

Barham High Newsletter



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Term 2 Week 7

08/06/2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

STEM @BHS

Over the last two weeks Barham High School has been successful in a number of Federal Government grants to assist in the integration of a STEM course into the future. Ms Dennis applied and was successful in her STEM in Careers excursion grant which will be used to target students in exploring career avenues in the STEM field. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). In 2016 the STEM team – Mr Yu, Ms Pereira, Miss Dennis and Miss McDonnell applied for the Rural and Remote STEM mentoring program for 2017 and were successful. The team recently travelled to Canobolas Technology High School to develop units of work and investigate ways of integrating a STEM course into BHS. We were also successful in our Federal Government grant application to assist in converting a classroom into a maker space in the future.

Hospitality Industry Immersion Program

This term a new initiative was introduced to support VET teachers of Hospitality to engage in high level industry focused training at William Angliss Institute in Sydney, to reward and recognise teacher commitment to the delivery of quality VET training to secondary students across the four Public Schools NSW RTOs. There were over 250 hospitality teachers across the state who applied to participate in this exclusive training with only 20 spots, and Miss McDonnell was recognised and accepted to participate in this excellence in hospitality opportunity, as a strong contributor to VET Hospitality within the region. Congratulations to Miss McDonnell, we look forward to hearing about this amazing experience.

Girl YES Pilot Program

This term BHS has been partnering with Deniliquin TAFE who have been delivering the YES Pilot program to our Stage 5 girls. The program is designed to develop the girls' skills within the hospitality industry as well as develop their business and personal presentation skills. The girls have been working over the last six weeks at developing their barista skills, business planning and personal presentation in preparation for the café that they will be opening for one day at BHS. The name is 'Café High'. The girls are enjoying relating the skills they are learning to how they may be adapted to post school employment opportunities.

Rewards Excursion

BHS has two rewards excursions each year that run alongside our Merits and Behaviour flowcharts. The excursions reward students who have had the correct behaviour for each semester. For Semester 1 rewards excursion, eligible students will be offered the opportunity to attend an AFL match between Melbourne & Sydney at the MCG on 30th June. Permission notes will be going home next week for return before the 23rd June.

Basketball under the COLA

We have recently installed two basketball rings underneath the COLA to allow students another opportunity to participate in physical activity at lunch time, as well as allowing the PDHPE department to have a wet weather option during PE lessons. They are getting used very energetically and it's fantastic to see so many students either practising

their shots at basketball or kicking the football on the oval with nearly the whole student body participating in physical activity at lunch the other day.

Uniforms

Winter is no longer coming, its here! The students are adjusting slowly to the cooler weather in the morning and the beautiful sunny lunch times. However there has been a large number of jumpers picked up at the end of the day either on bag racks, on seats, under the COLA or on the oval, and unfortunately we are unable to return them to students because they haven't got names inside of them. The jumpers are a significant investment for your child's time at BHS. To make it easier on families we strongly suggest putting names or initials on the tags on the inside, so that if they are left out they can be returned.

Year 7 2018 Information night

On Wednesday 28th June we will be holding an information night for the prospective Year 7 students for 2018. The night will include a discussion of the subjects that we can offer as well as a tour of the school grounds. I look forward to discussing with families the benefits of sending students to BHS and showcasing the fantastic programs that we have to offer.

Brendan Yu

Relieving Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

We are in a busy period at school in the assessment and reporting cycle. Students are working on lots of tasks at the moment so please be aware of what tasks are due. The easiest way to keep track of tasks is to consult the student diaries where each task and due dates should be entered.

Despite this, many extracurricular activities are still taking place with the Yes CAFÉ and Project 101 teams making great headway in their respective projects. A strong Zone Athletics team competed in Finley on Friday 2nd of September and a number of our students have qualified for the Regional team. This Friday is the re scheduled School Cross country carnival.

School photos were taken last Thursday. It may be possible for catch-up photos on Tuesday 27th June. Another important date to keep in mind is Thursday 29th June for the Semester one Merit Assembly from 10:15 am at cluBarham.

On Friday 30th September eligible students will be invited to attend the Semester one rewards excursion which will be to an AFL match. More details to follow.

The debating season is with us and both Stage 4 and Stage 5 teams have been entered in the various district competitions. Debates are conducted in both video conference and face to face formats and we wish Mrs Hildebrand and the debating students every success.

Yr 11 VET students have been on their first block of mandatory work placement this week. Construction, Hospitality, Primary Industry and Metal and Engineering students have been out in the community getting valuable on the job training hours.

Ian McConnell

Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE WAY THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS PAYMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Barham High School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments:

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **30 June 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account.
2. **Parent Online Payments through the school's website:** We will not be able to accept POP payments between **19 July** and **24 July 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding POP payments before **19 July 2017**. **From 25 July 2017, POP payments will be accepted as before.**
3. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **19 July 2017** and **24 July 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. **From 25 July 2017, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.**

Any outstanding fees or excursion payments should be made before 19 July 2017 so that funds can be allocated to your student's account before the transition.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact **the school office on 54532322**.

Brendan Yu
Relieving Principal

EXIT PASS PROCEDURE

If you need to collect your child/children from school during the day for appointments etc., it makes the procedure so much easier if a note is sent in with your child on that particular morning requesting an Exit Pass. An Exit Pass can be issued for a short amount of time (eg. the time taken for an appointment) or it may be issued so that a child can leave school on a nominated time for the rest of the day.

Students should take their notes to the Deputy Principal before school so that he can issue them with an Exit Pass. This will enable them to leave class on the nominated time so that they can meet parents at the school gate when they arrive to pick them up.

Careers News.....

Defence Forces Visit

Fourteen interested students showed initiative by attending the Defence Forces presentation on Tue 6th June at school. Daniel McInnes (Army), Peter Randall (Army) and Jock Joce (Airforce) gave an informative, relaxed presentation to the students outlining a variety of career options in the Army, Navy & Airforce as well as entry requirements (schooling, subjects, results, fitness level) and the application process in detail.

Some key tips included:

- Use the website www.defencejobs.gov.au to research the available jobs (there are over 250 entry level careers!)
- You can start the recruitment process while still at school (sixteen and a half years of age) – there is no commitment to the Defence Forces in doing so!
- Utilise the ADF Active App – it is free and can support your fitness and nutrition program
- Search for Aptitude Tests on the ADF website as well as Kent University UK
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/ces/student/assessmentaptitude.html?tab=practice-tests>
Then practise, practise, practise!!!
- Attend a YOU session – it will give you interview practice as well as a list of Defence Jobs that you are eligible for (this list lasts for 3 years!)
- Consider the Defence Force Gap Year Program after Year 12 – but remember to apply early (March of Year 12 – closes mid June)
<https://m.defencejobs.gov.au/mobile/education/gap-year/>
- Work Experience programs are available with the Defence Forces in school holidays.

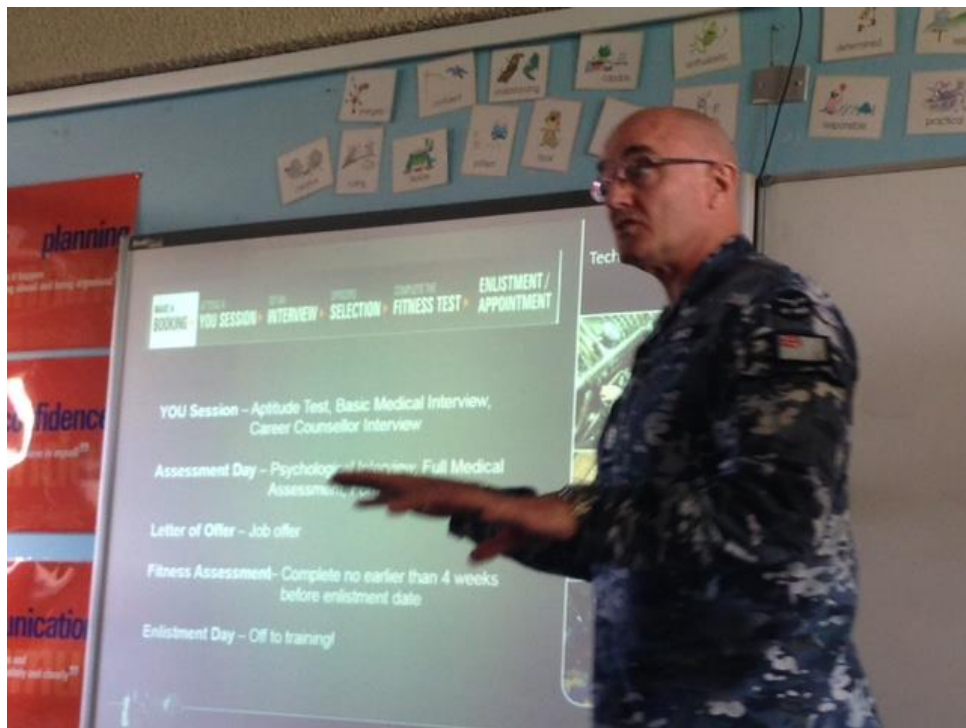
Year 12 Career Interviews

Individual one on one Career meetings are currently being held with Year 12 students to gauge and assist their career planning for 2018. Year 12 are to be congratulated for their self-managed research and progress to date. July holidays are an ideal time to get resumés, portfolios and references updated and to plan ahead for Open Days in August. Thanks also to Mrs O'Donoghue for her expertise with Year 12 in recent weeks.

New resources in the Careers Office;

- LaTrobe University 2018 Course Guide
- William Angliss TAFE 2018 Course Guide

Careers Tip for Years 9-12 Students – Read the Careers News that is emailed regularly to your school email address! There are lots of opportunities and valuable info that could help you plan ‘life after school’!!



Jock explaining the Defence Force selection process

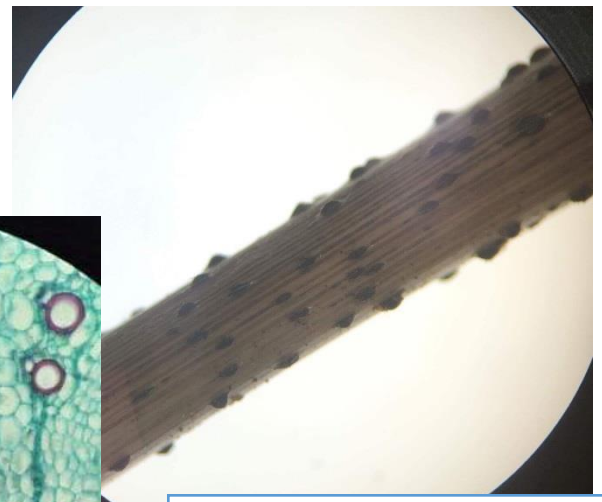


Max Webb, Peter Randall, Jock Joce, Sam Membrey, Daniel McInnes

HSC Biology Day @ CSU Wagga



The Year 12 Biology class left Barham before 5am on Tuesday morning to attend a day conducting practicals in the laboratories of Charles Sturt University at Wagga. There were about 200 students involved and they were rotated around four different practical experiences in groups. The lab experiences focused on: investigating the effect of temperature, pH and substrate concentration on enzyme activity using carrot juice; using the microscope to observe human blood cells and plant tissue (xylem & phloem) and drawing scaled diagrams of each; comparing the anatomy of the forelimb of different vertebrates as evidence for evolution and observing a variety of diseased plants and identifying the pathogen. The highlights included mastering the ability to take photos through the eyepiece of the microscope, which required a lot of patience and if you look at the images taken they are pretty impressive, catching up with relatives studying at CSU, using the latest technologies and equipment in a university laboratory, revising practicals students have already completed, hearing about the science courses that CSU have on offer and interviewing 'real-life' scientists. We returned home about 8pm (after a Macca's stop of course!) very exhausted but thoroughly enjoyed the day.



A photo of a stem infested with insect pests taken by Katie

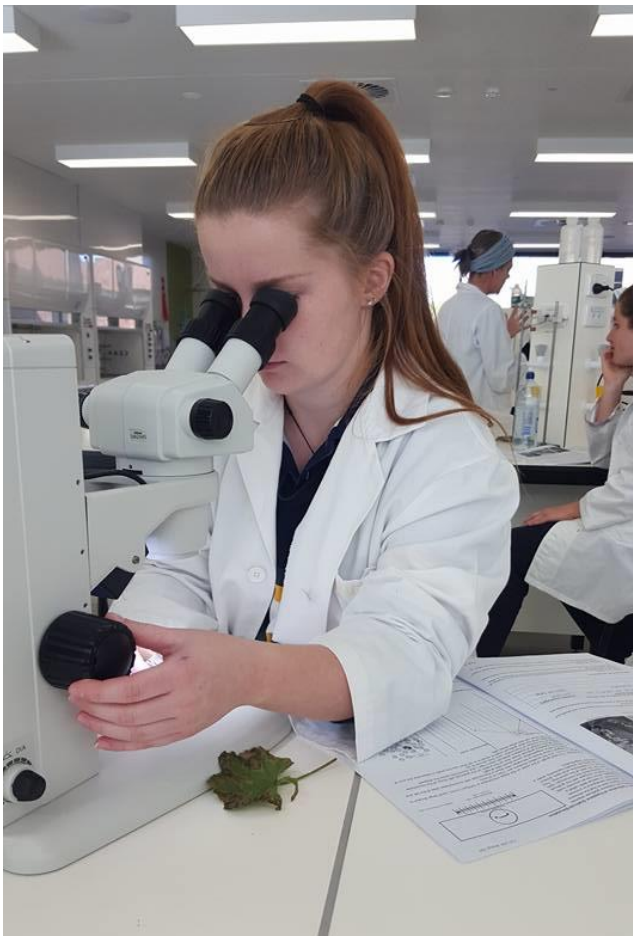


A photo of a vascular bundle taken by Caitlin

Rachel & Olivia observing diseased plants under a microscope



Brittney & Mikayla testing factors that affect enzyme activity



Codie observing specimens under a microscope



A photo of fungi on a rotten tomato taken by Mikayla

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Coming Soon

Warra Warriors &

18th - 30th July

Northern District Community Health

Presents

Laser Tag Team Play Off

FREE to Gannawarra Shire residents

Look up: Challenge Laser Skirmish or
Warra Warriors – NDCH FReeZA

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