making the learning process EXPLICIT. It is important to understand **how to learn** if we are to take on board more than just the content to be learned. Understanding how to learn, rather than just the content, is the key to becoming lifelong learners.

## **Year 8 Extend & Exceed Program**

Miss Grainger will be employed on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year to work with our Year 8 students on an Extend and Exceed program. The program will require students to be withdrawn in groups with specific Literacy and Numeracy activities being the focus of the program. In Term 2 the students will be working on Reading. We look forward to the benefits and results of the program.

## **Term 2 Reports**

This term students will be receiving their semester and mid course reports. We will be having formal conversations once a term with parents on the progress of your child with Parent Teacher interview nights being conducted in Terms 1 & 3. However, please do not feel that this is the only time you can discuss the progress of your child in his/her classes. I believe in communicating early and frequently with students and parents to ensure that students can continually improve in their development. If you would like to organise a time to discuss your child's progress please contact the school.

## **Facebook**

Our Facebook page is continually growing with members of the school community liking the BHS page. This will be the most current information on events that are happening, so if you are on Facebook and haven't 'liked' the page please do so. The school newsletter will also be published here for parents to have access to it electronically, and can be viewed on a number of ICT platforms.

## **Term 2**

This term will be a very busy term and I would like to encourage you to ensure you are staying up to date with events that will be happening that will affect your child. Please encourage them to relay information to you as currently we are publishing information in newsletters, BHS website and BHS Facebook page as well as numerous notes home and parents still are asking why they weren't told this was coming up. We also currently email a number of parents the fortnightly edition of the newsletter.

## **Year 11 Crossroads Excursion**

In the last week of Term 1 Year 11 travelled to Anglesea for their mandatory Crossroads Excursion. *Crossroads* is a mandatory program for students in Years 11 and/or 12 in NSW government schools. It is designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. *Crossroads* aims to prepare and support these students as they encounter situations related to identity, independence and their changing responsibilities. *Crossroads* aims to build students' sense of empowerment and respect for themselves and others.

The students were able to complement the program with initiative activities as well as learning to surf, which takes the students (and Teachers) out of their comfort zones to learn a new skill.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and having the opportunity to address the issues of health and wellbeing.

## **Year 7 STEM Excursion**

On the last three days of Term 1 Year 7 travelled to Melbourne to complete for the STEM excursion. Students visited a number of venues including Federation Square, Eureka Skydeck, Sealife Aquarium, Lego Education Centre, MCG and National Sports Museum, Queen Vic Markets and Melbourne Zoo.

The students were able to complement work being done in their Science, Technology Mandatory English/History and Math classes.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the excursion and were fantastic representatives of the school.

## **U15AFL Trials**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April Dempsey Coote and Dominic Dick-O'Flaherty attended the U15 AFL trials in Narrandera. Both boys had a great day and represented the school fantastically. Dempsey was lucky enough to be selected for the CHS South West Riverina AGL team to play in the NSW state carnival in Albury 6 – 8 June. Well done Dempsey on being selected, but also well done to Dom on attending on the day.

Brendan Yu

*Relieving Principal*

## FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK



A very busy first week back even for a short week. Our ANZAC Day assembly was conducted very smoothly and eloquently, by our school captains. A key focus this year was on recognising the war record of local grazier Edgar Pickles.

It was great to see the involvement of Year 6 students from our small feeder schools who were in attendance because of our Transition program. The Transition program ran smoothly thanks to staff and students who were involved.

The change in term has brought a change in weather so please make sure if it is cold, the appropriate winter uniform is worn. If there are any problems obtaining the winter uniform please send a note or contact the school so that a uniform pass may be issued.

The School Athletics Carnival is on next Tuesday, weather permitting. This is not an optional day so all students are expected to be in attendance, especially considering participation is an important part of the day.

Year 7 and Year 9 have NAPLAN testing the following week (Week 3). Stage 6 Legal Studies will be on an excursion on Monday and Tuesday of this week as well.

**Ian McConnell**  
Deputy Principal

### Year 6 Transition Day







## TISSUES

Now the colder weather has arrived and noses are constantly running, it would be a good idea to please check that your child comes to school armed with tissues or carries a handkerchief. The school does not supply tissues for students.



## ANZAC DAY





## **WAKOOL ANZAC MARCH & CEREMONY**

A good roll up of BHS students attended ANZAC Day celebrations at Wakool.

Kasey McClay gave a speech about the meaning of ANZAC Day and Bridie Mathers and Isabelle Hausler laid the flowers at the cenotaph



## Careers Newsletter.....

In Week 2 Year 10 students will complete the mandatory safe@work module prior to work experience in Week 5. Once completed, the students will be issued with a certificate to place in their portfolio. The Resumé/Portfolio assessment tasks have been marked and these will be distributed to the class early this term. Year 10 will also complete a work readiness session to prepare for their week of work.

In the mail this week;

- ✓ **Charles Sturt University** Undergraduate Guide for 2018
- ✓ **Western Sydney Careers Expo** 2017 – 22-25 June. Exhibitors plus seminars will be available. See the poster outside the careers room for more details plus copies are available on the shelf beside the door
- ✓ **University of Wollongong** VIP dates; UOW Scholarships Applications open 1 July; Early Admission Applications open 1 August; Open Day 19 August
- ✓ **University of Sydney** Undergraduate Guide 2018
- ✓ **University of Melbourne** information brochure from the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
- ✓ **Apprenticeships R US**; research the website [www.apprus.com.au](http://www.apprus.com.au)
- ✓ **University of Melbourne** Undergraduate Prospectus 2018
- ✓ **LaTrobe** have a number of 'Experience LaTrobe' days across Melbourne, Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga and Mildura. See the poster outside the Careers Room for details of where and when!
- ✓ **Discover Engineering**; a forum for Year 10 and 11 students interested in learning about engineering as a career choice. Thursday 11 May Lucas Heights NSW. Poster of details outside the careers room.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers the Tertiary Tour to CSU and TAFE Albury and Wagga Wagga campuses has been cancelled. Opportunity will present itself again next year for interested students.

*Interesting fact; There are 11.9 million people employed in Australia. More than two thirds work full time and 46% are female. Around 30% of workers are aged 45 years and over and 16% are between 15-24 years. Almost one in every three Australian workers is employed in NSW. Reference; Australian Government Department of Employment 2016.*

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### From the SRC....

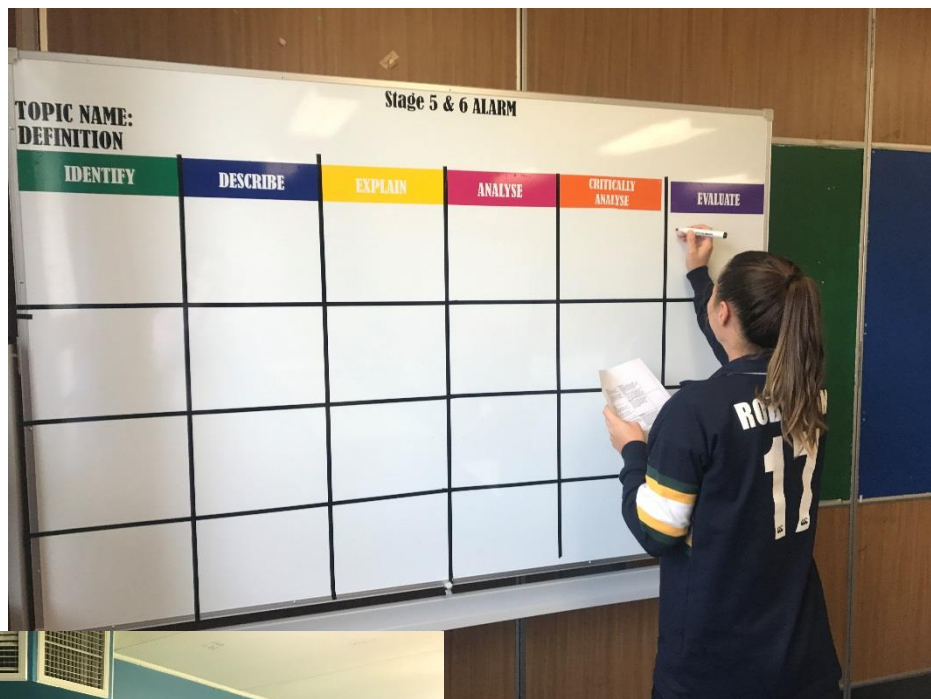
The SRC will be running a BBQ lunch for the Athletics Carnival. \$2 for a sausage, \$4 for a burger. Please try to bring correct change. There are no pre-orders. The SRC thanks you for your support.

The SRC would also like to thank everyone who entered the Easter colouring competition and purchased a yummy warm hot cross bun!

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*Rachel using the new  
ALARM whiteboard in  
Advanced English*



*Year 12 study centre -  
'The Hub'*

*Tom and Kyle utilising the new  
Study Centre*





## YEAR 11 CROSSROADS EXCURSION





Year 7 STEM Excursion to Melbourne





## Year 7 STEM Excursion to Melbourne



# BHS SINGLE PAVER ORDER FORM



## BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Name Paver

As a unique part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we are selling special name pavers to past, present and all members of our school community. The pavers will then be installed and become a permanent part of our school environment and history. If you would like to order a paver or more, simply fill in the boxes below and return this form with your payment.



#### SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$35

However if you would like to purchase more than one paver:

2 Pavers \$50.00

3 Pavers \$75.00

4 Pavers \$105.00

Size of each paver: 230 x 115 x 40mm

### ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.)

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