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Term 4– Week 9

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela

Monday 2nd December 2013 Term 4 Week 9

Monday 2 nd December	Swimming Lessons Commence
Tuesday 3 rd December	K-2 After School Sport
Thursday 5 th December	3-6 After school Sport
Friday 6 th December	School Assembly 11.30 am
	Book Fair in Library
Sunday 8 th December	P&C Shopping Spree

Monday 9th December 2013 Term 4 Week 10

Mon – Thurs	Swimming
Tuesday 10 th December	K-2 After school Sport
Thursday 12 th December	3-6 After School Sport
Friday 13 th December	Gold Certificate Lunch

Class Awards

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

Special congratulations to Will Lake and Tatum Boyd on receiving their gold certificate!

Those students who have received a gold certificate will be attending the Principal's Gold Lunch on Friday 13 December.



Industrial Action

The NSW Teachers Federation has called a stop-work meeting for Tuesday 3 December (tomorrow) from 9 till 11.00am. Parents are advised that Barham Primary School will be **open as normal** and that teachers will be conducting 'business as usual'. Please contact the school if you have any questions relating to this.

Swimming

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SWIMMING GEAR EVERY DAY (except Friday) THIS WEEK AND NEXT!

It is also important that students bring their own goggles (if required) and wear sun screen to school. Students will be given the opportunity to re-apply sun screen before going to the pool. It is also imperative that all property is labelled, especially swimmers, towels and goggles.

With regard to goggles, parents and students are advised that students will not be allowed to wear them for swimming assessments. This is because research is indicating that children generally do not have goggles on when they get into difficulty in water (eg pools, rivers, dams, channels) and that for assessment to be accurate and informed, goggles should not be worn.

Due to swimming, our regular timetable will vary for the next fortnight (excluding Friday). Students will have lunch from 10.45 to 11.30. (Huge thanks to the BHS canteen who have been very cooperative with this). The middle session will last from 11.30 to 12.30, when students will break for recess and the first group of students will depart for the pool at 1pm. The last group will return in time for the afternoon buses. The first group at the pool comprises 2/3B and K/1R, the middle group 4/5/6M and K/1B and the final group 4/5/6R and 1/2D.

Huge thanks to those parents who have been able to volunteer their time and expertise in assisting with our swimming program this year. We couldn't do this without your help!

Active After School Sport

This program will be operating, as normal, this week and next from 3.15 to 4.15pm on Tuesday (K-2) and Thursday (Years 3-6)

Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, parents and students are reminded that any items in lost property are automatically transferred to the SRC uniform recycling pool. This highlights the importance of ensuring that all school property is clearly labelled, so that lost items can be returned to their rightful owner.

Swimming Reminder

Some students still owe \$2.50 for the trip to the pool on Thursday.

If you have pool membership its free.

SRC Uniform Request

As many parents are aware, the SRC operates a pre-loved uniform recycling business at school where our school uniforms are sold at significantly reduced rates. The uniform supplies that we have are sourced from unclaimed lost property or donated to the school. The SRC is requesting parents to consider donating surplus, outsized uniforms (that are in good condition and freshly laundered) to the school, as we have a steady interest in these items, especially at change of season. All money collected from sales is used by the SRC in their charity work. **All donations are very gratefully accepted!**

Assembly

A reminder to all parents and friends that the final big assembly for 2013 is on **this Friday**, under the COLA, and commences at **11.30am**. The earlier time slot is due to uncertainty over the amount of time needed for all prospective leaders to deliver their speeches and our intent to ensure that no one is disadvantaged due to restricted times. Class awards will be presented.. A reminder that the book fair will be on in the library for the remainder of the afternoon.

Cookbook

The photographs of your children in this cookbook are exceptional! Many parents have been in to the office to have a sneak preview. They have been very impressed and understand that the final one will be even 'glossier'! Please consider grandparents and other family friends who, we are confident, would appreciate a souvenir copy for Christmas. An order form is attached. Remember, there is only one print run!

Barham Primary School Cookbook Order Form

Name : _____

Number of Books _____

@ \$30 = _____

Money accompanies this order.

Kitchen News

Parent Survey

Last week a survey evaluating the Kitchen Garden Program at BPS was sent home with each student. Thankyou to all the families who have responded. If you are yet to complete your survey or have not received one there is an electronic version attached or hard copy available at school. Respondents thus far have been overwhelmingly positive, honest and helpful to us as a school as we move forward with this valuable initiative.

Avocado Excursion



4/5/6 M & R visited Barham Avocados last Monday. We had beautiful sunshine, Tim Myers and dog Moet as our guides a great tour with lots to see and learn and guacamole at the end. Below are some observations by some of our 4/5/6 students ...



Lovely time. I'll start with the types of avocados- Hass and Reed trees produce different kinds of avocados. Avocados are washed, weighed and inspected. It is a lot more work than I thought. Laura



Yesterday in the afternoon we had the opportunity to visit somebody's avocado farm. We had a look around the farm with Tim. He showed us the avocado trees, the scissors lift and the cleaning machine. Outside we ate fresh guacamole. We said thankyou and goodbye to Tim when we went back to Barham. Adam



Prior to the excursion I didn't know they used giant turbine like fans to stop the frost settling on the avocados. Jack



Visiting the Avocado farm with Tim and his dog Moet was the best start to the week. Tim and Moet showed us around the avocado farm, we got to see the most amazing thing in the world. The cherry picker was amazing how it moved from place to place. Did you know there are over a hundred different types of avocados. That is impressive. Dominic



It was an excellent experience and everybody had a great time. We learnt a lot. The avocados can't get too hot or too cold. Conrad



Visiting the avocado farm was a great experience. Tim showed us everything there. My favourite was the machinery. John



I like the information that they are tropical and there are 100 different types of avocados. The fans were cool. I also had no idea how long they took to grow. Jacob

Ice Cream

Next week (Wednesday 11th) there will be a Kitchen Fundraiser at first recess break. We will be selling ice cream cups



with Rhubarb Syrup, or for those who prefer 'sans' syrup – nude vanilla. Cost will be \$2 for 2 scoops. Funds raised are to purchase additional and replacement cutlery, additional drinking glasses, extra rolling pins and water jugs for table use next year.

Fruit Cakes

A group of students from 4/5/6 R whipped up some fruitcakes for our next Farmer's Market - Sunday 15th – below are the 'fruits' of their labour. Well done to Elle, Rachel Ashley (square cakes) Jarvis, Dempsey, Michael & Jack (round cakes).



Aspire Me Sydney

On Wednesday the 27th of November we drove by bus to Sydney for four days. We were in a large group of 36 students and 5 lovely teachers.

It was an Aspire Me Tour around Sydney. We stayed at Naamaroo Uniting Venue. We drove across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to many different places, like the Opera House, Dance Workshop, Drama Workshop and many more places.

On Friday 29th we went to the 30th Year of School Spectacular Production. It was very entertaining and we wore fluoro t-shirts to make sure no one got lost in the crowd. There were performances outside and inside.

At 11.00pm Friday night we travelled home from Sydney. On the way we stopped at Berrigan Primary School and got back to Barham at 10.30 am. Saturday morning.

We really enjoyed this excursion because we met new friends from different schools and went shopping at Darling Harbour. We will never forget this once in a life time excursion to Sydney.

The Year 5 next year who will go on this excursion will love every moment.

Ellie and Tessa

School Readers

As with library books, now is the time we ask all families to check everywhere at home to ensure any readers belonging to the school are returned. These small books, usually taken home by students in K-3, are a very valuable resource and full sets need to be maintained for them to be useable by future years. Your cooperation in looking for and returning books to school in the next couple of weeks is greatly appreciated.

School Magazine

School magazines will be available later next week. You can place orders and pay money now to make sure you receive a copy of this great magazine.

School Magazine

Name

Year

Number of Copies @ \$10

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Paid \$.....

P&C Xmas Shopping Spree

P&C are running a Xmas Shopping Spree leaving Barham Public school at 10.00am on Sunday 8th December.

Lunch provided, cold meat and salads.

Drinks available.

Prizes !

\$25 per ticket.

Great bargains just in time for Christmas.

Contact Leonie 0429656662

“ Julie 0408133410

Plants

Plants - free

Freshly dug out of the garden.

Assorted

Under green water tank (west end of shelter)

Please take.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9				
Mon 2 nd Dec		L.Shannon	L.Shannon	
Tues 3 rd Dec	R.Jones			
Wed 4 th Dec	N.Cassidy			
Thurs 5 th Dec			L.Carter	L.Carter
Fri 6 th Dec	K.McGowan	K.McGowan	L.Van Rensburg	L.Van Rensburg
Week 10				
Mon 9 th Dec			H.Skate(12.20)	
Tues 10 th Dec	K.Wilson			
Wed 11 th Dec	M.O'Neill			
Thurs 12 th Dec	S.Laursen			A.Jones
Fri 13 th Dec	R.Farrant			

Head Lice Awareness

Please be on the look-out for head-lice, as a few cases have been reported .

Bookfair

We have received amazing books from Scholastic for this bookfair and they are set up in the library. All students will have a chance to peruse the books in class time this week and to fill in a wish list. This wish list might be useful for you if you are unsure of what books to choose. Or if you want to purchase in secret, send in the wish list with the books you want clearly marked, and we will package them up and send them home in camouflage!

The bookfair times have changed slightly to fit better with the assembly on Friday. It will be open Thursday 5th Dec 3pm - 5pm and Friday 6th December 8:30am-11:30am and 1pm - 5pm.

All students have also received a colouring competition that they may choose to do. Six winners will be selected and they will receive a \$10 voucher to spend at this bookfair. The groupings are K/1, year 2, year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6.

These winners will be notified on Thursday morning.

If you have any questions or queries please see Ainsley at school.

School Fees & Kitchen Levy

Many thanks to those families who have been able to make this payment in the last week. Unfortunately, some families continue to have outstanding invoices. As previously indicated, we especially need to ensure that the kitchen levies are paid, as a minimum. Your assistance with this is in the next fortnight would be greatly appreciated.

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	18	19	20	21	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
3	17	18	19	20	21
4	24	25	26	27	28