

# Barham High Newsletter



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Term 2 Week 9

23/06/2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Staffing changes

Barham High School had an incentive transfer at the beginning of Term 2, with Mrs Amy Trott accepting a transfer to Maitland High School. Mrs Trott arrived at BHS in 2014 and was a valued member of the TAS/PDHPE Faculty and Barham community. We wish her all the best at Maitland and thank her for her contribution to BHS as Year Adviser and numerous other initiatives.

I am pleased to announce Miss Nicola McDonnell has accepted permanency after filling in the position on a temporary basis for 2016 and 2017. Congratulations Miss McDonnell, and welcome to the BHS community on a permanent basis.

### Huge Semester

It is unbelievable to think that Semester 1 is about to draw to an end. Students and staff have achieved so many fantastic things this first semester. We have had three school carnivals, numerous school sport team representations, three year group excursions, one week of work experience and one week of VET work placement, debating competitions, numerous welfare initiatives, Boys Project 101 initiative and the YES Girls Pilot Program, plus many other events.

We look forward to an even busier second semester. Staff will be back at school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and will be unpacking the new syllabus for numerous subjects for 2018. ***Students will return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.*** Thank you to the staff, students and parents for working collaboratively to deliver fantastic education to the students.

### Semester 1 Merit Assembly

We will be holding our Semester 1 Merit Assembly at 10:15am Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at cluBarham. Students will be receiving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards on this day. To be eligible for

- Bronze: Students need to have received 5 computer merits.
- Silver: Students need to have received 15 computer merits.
- Gold: Students need to have received 25 computer merits.

Notes for students who are eligible to receive these awards will go home with students Monday afternoon. IF your child isn't receiving an award this semester, the students continue to tally their merits over the calendar year. I'd like to encourage as many parents/grandparents/family friends to attend.

## School Photos

We had our school photos taken this term and there were a number of students and staff who were absent on the day. This year the P&C will be selling the BHS student ID cards, and we want to ensure as many students as possible have the opportunity to purchase one.

Barham Public School have their school photos on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and the High School students who missed out will be taken to the primary school to have their photos taken. This should cause no extra delay as photo packs were due to be back at school early Term 3.

## Year 7 2018 - School Open Night

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 5:30-6:30pm we will be holding an open night for parents and students of Barham, Koondrook, Murrabit, Moulamein, and Wakool/Burraboi primary schools. The night will allow parents to see a number of classrooms and student works. They will also receive an introduction to staff and information on what BHS has to offer.

Brendan Yu

*Relieving Principal*



## FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

A major change to our calendar for next term is the shifting of the Parent and Teacher Meeting night to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Week 9.

The subject selection process for Year 10 students moving into Year 11 in 2018 is under way. Students have been gathering information regarding tertiary and non-tertiary options leading into the Subject Selection Information evening, which will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Next Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, is our Semester One Merit assembly. It starts at 10:15 am in the cluBarham auditorium and all family and friends are invited to this important ceremony, to recognise the achievements of our students.

Next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June, eligible students have been invited to attend the Melbourne versus Sydney AFL match at the MCG as part of the Rewards Excursion. All eligible students will be taking part in activities at school in the morning before being provided with a BBQ lunch. For those going to the MCG for the AFL match, the bus will depart at 12:30 pm. Activities will continue at school for those students not choosing to go to the football. For students ineligible for the rewards excursion a normal program of work will take place at school.

It has been a hectic term and I wish all staff and students a relaxing break and hope they take the time to recharge their batteries before Term 3 resumes for staff on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July and for students on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

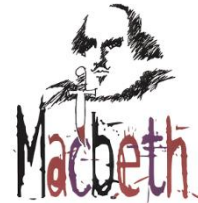
**Ian McConnell**  
Deputy Principal

## SHAKESPEARE IS HERE

There will be a visit from the Bell Shakespeare Troupe on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm. That's the last week of Term 2, so Stage 5 English will be exploring the world of Shakespeare for the rest of this term and the start of next term.

The dark and murky depths of *Macbeth* will be dipped into so that our students have an understanding of the themes, language and setting of the play before Bell Shakespeare arrive. There will be posters for those members of the community who might be interested and notes will be sent home this week with students.

**English Department**



## Careers news.....

A Careers Newsletter is emailed to all Years 9-12 students through their school email address weekly. The newsletter covers Victorian & NSW events and information to help students gain inspiration, skills and experience in planning life after school.

Some interesting content from the June 20 Careers news is below:

**Agriculture isn't just farming-** It is focussed on "the entire food chain, managing the environment and minimising the impact of human endeavours on natural resources".

About 50% of all jobs in the agriculture industry are in capital cities. These jobs include environmental management, research, development, agribusiness and education.

The demand for agricultural science graduates is growing. Enrolments in agricultural courses rose between 15 – 20% nationwide in 2014 demonstrating an increased interest in the industry.

With four jobs for every graduate, 1 in 6 jobs in agribusiness and a starting salary on average of \$60 000, studying agriculture is a very attractive option for students, source- <http://bit.ly/Lu8cFR>

**Course updates at La Trobe University:** the following courses are at the Melbourne campus:

- **Bachelor of Health Sciences** – 2 new majors will be added to this existing course: Sports Counselling and Athlete Welfare, and Health Promotion, <http://bit.ly/2rv2yc7>
- **Bachelor of Biomedicine** – this new course will provide pathway options into postgraduate allied health courses such as Physiotherapy, Medicine and Speech Pathology, <http://bit.ly/2rv2yc7>

**Applying for a teaching degree to start next year?** From 2018, all students will need to achieve a minimum ATAR of 65 to gain access to teaching degrees in Victoria. Some universities will have higher ATAR requirements. From 2019, the minimum ATAR will be 70. The universities you apply to will also have prerequisite study score requirements and some may require you to complete additional online testing.

For more information please contact Mandy McConnell (Careers Adviser)

# **Science Report Term 2**

Here we are again, at the end of another term and halfway through the year. The Science faculty has been busy, with each year group investigating a range of new topics and ideas.

Year 12 have been busily preparing their final assessment tasks, brushing up on their content knowledge and starting the process of preparing for their Trial Exams. The Biology students headed off to Wagga earlier in the term for a hands-on laboratory day, where they got to use some state of the art technology. Science students will head off to Albury on Friday for the annual HSC Study Day and are sure to gain lots of tips and tricks.

Year 11 are over half-way through their course and starting to get used to the new workload. Biology and Senior Science students had a great time on their Fieldtrip to the Gunbower State Forest, and produced fantastic field reports, which really displayed their understanding of the information presented by our guest speakers from the North Central Catchment Management Authority. This was a great opportunity to get some local scientists to engage with our students about the work they do, and was very beneficial to our students.

Stage 5 have worked through The Body Systems and Disease topic and produced some excellent Journals about a range of infectious diseases, some with very creative detail! They are currently working through the Atomic Structure topic, learning all about atoms and the periodic table. They will test their knowledge in class on Monday!

Year 8 finished off their out of this world topic 'Earth and its Neighbours in Space' and the Science faculty has finally finished eating all the cake models! It was fantastic to see so much creativity and science being smashed together to form some excellent models. They are currently working on the Cells, Systems and Microbes topic, learning a little more about how their bodies work and how diseases are transmitted. Hopefully this will remind them in the winter months to bring tissues and cough into their elbows!

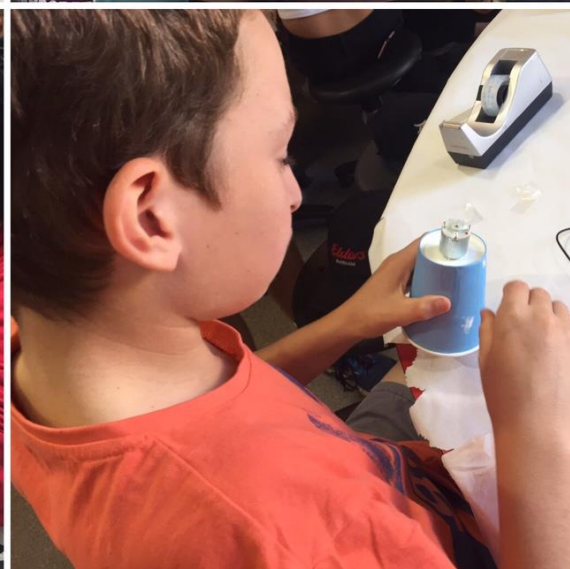
Year 7 have settled in to life in the lab and are developing their skills nicely. They do love practical tasks and are itching to get out and do some fieldwork as part of their Red Gum Forest topic. They've been talking about specific adaptations that plants and animals have to survive in their environments and enjoyed checking out the process of photosynthesis by changing the amount of light available to plants.

Next term we are looking forward to celebrating National Science Week, which has a sustainability focus this year. We'll be running a range of activities for science lovers of all ages, so watch this space!

We were also very lucky to receive a grant from Inspiring Australia that gives us the opportunity to take students on a 3-day STEM-Careers Road Trip to Canberra! We'll be visiting some of the major research centres in our Nation's Capital and students will be able to participate in heaps of hands-on workshops. There are limited spots available and interested students will need to complete an application early next term. Again, watch this space, but it's safe to say, we're very excited about this unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We're very proud of the attitude our students show towards Science, especially their enthusiasm and curiosity! Keep the questions coming next term, that's the best way to learn new stuff!



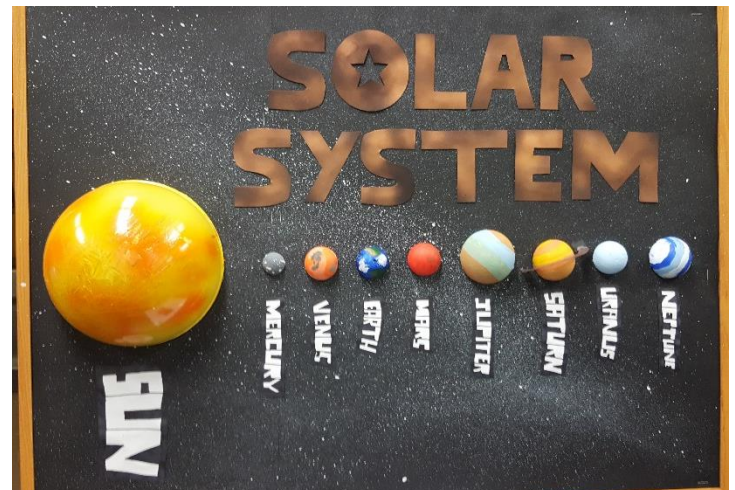
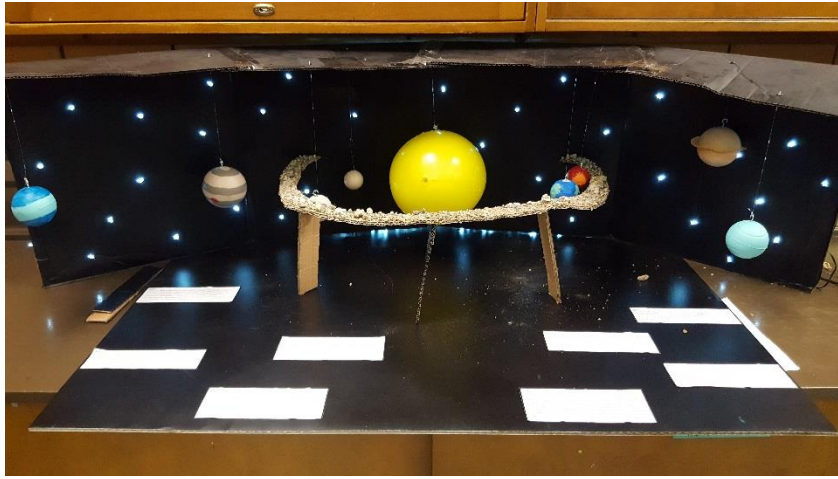


**Above:** Bendigo Discovery Centre

**Below:** Year 7 enjoying working out in the sunshine while observing their local environment







*Clockwise from the top:*

Tatum's Solar System, Ned's Solar System  
and Indeah's Solar System



**Above:** A flashback to the South Coast

**Right:** Rachel & Olivia observing diseased plants under a microscope



**Barham High School presents...**



**A Bell Shakespeare production**

## **MACBETH 'THE REHEARSAL'**

**Wednesday June 28, 1:30pm Faulkner Pavilion**

**General public welcome to attend \$15**

**Tickets from Barham High School office ph 5453 2322**



Three actors, one rehearsal room, and the cursed Scottish play. Become a fly on the wall in this show that celebrates theatre making and the imagination, as we play and replay famous scenes and soliloquies. Modelled on real rehearsal room techniques, *Macbeth* is deconstructed then brought to life with the help of the audience, challenging the play from every angle.





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or via NDCH on 5451 0200 / [reception@ndchs.org.au](mailto:reception@ndchs.org.au)

1800 ICE ADVICE: 1800 423 238 | Family Drug Helpline: 1300 660 068

**Barham-Koondrook Soldiers Memorial Hospital**

**Wednesday 19th July 7pm-9:30pm**

Punt Rd Barham







## **ADFA OPEN DAY COMPETITION RETURNS FOR ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

The **Ultimate ADFA Open Day Experience** competition is back and more action-packed for its third year, offering three lucky entrants the chance to win an experience unlike any other at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 August 2017.

The winners will receive return flights to Canberra, two nights' accommodation, a merchandise pack and the chance to take part in a range of exclusive activities not on offer to the general public at the ADFA Open Day. Eight runners up will also receive an ADFA merchandise pack.

The **Ultimate ADFA Open Day Experience** competition aims to attract young Australians interested in gaining military and leadership training alongside academic study. Open to people aged between 16 and 22, this money-can't-buy experience gives winners the opportunity to get up-close and personal with Australian Defence Force experiences, equipment and personnel.

"The ADFA Open Day Experience offers winners the chance to see first-hand what is on offer at the Academy and where their education can take them. ADFA prides itself on showcasing military careers and allowing all prospective students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Australian Defence Force for the day", says BRIG Cheryl Pearce, Commandant of ADFA.

"Winners may experience a helicopter simulator, or helicopter flight itself, watch an infantry attack, ride in an armoured vehicle and spend personal time with Military Working Dogs."

One of the winners from the 2015 competition, Darcie Andrea, has since joined the Australian Defence Force and is currently studying at ADFA. She attributes her life-changing decision to her experience as an Ultimate ADFA Open Day Experience winner.

"My experience at ADFA Open Day was by far the most exciting opportunity I've experienced. I've always dreamt of attending ADFA and pursuing a career in the Defence Force, so for me this experience confirmed that ADFA is exactly where I want to be. Every minute of the two-day experience was jam-packed, and I felt honoured to have been a part of this experience," said Darcie.

This year's competition requires entrants to choose one of six quotes about leadership, and explain, via an online form, why that quote resonates with them the most. The three most creative entries will win the full experience.

The 2017 ADFA Open Day will be held on Saturday 26 August and provides the opportunity to learn everything you need to know about life at Australia's finest military and academic training institution.

Entries for the **Ultimate ADFA Open Day Experience** competition close on Friday 14 July 2017.

For further information, Terms & Conditions and to enter the competition visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au/ADFAOpenDay](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/ADFAOpenDay).

# COME & *Try* DAY



Deniliquin Motorcycle Association Inc.

Date: Sunday, June 25 | Sign on from 8.00am

Riders Briefing 9.30am | First Ride Session (Seniors) 9.45am | 15min sessions

Contact: Andrew McBurnie - 0427 811 793

No Charge for Entry for Come & Try Day!

Address: Larcombe Lane, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Required: Bike, all safety gear, lunch

First-time participants will receive a FREE 12 month Recreational Licence!

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