



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 4, Week 9

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Transition Day
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Transition Day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> December	All My Own Work
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Semester 2 Merit Assembly @ cluBarham 10:15am School Counsellor

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 4, Week 10

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> December	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Night @ cluBarham 7:30pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Students' Final Day

## Feature Photo



**River Detectives in the Gunbower Forest**

## Reminder:

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

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

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## Principal's message

### Principal professional learning

I spent a very thought provoking day at Moama Public School last week where I worked with local school principals along with our Director, Educational leadership, Helen McRae. During the day we discussed methods and tools to allow us conduct our jobs more efficiently and effectively and engaged with professional documents aimed at improving our leadership as effective school principals. We spent time discussing our Professional Development Plans and looked at ways of driving our own professional development in 2019. I would like to thank Moama Public for their hospitality and look forward to our next meeting and seeing our plans come to fruition in the New Year.

### Assessments and Reports

There have been a large number of assessment activities in the junior school during the last few weeks and this is reflective of the end of the year processes where teachers finalise their summative assessment procedures. However, it is rapidly drawing to a close with staff busily working their way through the reporting process. The reports for Years 7-10 will be issued during Week 10.

Our reports seek to show where students are at, what they have achieved and what they may need to work on. It is hoped that they are clear, informative and logical. If you have any questions concerning them, please contact the school.

### End of year. . .

The school year is rapidly coming to a close but we still have a number of important events to squeeze into the remaining time. Some of our Year 10 cohort are currently enjoying their second, optional, period of work experience. We once again thank the local businesses who so willingly provide this precious opportunity for our students to engage with the world of work.

We still have more transition days for next year's prospective students. So far these have been a roaring success with staff and students enjoying the experiences that high school has to offer. I would like to thank the

Year 6 students for their excellent behaviour and willingness to have a go. Also many thanks to the teachers at Barham high who willingly gave up their spare periods to teach these students.

Our merit assembly will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, followed by our rewards excursion. This is sure to be a delicious occasion.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> will see our annual performing arts day. Students have been busily preparing a variety of musical and dramatic acts to perform at this occasion.

Our presentation evening will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at cluBarham and the final day for students will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that the canteen will not be operating on the last day, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Glenn Buchanan*  
**Principal**



## Deputy Principal's message

### Driver Education

Year 10 Driver Ed was a fabulous experience for our students and it was a steep learning curve for most. The night driving is especially beneficial as are the sessions on drugs, alcohol and youth responsibility behind the wheel. Thanks to Tannah Edmonds for her organisation and supervision over the two days.

### Teen Mental Health

A big thank you to Michelle White for delivering the Teen Mental Health First Aid program to our Year 10 and Year 8 students over the last couple of weeks.

### BHS Showcase

Congratulations to our Visual Arts and Photo/ Digital Media students and Miss Sullivan who presented the Showcase-Art exhibition last Tuesday and Wednesday. Congratulations also to the Year 11 music class and Mr Smeal for providing the musical entertainment.

### All My Own Work

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we are planning the All My Own Work program for Year 10 students. It is a mandatory program designed to help HSC students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. It consists of 5 modules: Scholarship Principles and Practices; Acknowledging Sources; Plagiarism; Copyright; and Working with Others. Students must complete All My Own Work before they can be enrolled for any Year 11 or Year 12 course.

### Merit Assembly

Our semester two Merit Assembly will be held next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10:15 am at cluBarham. We hope it will be well attended by family and friends. Following the Merit Assembly will be the semester 2 Rewards Excursion. Eligible students will be invited to attend this week. The welfare team have organised a trip to *Waffles* in Cohuna to have lunch 'on them'. There will be no cost to students for the day. Normal afternoon lessons will take place for Year 11 and non-participating students.

### Performing Arts Day

The Performing Arts Day will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and we expect it to be bigger and better than ever. The Year 11 house leaders and supporting staff deserve commendation on their efforts in the preparation over the last week or so. Barimo has been the successful house on the day for the last two years and is looking for the trifecta.

### Year 6 Transition Days

We have had two very successful transition days for our incoming Year 7 students for 2019 and have two more days planned for next Monday and Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to Mr Yu and participating staff for making these days valuable for these students.

### Reports & Presentation Night

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December is a very important day for Barham High School. Stage 4 and Stage 5 reports will be issued followed by our Presentation Night, 7:15pm for 7:30pm at cluBarham. Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

#### *significant school events coming up include:*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Semester 2 Merit Assembly 10:15 am at cluBarham followed by the rewards excursion (canteen open but lunches must be ordered in the morning)

**HSC results** are also out on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> followed by the ATAR on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** Performing Arts Day (normal lunch arrangements-canteen open for lunch only)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Presentation Evening 7:15 pm for 7:30 pm cluBarham

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Final day for students (no canteen facilities)

*Ian McConnell*  
**Deputy Principal**

## Science/Vis Arts/Careers Report

Just because it's the end of the year, doesn't mean things are winding down in the Science Faculty. If anything, we've managed to fit in even more activities and lots of practical tasks.

### River Detectives Water Bugs Excursion



This year, we've been lucky enough to participate in the North Central Catchment Management Authority's River Detectives program. Students have been collecting water samples from Gunbower Creek, uploading their results to a national database and learning more science skills along the way. Last week, seven students had the opportunity to head out to Treetops and sample some water bugs. They had lots of fun collecting their bugs (luckily no one fell in!) and then going through the process of identifying them. We certainly all learnt a lot on the day and a big thank you to the NCCMA staff, especially Peter Rose for giving up their time on the day. We are hoping to be involved in the River Detectives program again next year, so watch this space for more updates!

## Year 7



Year 7 just finished off their Forces Toy Assessment Task. They were tasked with creating a working toy out of recyclable materials that used the principles of Physics and Forces. There were a whole lot of creative ideas and the students should be very proud of the problem solving skills that they displayed!

## SRC



The annual Barham Christmas Festival saw lots of stalls, including a very successful cake stall, run by our own SRC. The students baked their hearts out, organised and priced all their goodies and sold them with flair to raise much needed funds for our SRC. Thanks to our legendary SRC students for their commitment, the handful of staff who helped with baking and organising and the dedicated students who helped set up and sell the cakes on the night. The SRC has big things planned for 2019 and we can't wait to be involved in more community initiatives.



## Showcase 2018



**Year 7 Ceramic Sugar Skulls**



**Amber's upcycled dress**



**Yvette's Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland**



**Kalani's Monet Inspired Ceramic Cake**



**Natasha's Stencil**



**Stage 5 Art of Science Installation**



**Year 11 Music Students**



Once again, our annual Showcase art exhibition has gone off without a hitch. The Stage 5 Visual Arts and Photographic and Digital Media students did themselves proud on the afternoon of Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The quality of work this year was outstanding and all Art students from grades 7-10 who had their work displayed should be very proud of their effort and achievement this year.

Firstly, I would like to thank the students who set up and packed down the hall. It was pleasing to see you just get in there and do the job to such a high standard. To the parents, family and community members who came, thank you for your support. The events that celebrate student achievement should be as highly regarded in high school as they are in primary school.

To Mr Smeal and the Year 11 music students, thank you for the lovely musical entertainment. Also a thank you to Darcy Martin for his impromptu keyboard performance. A huge thank you goes to Trish for her famous punch, cooking and setting up the food and drink. Thank you to Miss McDonnell and her Stage 5 Food Technology class for the delicious afternoon tea.

Thanks to the Executive team for their support on this night. Thank you to Mrs Buchanan and Mr Marsh and their beautiful K-1 kids for visiting the exhibition, your students are a credit to you and your school. I believe that this should become part of the tradition for Showcase for years' to come!

Finally, I would like to thank my faculty for being my rock and the Barham High School community for the support you have given me over my years. Arts education is essential to raising creative, critical, resilient and more well rounded human beings. I hope that Barham High continues this strong tradition in my absence next year as I move back home to family and friends in Newcastle. Best wishes to you all for the festive season.

*Miss Jody Sullivan*

Visual Arts Teacher

## **Barham High School P&C**

### **Monster Raffle**

**Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 tickets  
for \$5.00**

**Tickets sold at Barham Meats,  
Elders Barham, Trend Skate n Surf  
& at the BHS Presentation Night**

**Drawn 18/12/2018**

**at the BHS Presentation Night at  
cluBarham**

### **Prizes**

Firewood Voucher from Patten &  
O'Neill Sawmills

IGA Voucher valued at \$30 from  
Glenn & Melanie Faul, Barham IGA

Large Barbwire Garden Art Ball  
valued at \$120 from McClay family

Large Red Esky valued at \$75 from  
Elders Barham

Scrumptiously Delicious Slice &  
Biscuits from Maree Telford

Intricately Decorated Christmas  
Treats from Nicola Jones

Marvellously Moist Fruit Cake from  
Glenda Frankling

6 Individual Red Boxes full of Rice  
Products from Sunrice





# LIVE LIGHT PAINTING WORKSHOP

Live interactive animated painting is a new and exciting form of visual storytelling.

Participants will learn how to create interactive animated paintings on an iPad and how to bring their artwork to life using sound and music.

These fun and experimental FREE workshops allow for improvisation and the immediate realisation of ideas through live animation and experimental sound design.

FREE live light painting workshops are suitable for all community members 12 years+  
No experience necessary.

**TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019**

**WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019**

Workshops will be held at the Kerang Memorial Hall between 10am and 4pm. Participants may attend one or both days. **FREE bookings via [www.trybooking.com/YHKV](http://www.trybooking.com/YHKV)**

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE**

**WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019**

Community members are invited to view the interactive and animated works created by participants and workshop leaders.  
5pm - 6pm at the Kerang Memorial Hall.  
Free community event. All welcome.

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