



2018 Term 4 Weeks 9-10

# Newsletter

Barham High School



Enabling students to successfully transition to future learning and employment

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## Calendar

**Term 1, 2019**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Students Return

## Reminder:

**Assembly** – every Tuesday morning “A Weeks”

**Year Meetings** – every Tuesday morning “B Weeks”

## Looking for school documents?

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<http://www.barham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

There is an assortment of good quality used school uniforms in the P&C Uniform Shop.

For all uniform purchases, please contact Sharon McInnes during the holidays: 438531366.

**OR** see Sonia Harrison in the school canteen during the term.

## Principal's message

A massive thank you to the Barham High School learning community. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication everyone has demonstrated throughout the year. I thoroughly look forward to doing it all again in 2019.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive period. Take the time to immerse yourself in the company of loved ones as you reflect on the year that was and prepare for the year to come. I look forward to the 2019 school year and to welcoming the students back to school **on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February.**



**We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.**

*Glenn Buchanan*

**Principal**



## Merit Assembly Speech 13/12/18

Thank you all and welcome to today's Merit Assembly. I spend quite a lot of my time in meetings both here at school and elsewhere. Many of the meetings I have away are with principal colleagues from other schools in other locations. I often hear about the troubles that other schools have with student behaviour stemming from a very wide range of environmental influences. Each time, I thank my lucky stars that I am principal of Barham High School. The sheer number of awards that I had to sign in preparation for today's ceremony is a testament to the calibre of our students.

I would like to welcome you all here today to celebrate the awarding of this term's meritorious certificates to our very worthy recipients.

Once again, we thank cluBarham for their kind support for the smooth running of today's event and we very much look forward to meeting here again next Tuesday night when we hold our annual presentation evening. Straight after today's assembly we will run this semester's delicious rewards excursion for all those students who have exhibited wonderful behaviour throughout the semester. Next Monday will see our annual performing arts competition at the school of arts hall.

I thank, once again, the dedication and willing care and support exhibited by our devoted year advisers. They do such a wonderful job, looking after the welfare of their charges and providing pastoral support; the effort they put into their responsibilities cannot be underestimated.

In preparation for each Merit assembly, we consult our student management software, print out a list of merit certificates for each year group and go through the process of tallying and cross checking to see who is eligible for attaining bronze, silver and gold meritorious certificates. I am thrilled to see so many names being recognised for so many acts,

which is a true reflection of the wonderful students we have at Barham High School.

As you may know, students are able to earn merit certificates through a variety of avenues. Performing well in class or doing good deeds within the school may be rewarded with a mini merit. When a student has attained five mini merits, they are able to take them to their year adviser where they will be converted into a merit which is recorded on our computerised behaviour management system. Successful performance in a class test, assignment or other significant event may result in the student being rewarded directly with a merit. The accumulation of five merits will earn the student a bronze award, a further 10 merits will earn a silver award and a subsequent 10 merits will earn a gold certificate. These are accumulated within a single school year with the exception of our Year 11/12 students where the merits are totalled over a two-year period.

I would like to encourage each and every one of you to continue to strive for excellence, to set increasingly difficult personal goals and to expect your own behaviour to exemplify dignity and respect. Those of you who will or have received recognition at merit assemblies this year should feel pride, in yourselves and your efforts. The citizenship that you display is what makes Barham High special.

Today's award recipients deserve their accolades and our respect for the level of community mindedness they have demonstrated in order to be eligible for their certificates.

**Glenn Buchanan**



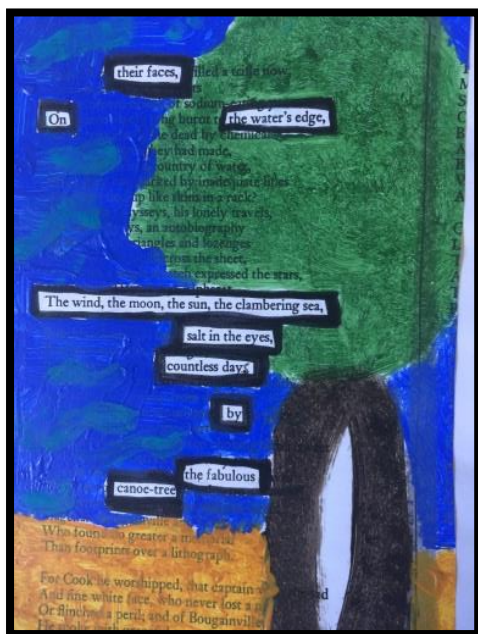
## ENGLISH/ HSC

Our Year 11 students have made the transition to their HSC English courses this term. The Advanced class designed and delivered some fabulous learning activities for their peers to familiarise themselves with the Common Module 'Texts and Human Experiences.' They participated in role-playing, problem solving and team-building experiences.



### Stage 5 poetry

Lauren Gleeson's blackout poem.



### Swimming by Maddy McGowan

It's 5:30am, 4 degrees

I pin drop into the freezing cold water

I can feel my body break the ice on the top

I push off from the bottom and off I go

Streamlining as far as I can go as stiff as a board

Dolphin kicking hard and powerful

Holding my breath until my lungs are about to burst

I'm swimming

Lap after lap

Following the black line

Hours upon hours

And to think I'm going to do this all over again tonight.