

# Barham Banter

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Term 4– Week 6

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*Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.  
It's about learning to dance in the rain.*

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	P&C Dinner Year 6 High School Orientation Day Pre-school visit 11.30-1.30 New Parent's Information Session. 1.30- 2.30. K-2 After School Sport
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Swimming Session 3.30.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	3-6 After School Sport

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	K-2 After School Sport Yr 6 H.S. Orientation Day Pre-School – Whole Day P&C Dinner at Barham Hotel
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Yr 3-6 After school Sport

## Rural and Remote Education - Blueprint for Action

Last week, our Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli, made a significant announcement regarding education in rural areas. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the media release for your information. We have been waiting for several years for a strategic plan to be released and supported by DEC. A full copy of the blueprint is available at school and can also be found on the DEC website. See the link on the release. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any questions relating to this.

## Remembrance Day

Today, our school leaders represented our school at the ceremony being held to commemorate Remembrance Day. A whole school assembly was held at 11am.

## Class Awards

Congratulations to these students, who received red and blue certificates at last week's assembly. Special congratulations to Ella Lodge on receiving her gold certificate.



## School Fees & Kitchen Levy

Further to the notice that appeared in last week's newsletter, individual letters have been sent home today to families who are yet to pay their 2013 contributions. This is because we had so many enquiries at the office for information on whether payments had been made or not.

It would be appreciated if monies owing to the school, especially the kitchen levy, could be paid before the end of the month. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Orientations

Both Year 6 and incoming pre-schoolers will continue their orientation sessions this week. Round 3 is on this Tuesday. Year 6 students can travel direct to the High School, where they will spend the day. Timetables have been distributed to students. Our pre-schoolers will attend in the middle session from 11.30 to 1.30pm.

## New Parent Meeting

Following on from the pre-school orientation, an information session for parents will be held from 1.30 pm on Tuesday in the Kindergarten classroom. We hope that pre-school parents will be able to join us.

## P&C Annual Dinner

This special event on the P&C calendar will be held on Tuesday, 19 November at the Barham Hotel with a 7pm gathering for a 7.30pm meal. As is tradition, the primary school and high school P&C's will combine. Please RSVP to Julie Frankling on 0429 841699 or [juliefrankling@bigpond.com](mailto:juliefrankling@bigpond.com) to confirm your attendance. Alternatively, a message left at the school will be passed on.

## University Competitions

Congratulations to these students who received their certificates after participating in this year's NSW University competitions.



## Parent Information Session re Swimming

A reminder to all parents who are interested in, and available to help in, our 2013 intensive swimming program, that an information session has been planned for this coming Wednesday at school at 3.30pm. During this session, we will be showing some short presentations on how to teach each of the swimming strokes and develop greater confidence in the water. We are extremely eager to round-up as much support for this program as we can.

## School Bees

This week we placed a beehive in the school environmental area to help pollinate this year's crop of pumpkins and other vegetables. With a bit of luck there might also be some honey for the kitchen.

To establish the school bee colony we took 3 frames of bees and their brood from an existing hive and placed them in a new hive-box. After moving the bee hive to its position in the school garden we introduced a new queen to the hive. The new queen is a "Golden Italian". We choose these particular kinds of bee because they are known for their good nature and hard work.

In a few weeks we will inspect the hive to find out if all is going well.

*Jolmer Smit*



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Date	8.30 am Collect Orders BPS. Deliver to Canteen	Canteen 9.30 – 11 am	Canteen 11 am – 1.10 pm	Canteen 1.50 – 2.30 pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	C.Lake		T.Brennan	T.Brennan
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	J.Ibbs	M.Membrey	S.Lolicato	S.Mahoney
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	J.Main		M.Robinson	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	K.O'Brien	K.O'Brien	F.King-Gee	F.King-Gee
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	T.Mason	R.Landini	R.Landini	R.Landini
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	K.Molin	K.Molin	J.Webb	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	K.Wilson			
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	M.Telford			
Thurs 21 <sup>th</sup> Nov	M.ONeill		J.O'Reilly	J.O'Reilly
Fri 22 <sup>th</sup> Nov	R.Farrant	G.Oggin	G.Oggin	G.Oggin

**Cookbook**

Orders for the 2013 Cookbook have been steadily arriving at school. Please remember this has a limited print run. As previously identified, the cookbook is guaranteed to be a wonderful keepsake, an ideal Christmas gift for family and friends, as well as a fantastic culinary resource for every household.

Cheques must be made payable to Barham Public School P&C.

**Barham Primary School  
Cookbook Order Form**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Books \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

Money accompanies this order.

**Cook book has arrived**

Well, one copy. In the office there is a digital print copy of the cookbook available for you to peruse. It looks absolutely fantastic and it will be a great keepsake for your family. I hope you enjoy the beautiful photos of your child/children spread across the pages. Please note the final print copy will be of higher standard.

GET YOUR ORDERS IN BEFORE YOU MISS OUT, AS WE WILL NOT BE REPRINTING.

**Gun Club News**

Sunday 8th Dec

10.15am Pick up FULLICK 10.30am PETERS

1pm FORDE FARRANT

Cake FLISHER Slice RYAN

Sunday 12th January 2014

10.15am Pick Up McINNES 10.30am MASON

1pm BOYD/MILLAR DIMICHIEL

Cake BOTT Slice HARE

Sunday 16th February 2014

10.15am Pick up SALTER 10.30am GOREY

1pm CAMPBELL (Indeah) McGOWAN D/N

Cake WILLIAMS (Zantie) Slice CAMPS

Thankyou to Scott, Kylie, Jye and Sam McGowan, Maree Telford and Luke Keogh for assisting at the Field & Game Shoot yesterday. Thanks also to Kerry McNair for the yummy slice.

Please take a look at the roster for the next 3 shoots and arrange your swap early and then let Tracey Davis or Alleena Burger know so we can adjust our roster. Every family is on the roster once for the year, either at the shoot or to provide soup, slice or cake. This is not a lot to ask of families as our children ALL benefit from the funds raised. We are preparing the 2014 roster shortly so if you have a preference for when you are rostered on, this is your chance. Please complete the slip below and return it to the box in the school office and we will do our best to accommodate your family.

Thank you

Tracey Davis & Alleena Burger

Field & Game Co-ordinators.

2014 Field & Game Roster

Family Name.....

Preferred Month.....

I am happy to provide(circle) on a month when I am not rostered on

CAKE

SLICE

6 EGGS + 2 Large CARROTS

1xLETTUCE+ 4 TOMATO

6lt SOUP



## In the Kitchen

What's been cooking? Well lots actually ... from turnips to broad beans to kale to rhubarb and then onto spinach and beetroot.

Over the last few weeks our students have made a massive number of Spinach Pizzas – a total of close to 60 to be exact – and not a lot of leftovers were to be had. Students rolled their own dough into creative interpretations of round and smothered them with steamed spinach, tomato, mozzarella cheese and ham. Other culinary creations have involved massive numbers of turnips made into turnip and potato patties. We have harvested cauliflowers and made them into fritters, beetroots have been roasted. Lettuce, kale and oranges have been popping up in our salads along with some yummy avocados kindly donated by Barham Avocados. Don't forget this weekend we have our monthly Farmer's Market. The school will be running a stall again with lots of seedlings. Our classes have made some orange oat biscuits and we have our very tasty Apricot Jam on sale again. Helpers on the day are always welcome.



## Canteen

Slushies for this week are Wild Berry and Grape Fizz.

## School Swimming Program

Our school swimming program will take place each Monday to Thursday of Weeks 9 and 10 (commencing Monday, 2nd December). This year, to utilise the space at the Koondrook Pool more effectively, we will be conducting 3 half hour lessons to enable 2 classes to attend each session.

To help us deliver the best program, we are looking for helpers to assist with our lessons.

## Koondrook Swimming Pool

50th Birthday celebrations will be held at the pool on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Formalities will be held at 2.00pm. Historical display and a lots more activities are planned.

Everyone welcome.

## Freaky Friday

Freaky Friday was a huge success for the S.R.C. last Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. They raised over \$300, which will enable them to purchase new sports equipment and an air compressor for the students to use.

The S.R.C. would like to say thank-you to all the students who participated in the day and for their amazing costumes and make-up.

Thank-you also to all parents and grand parents who made cupcakes for this day.



## Barham Public School ~ 2013 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

We will commence the intensive swimming program on Monday, 2nd December. All students K-6 will be taught swimming skills appropriate to their level - from water discovery to stroke development, and lifesaving skills. This will run over 2 weeks with lessons on Monday 2nd December, Tuesday 3rd December, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December in week 1; Monday 9th December, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December in week 2.

To utilise the space at the Koondrook Pool more effectively, we will be conducting 3 x half hour lessons to enable 2 classes to attend each session.

Very close supervision of students will be maintained with groups of 10 children or less. **If you are able to assist in supervising a group, or know anyone who would be interested, please let the school know, either by phone, or fill in the slip below.** The more assistance we have, the better the program will run. It is imperative that students have a hat and wear it out of the water; block-out sunscreen is to be used by all students. PLEASE check to see that students bring their swimming costumes and a towel each day.

Included in the cost will be entry for the School Pool Party for Year 3-6 students on Wednesday 18th December when the Year 3-6 students will also be at the pool from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm.

The cost of bus transport to and from the pool will once again be subsidized by a wonderful donation from Murray Irrigation of \$10 per student. The remaining bus costs have also been funded through the Equity Program.

The **cost per student for pool entry is \$22.50 for Year 3-6 students and \$20.00 for Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students.** **However**, if you have a family ticket to the pool you pay nothing. Please indicate below if you have a family pool ticket

Students will NOT be allowed to stay behind at the pool, unless their parent is present, for safety reasons. Students may purchase from the pool canteen only on the Pool Party day, on Wednesday 18th December.

Please return the permission note and the money for pool entry by **Wednesday 27th November** to your child's class teacher.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM - Permission Note      **Return to Class Teacher**

I give..... Year.....

I give..... Year.....

I give..... Year.....

I give ..... Year .....

permission to travel to and from the Koondrook Pool by bus and participate in the Intensive Swimming Program between Monday, 2nd December, and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. I further give permission for my child to participate in the pool party at Koondrook Pool on Wednesday 18th December.

I have enclosed \$22.50 per student (Year 3-6) for **pool entry** for the nine days.

I have enclosed \$20.00 per student (K, Year 1, and Year 2) for **pool entry** for the eight days

TOTAL \$.....

We have a family pool ticket    YES      NO (Please circle)

SIGNED.....  
(Parent/Guardian)

I am willing to help out with swimming groups during the 2 week Intensive Swimming Program,

and I am available on .....

SIGNED..... Phone .....

# **Minister for Education Announcement Rural and Remote Education**

## **- Blueprint for Action**

**7 November 2013**

The Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli today announced \$80 million over four years to improve student learning in rural and remote public schools across the State.

Mr Piccoli said the NSW Government's Rural and Remote Education Blueprint for Action aims to bridge the gap in educational achievement between rural and remote, and metropolitan schools.

The key actions in the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint include:

- Over \$30 million over four years to provide new incentives to attract and retain quality teachers and school leaders in rural and remote schools;
- \$15 million over four years to support student wellbeing by establishing 15 specialist centres to offer coordinated inter-agency health and wellbeing services;
- \$8 million over four years to give students in rural and remote schools access to a broad range of curriculum opportunities, including for gifted and talented students, through the creation of a virtual secondary school;
- \$4 million over four years to strengthen early childhood education for children in rural and remote communities.

Mr Piccoli said funding for the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint is in addition to the \$35 million in capital works recently directed to the 15 Connected Communities schools in rural NSW.

"Over \$30 million will be allocated over four years for new incentives to attract quality teachers and school leaders to rural and remote areas," Mr Piccoli said.

"Principals in our most remote schools will now be able to permanently employ high performing temporary teachers and staff; they will be able to offer 10-week trial programs; \$10,000 recruitment incentives, as well as rental subsidies.

"Incentives will also be provided for teacher education students who take professional experience placements in rural and remote schools. These incentives are in addition to the new 20 teach. Rural scholarships, and 10 cadetships and internships to start in 2014.

"\$8 million has been provided to establish a new 'virtual' secondary school, giving high school students in rural and remote areas the opportunity to study specialist subjects not available in their own school. The new virtual school will also offer selective classes to cater specifically for gifted and talented secondary students wanting to study courses such as extension mathematics, science and engineering studies

"In addition, the Department will establish more opportunity classes for gifted and talented Year 5 and 6 students in rural and remote primary schools."

Mr Piccoli said the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint also aims to give children in rural and remote areas more opportunity to access quality early childhood education.

"A further \$4 million over four years will be allocated to rural and remote preschools to improve access for 'hard to reach'

children through transport options and other outreach initiatives," Mr Piccoli said.

"\$15 million over four years will be allocated to support the establishment and operation of specialist centres that will co-ordinate interagency health and wellbeing services, drawing on the particular expertise of school staff, and other government and non-government agencies.

"In 2014, existing centres in Dubbo and Wagga Wagga will be extended to provide expertise in such areas as education psychology, school attendance and student health, and new centres will be established in Broken Hill and Tamworth. By the end of 2016 there will be a total of 15 specialist centres operating in rural and remote NSW."

Mr Piccoli said the NSW Government recently announced that \$100 million in additional equity funding would be distributed to public schools in 2014 on two new funding loadings for low socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds.

"Schools in Western NSW alone will receive an extra \$21 million under these loadings, and for the first time, all 49,000 Aboriginal students in NSW public schools will receive funding support.

"Schools on the North Coast will receive an additional \$9.3 million under the RAM; schools in the Hunter will receive an additional \$19.9 million; and schools in South East NSW will receive an additional \$6.3 million under the two new loadings."

"It is principals, teachers, school staff and parents who know students best. This is why, on full implementation of the new RAM, schools will manage more than 70% of the state public school education budget, compared with just 10% now."

Mr Piccoli said the actions in the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint are based on consultation with principals and student leaders, along with evidence from Australia and abroad.

"They complement and build on the broad reform agenda already commenced under this Government with initiatives such as Local Schools, Local Decisions, Great Teaching, Inspired Learning, Connected Communities and Every Student, Every School," Mr Piccoli said.

Find out more information about the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint for Action at

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/rural-and-remote-education](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/rural-and-remote-education)