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Term 4– Week 7

18th November, 2013

Life shouldn't be measured by the breaths you take; but by the moments that take your breath away.

Monday 18th November 2013 Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 19 th November	K-2 After School Sport Yr 6 H.S. Orientation Day Pre-School – Whole Day
Thursday 21 st November	Yr 3-6 After school Sport
Friday 22 nd November	Catchment Management Deni

Monday 25th November 2013 Term 4 Week 8

Monday 25 th November	4/5/6 Excursion –Barham Avocados
Tuesday 26 th November	No K-2 After School Sport
Thursday 28 st November	No 3-6 After school Sport

School Fees & Kitchen Levy

Individual and family invoices for 2013 contributions were sent home last week. It would be appreciated if these fees could be paid before the end of the month, is possible. In particular, we need to ensure that the kitchen levies are paid, as the budget for the kitchen was calculated much earlier in the year and financial rollover is at the end of this month. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

Orientations

Both Year 6 and incoming pre-schoolers will continue their orientation sessions this week. This is the final week for both groups. 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 for the whole day.

Calendar Changes & Final Assembly

A reminder to parents and community members that the next scheduled whole school assembly is on **Friday, 6 December** and will commence at **11.30 am**. (Please note this is one week later than initially advised). This assembly will feature the speeches of our aspiring leaders for 2014, as well as class awards, etc. This will be the final assembly of the school year and will be followed by our Christmas bookfair in the library.

Class Awards

Congratulations to these students, who received red and blue certificates at last week's assembly



Creative Catchment Kids

This coming Friday, Mrs Radywonik will be accompanying our Catchment Management Authority, *Creative Catchment Kids* to Deniliquin to the launch of their biography. Having focused on writing and illustrating this book over many months, the work and energies of local environmentalists, Phil and Pam O'Neill, have been acknowledged and featured in this publication. Congratulations to Hannah Membrey, Sophie Disher, Tammika Thompson and Elle Petrascu, as well as Mrs Rady, on their efforts with this!

Library

Library borrowing has now finished for 2013 as we need to do our annual library stocktake. All students still have the opportunity to return books during library lessons.

Can everyone please have a look in all corners of rooms for any overdue books? Overdue notes, with replacement cost of books, will be sent home in week 9. This gives plenty of time to find the lost treasures.

HOLIDAY READING; The Barham Library has awesome books available for borrowing. I encourage all families to make use of this wonderful resource our little town has.

Safety Alert

Just as well the teacher looked before backing her car out last week. Two children were walking through the teachers' carpark and came close to being knocked over. Please remind students who walk into the schoolgrounds from Melool street that only staff cars can enter and leave the carpark.

There is NO pedestrian access to the school through the carpark, even if children are accompanied by an adult.

Children need to be aware of this and practise entering and leaving the schoolground by the safest route.

Cookbook

Many parents have been in to the office to have a sneak preview of our 2013 cookbook. Whilst this is the draft edition, and the final one will be even 'glossier', it is certainly high on appeal. Please ensure the order form is completed and returned to school if you want to guarantee copies of this special book before the end of the school year. Remember, there is only one print run!

Barham Primary School Cookbook Order Form

Name : _____

Number of Books _____

@ \$30 = _____

Money accompanies this order. Cheques to
Barham Primary School P & C Association

Book Fair

Yes – it's on again. The bookfair is a great opportunity to purchase fantastic books and support the school.

The bookfair will be held on Thursday 5th Dec, 3.00pm – 5.00pm and Friday 6th Dec. 8.30am – 5.00pm in the Library. All classes will have a chance to look at the books prior to the bookfair and will be given the option of taking home a wish list. If you wish to purchase a book, but can't make it in, please send the title and payment and we will forward it on to you in a secret sealed envelope.

In the garden this week.

We have been working in the hothouse and growing many things such as basil, tomatoes, zucchini, quongdong and much more.

Out in the garden our first cherries are blooming. We are advised not to touch the cherries. Rachael and Elle have been harvesting garlic. We have seen our new bees in action collecting nectar and pollen.



After School Sport

Please note that After School Sport is on as usual this week but there is no sport next week.

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 18 th Nov	K.Molin	K.Molin	J.Webb	
Tues 19 th Nov	K.Wilson			
Wed 20 th Nov	M.Telford			
Thurs 21 st Nov	M.ONeill		J.O'Reilly	J.O'Reilly
Fri 22 nd Nov	R.Farrant	G.Oggin	G.Oggin	G.Oggin
Mon 25 th Nov			S.Martin	
Tues 26 th Nov	J.Ibbs		L.Gleeson	L.Gleeson
Wed 27 th Nov	R.Jones			
Thurs 28 th Nov	N.Patten		K.Knight	K.Knight
Fri 29 th Nov	K.Black	G.Allitt	G.Allitt	G.Allitt

Parent Information Session re Swimming

Last Wednesday, we held an information afternoon for anyone interested in assisting with our Learn to Swim Program. During the session, video clips from renowned swimming coach, Laurie Lawrence were reviewed and techniques and ideas were shown to assist everyone to feel more confident in assisting with our program. Unfortunately, only a small number could attend that session so we would like to offer another time for anyone who missed out.

If you are interested in helping with our program, would you please fill in the attached form and also indicate whether you would like us to run another information session. Any support offered would be very gratefully appreciated.

Intensive Swimming Program 2013-14

YES! I am able to assist with this year's program.

Name : _____

I am available on these days:

YES, I would be interested in attending another information session held at the school prior to the program commencing.

Intensive Swimming will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 and will be on Monday to Thursday each week.

Book Club

Book Club was handed out today. Please return all orders back to school by this Friday, 22nd Nov.

Dear Parents

At a P&C meeting earlier this year, there were parents who expressed concerns regarding aspects of the Barham Primary School swim program. In light of this, I have taken it upon myself to assist Mrs Radywonik in providing an informative session at school for any volunteers that would be able to assist with our upcoming swim program. This was held on last Wednesday and I would like to thank the four parents and one member of staff who attended.

This information session was designed to give parents the tools and confidence to help at the pool when they can. Without parent & community members help, our school program is in danger of not happening for our whole school. Swimming is not a compulsory subject that has to be taught. It is our dedicated staff who make the time to ensure that every child has the opportunity to be exposed to lessons which one day could save their lives.

Whether you are confident or not, we need as many sets of eyes at the pool as possible. Don't be afraid! Not everyone has to get in the pool; people are required to be standing on the edge supervising too.

I understand the busy lives that we all lead, but, this program needs your help. I cannot stress enough the importance of the swim program at our school.

If you are able to help at any stage during the swimming program, please contact the school. If you are interested in attending an information session to help build your confidence, please let us know.

I hope to see many faces at the pool.

Yours sincerely

Brooke Hollins

P&C President – Mob - 0429872211

Graduation Dinner

Year 6 students have received information and invitations for their Graduation Dinner. Please reply as soon as possible.

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 4th December and Thursday 5th December in week 1; Monday 9th December, Tuesday 10th December, Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th 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.....

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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 12th 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

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WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	18	19 Yr 6 HS Orient'n AASS Pre School Visit 8.50-3.	20	21 AASS	22
8	25 Wakool- Burraboi PS Art Show	26 No AASS	27 Aspire me - Sydney	28 No AASS Aspire me - Sydney	29 Aspire me - Sydney
9	2 December Swimming.	3 Last Swimming Last AASS	4 Swimming	5 Swimming Last AASS	6 Assembly Leader's Speeches BOOKFAIR
10	9 Swimming	10 Swimming	11 Swimming	12 Swimming	13
11	16 Infants Frolic Xmas Decorations Yr 6 farewell Dinner	17 Presentation Day 9.30 am Reports Home Class Parties	18 Last Day Students Pool Party 10 - 1.30	19 School Development Day	20 Last Day Staff School Development Day
	Term 1	2014			
1	February	4 Staff Return	5 Student's K-6 Return	6	7
2	10	11	12	13	14 School Swimming Carnival
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Kitchen News

There is so much Kale in our garden and we have been busy cooking up all manner of things Kale. Kinder enjoyed Kale and Bacon Quiche and 1/2D had taste of Turkish cuisine with some Spinach & Kale Gozleme. Our classes have also been cooking up Rhubarb to enjoy with ice cream and 4/5/6 made another delicious Rhubarb Cake to follow up their broad bean and bacon pasta.



Next week, students from 4/5/6 will attend a short Kitchen Garden excursion to Barham Avocados. They will observe the orchard and see the picking of the fruit and view the packing/packaging process. At the conclusion of the farm tour students will be making a large guacamole to enjoy with some Pita Bread. The excursion is being run in recognition of students seeing local horticulture/agriculture in practise and consolidates the 'Paddock to Plate' basis of our Kitchen Garden program at BPS. A note with excursion details was sent home at the end of last week. Please ensure permission notes are signed and returned this week.

Farmers Market



Some of our delicious products on sale at Sunday's Farmer's Market.

Thankyou to Mason, Trinity and Molly for your help and happy faces

