

Barham Banter

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Term 4 – Week 11

17th December, 2012

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air

TERM 4 Monday 17th

December 2012 – Week 11

Monday 17th December	Kinder & Yr 1 Christmas Sing-a-long – 2.00 pm Yr 7 Farewell Dinner
Tuesday, 18th December	Presentation Day Assembly 10 am Reports Home Class Parties NO CANTEEN
Wednesday 19th December	Pool Party Students Last Day NO CANTEEN
Thursday, 20th December	STAFF ONLY HOLIDAYS

TERM 1 2013

Tuesday 5th February	STAFF RETURN
Wednesday 6th February	ALL Students Return

Merry Christmas

P & C would like to thank all the families that have supported the P & C over 2012 and wish you all a lovely Christmas and a safe and happy holidays. 2013 will bring new projects and again will we call on our very generous school community for support. A huge thank you to those families that are leaving Barham Primary, good luck and we wish you all the best for your child's new chapter in education at high school.

Barham PS P & C
Executive committee



Presentation Day Assembly

A final reminder that this will be on tomorrow at the big Club in Barham commencing at 10am. This is a very special celebration for our school and it is hoped that as many parents, grandparents and friends as possible are able to join us in acknowledging the achievements of our school and the students throughout 2012

Choir - Mrs Laughlin would like all choir members in Year 3, 4 and 5 to wear a gold T-Shirt and Black Shorts to sing at Presentation Day Assembly. Year 6 students will wear their Year 6 T-Shirt.

PLEASE NOTE

NO CANTEEN OPERATING ON TUESDAY 18th OR WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER
Class parties will be held on Tuesday.

News from 5/6R

5/6R have been enjoying learning origami during the past few weeks. They have been busy learning how to make a variety of different animals, birds, paper balloons and a Christmas decoration. Marina, the Japanese exchange student currently staying with Nicola Jones' family, spent the day with our class last Wednesday and taught us how to make a 'flapping bird' which involved many of the origami folds we have been learning. Mrs Joan Simeon also visited and taught us how to create a beautiful Christmas decoration. We are presently busy finishing these. Thank you Marina and Joan for giving us these opportunities.

Swimming News

During the past 2 weeks, our students have been involved in our Learn to Swim Program. With the support of our teachers, parent helpers and the Barham High School students who assisted, it was a very successful program. In just 8 days, the increased skills and confidence of all our students were evident. Those who were initially fearful, gained the confidence to put their faces in the water as they

enjoyed the different activities. Other students developed their ability to swim the recognised strokes as well as their water safety skills. The more confident swimmers were also provided with the opportunity to swim in everyday clothing to allow them to experience the different conditions this creates. At the beginning of next year, we will continue this program to allow the students to further develop their swimming skills and also prepare for the swimming carnival. A very big thank you to the parents and high school students who assisted. Without your help, this program would not be possible.

A big thank you also to Murray Irrigation for their sponsorship towards our swimming program which significantly reduced the cost to each student.

Early Arrivals –

Please note that there are students who are arriving at school before 8.30 a.m. There is NO supervision available to students at that time.

2013 – School Resumes

On Wednesday 6th February 2013 school resumes for ALL students including new Kinder students.

Certificates

Congratulations to these students who received yellow, red, blue and gold certificates at the final weekly assembly for the year. There were so many blue certificates that we had to put them into two groups for the photograph!



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**** Important message

K/1/2 – Wednesday Water Fun 11.00 a.m. – 12 noon

K/1/2 need to bring swimmers, T-shirt and extra pair of shoes (bee bite protection) to wear to enjoy running under school oval sprinklers. We will also have a slippery slide for them. Students to bring their own recess and lunch – NO CANTEEN



Softball Match

The traditional softball match between Yr 6 and staff (Parents??) will take place at 8.30 am Wednesday morning.

Pool Party

This Wednesday 19th December, Years 3 to 6 will be travelling by bus to the Koondrook Pool for the 'pool party'. They will depart from school at 9.30 am and return at 1 pm in time for lunch.

During the time at the pool, students will be able to buy snacks, drinks and ice creams from the pool kiosk. Please ensure that all students bring their swimmers, towel, sun protection (rashie and sun screen) and a hat. Also students will need to bring some money to spend at the kiosk and a bottle of water. Students will need to bring their lunch as the school canteen **will not** be operating.

Library & Readers

LAST CHANCE - THIS WEEK. **Please! Please! Please!**

If you have any library books and K-2 readers could they PLEASE be returned to school this week, so that they can be counted. These books are an extremely valuable resource and it is essential that we have them all returned for the start of the new school year.

Please undertake another **thorough search** for books that may belong to the school and ensure that they are returned this week. Huge thanks for your support with this.

Principal's Award

Last week, members of the community highlighted to us a good deed performed by 2 of our students. Grace and Tori Cook went to the aid of an elderly man who had had a fall in the street. These girls offered aid and assistance and their efforts were appreciated by others present, including the ambulance officers who attended. The actions of these girls were acknowledged today with a Principal's Award.



Christmas Vacation

As this is the final newsletter for 2012, I would like to thank the Barham Primary School community for their help and support in so many ways during the last 12 months. Our successes are many and can be attributed to the positive encouragement we receive from the community. To the staff, who consistently go 'above and beyond', huge thanks! Finally, to our wonderful students who have worked so hard during the year and who make it a pleasure to come to work each day, thank you!

As we take a break from school until early February, may every one of you have a fabulous Christmas and New Year, and if travelling, please keep safe.

Gannawarra Library Service

The Gannawarra Library Service will be running School Holiday Activities at the Kerang Library, Cohuna Branch and Leitchville Branch for 3 weeks from 7th January.

Phone for details – Kerang 03 54521546

Cohuna – 54562124

Leitchville 54567031

Second Hand School Uniforms

We have an abundance of good, clean second hand school uniforms if you wish to purchase. Just ask at the office. We have decided to leave these items on display as have had good interest.

Gun Club Catering

Roster for 13th January 2013

10.30am	1.30pm	Cake	Slice
Davis	Gorey	Camps	Morton
McInnes	Hird		

Found Near Vegetable Garden

A piece of lady's jewellery has been found in the area near the vegetable garden. Enquire at the office

Head Lice

We have had reported cases of head lice. We encourage parents to continue to be vigilante with their checking and to keep all long hair tied back for school.

For Sale

'Adorable kelpie puppies needing homes, ready for Christmas, please call Mandy, 54538292'



Nativity scene from today's K-1 Christmas Show

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to these students who received their Certificates from the NSW Premier for completing the Reading Challenge this year. Special commendation to those students who received GOLD certificates for successfully completing 4 years of the Challenge!



Reading Recovery Certificates

Acknowledgement was made to those Year 1 students who completed the Reading Recovery program in Semester 2. Today they received a certificate and book in recognition of this.



School Magazines

There are 9 school magazines remaining for sale. They are very popular and have sold really quickly. Congratulations to Justin for putting it all together!

