



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 NSW Term 4 Week 1 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 23 Oct	<i>Raising Independent, Resilient Learners & Citizens</i> – Parent Information session 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Mon 29 Oct	Cyber Safety Community Information Evening at BHS Library
Fri 26 Oct	<i>Tell Them From Me</i> Parent Survey closes
Thurs 8 Nov	Principal Network Meeting
11-15 Nov	Stage 3 Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 4! We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday break and that you are well rested and ready for the term ahead.

This term will see students engage in targeted teaching and learning designed to best prepare them as they move towards the end of the year in their grades, and into their new grades in 2018.

The *Transition to School* program will run for the Preschoolers in Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Information will be issued to families in the coming weeks. Teachers are looking forward to meeting the children and helping them become familiar with our school and all it offers.

We have Zaviar Boyd attending the Riverina Debating Trials being held at Henty Public School today, Monday, 15th October. We wish Zaviar all the best for these try outs.

We have the privilege of having Meg Durham from *Open Education* join us next Tuesday. Meg specialises in school wellbeing education and will be working with our students during the day, and available to present to parents in the evening. School families, this is a session not to miss. Look for details in this newsletter and posted on our Facebook page.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM) SURVEY

The *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* suite of surveys helps our school evaluate what we do and plan for the future. This term, students will complete their second survey as part of the *TTFM* survey program, but importantly this program also includes surveys for parents and teachers.

The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and the school. It is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The parent survey is complementary to the *TTFM* student survey that your child is being asked to complete this term. These surveys, along with a teacher survey, are offered to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. The link below allows you to access and complete the survey at home, or our school can make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

The survey is available up until **Friday 26th October 2018**. We invite parents of students of the school to complete this survey. Simply follow the link and the prompts to complete the survey.

The link to the survey is:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/c3fhm>

School families are urged to complete the survey. Thank you in anticipation for your responses.

RAISING INDEPENDENT & RESILIENT LEARNERS

Next Tuesday, we are privileged to have Meg Durham from *Open Education* join us to work with our **Year 6 students**. Meg specialises in school wellbeing education, and has previously worked with teachers from our local schools.

Meg is an experienced teacher and has taught in primary and secondary schools in various sectors in metropolitan and rural areas across Australia. She brings practical and enriching wellbeing education ideas to the classroom, and will be working with our **Year 6 students** as part of their PD/H and Transition to High School program.

Meg will also present to **parents and carers** at a special evening organised *Canvas, Coffee & Providore*. The evening will provide practical tips to help your children thrive at school and flourish in life. The presentation will go for approximately an hour and then there will be time for questions and answers. This is a valuable opportunity for parents to see what they can do to raise independent, resilient children. A light supper will be provided. Do come along and see what Meg has to say.

RAISING INDEPENDENT, RESILIENT LEARNERS & CITIZENS

NEXT TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER

Year 6 Students session at school
9.00am-3.00pm

Parent Information Session: **6.30pm for 7pm start** at *Canvas, Coffee & Providore*
An invaluable session for parents & carers
Free entry & light supper provided
All families welcome!

RSVP to school on 03 5453 2133 by COB on Friday 19th October will help us organise catering.

CYBER SAFETY COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

The Barham PS P&C and Barham HS P&C have combined to organise an important Cyber Safety Information session for parents and carers. This session will be held on Monday 29th October at the Barham High School library (5.45pm for 6.00pm start), with Police Liaison Officer Paul Ebsworth presenting. Supper will be provided.

The importance of safety on-line cannot be overstated. It is vital to empower people to have safe, positive experiences online. Research by the **eSafety Commission** highlights that the best thing we can do for our young people to combat cyberbullying is to target the behaviours by educating, empowering and equipping them early on with the '**4 Rs of Online Safety**' – **respect, resilience, responsibility and reasoning** across all of their interactions.

Our P&Cs are looking to ensure parents and young people are then empowered and informed digital citizens, and that they are equipped to protect themselves and act as positive and supportive contributors to all social spaces, especially online. This presentation looks to inform, and spark proactive conversations about digital lives and practices, ultimately educating people to improve what they do.



Save the Date

BPS & BHS P&C Associations

invite you to a Community

Information Session on

'Cybersafety'

With Paul Ebsworth

(Police Liaison Officer)

Monday 29th Oct

@ Barham High School library

5.45pm for a 6pm start

Food and drinks provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes to:

Barham Public School (5453 2133) OR

Barham High School (54532322)

PBL REWARD & FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Students enjoyed a *PBL Reward Activity* session for their contributions to our school as positive learners and school citizens in Term 3. Every student contributes in some way across the term, in class and in the playground. Having every student enjoy the reward together encourages a sense of belonging and community that promotes the importance of each student contributing to the creation and maintenance of a positive, respectful and inclusive culture for our school. Well done students and teachers.

SRC also held a *Footy Colours Day*, part of a national fundraising campaign held during the

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month of September to support kids living with cancer. Our students donated gold coins towards this valuable cause. A great effort, thank you!



TERM 3 CULMINATION DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Term 3 Culmination Day. It was a pleasure to showcase students' learning – not only the product of their learning or what they learned, but how they have learned.

As a school, we constantly look for ways to engage students in powerful learning across all curriculum areas and learning stages. Teachers employ a range of effective teaching strategies to equip students with skills and capabilities that will enable them to succeed now and in the future, and in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. We hope you enjoyed seeing what this looks like in the classroom through the Term 3 focus on Science and Technology learning and developing students' thinking skills.

At our school, students are given the opportunity to be leaders of their own learning and supported to collaborate and use critical and creative thinking to learn about their world, and to understand and solve complex problems as mindful, global citizens. This reflects our school's strategic directions – *to engage every student in purposeful, future focused and contextual integrated learning that provides opportunities for students to actualise their potential as*

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successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

This focus will continue in this term's teaching and learning, along with attention to preparing students for their transition into next year.











Well done students and teachers. What a great display of students' learning!

Look out for our school display at the Barham Show this weekend. A selection of students' work will be showcased there as well.



ENROLMENTS for 2019

If you have a child that will be attending school in **2019**, you are invited to contact our school for details of how to enrol. Families with children beginning Kindergarten in 2019 are already visiting our school for short sessions to familiarise them and their families with our school. There are five sessions planned for Term 4, and children's parents and carers are also welcome to attend.

Legally, once a child turns 6 years of age, they need to be attending school. If you are undecided about whether your child should begin school due to their birth date or readiness or maturity, please make an appointment with Mrs Peach (Principal) or Mrs Buchanan (Kindergarten Teacher) for further advice. Each child is different and we can help you make your decision. Children reach milestones at different ages, and taking advice from educators who have worked with enrolling students according to their development and learning needs will help you make an informed decision.

'TRANSITION TO SCHOOL' PROGRAM IN TERM 4

- Week 5, Tuesday 13th November (2.00-2.50pm): Orientation to the school (a special activity for pre-schoolers and their families)
- Week 6, Tuesday 20th November (2.00-2.50pm): Story and craft activity (parents welcome to attend)
- Week 7, Tuesday 27th November (2.00-2.50pm): Story and Literacy-related craft (parents welcome to attend)
- Week 8, Tuesday 4th December (11.30am-2.50pm): Story and craft (Christmas and numeracy related) + Parent Information session (at 11.30am)
- Week 9: Tuesday 11th December (all day): A Day at School (with Kindergarten students in the classroom)

BPS Information Packs are available from the school office, and will be handed out during Transition to families with children beginning Kindergarten in 2019.

We look forward to meeting you.

Catherine Peach
Principal



Mon 15th October
Tues 16th October Julie Estep
Wed 17th October Maree Telford
Thurs 18th October Alleena Burger
Fri 19th October Natalie Lake

Mon 22nd October
Tues 23rd October Julie Estep
Wed 24th October Mandy Anthony
Thurs 25th October Katrina Myers
Fri 26th October Lauren Swan
If you are unavailable, please arrange your own substitute, or contact Sonya at the canteen

Koondrook Tennis Club

Junior tennis training to commence
Wednesday 17th October.

Love to see some new faces, come for
a hit, you don't need a racquet we
have plenty.

Starting at 5.30pm – 6.15pm.

Any queries, please phone

Helen on 0448 147 299.

Barham High School P&C Association AGM

Monday 15th October 2018, 7pm
Barham High School – Room B1
Secretary – Julie Frankling
0429 841 699
New members most welcome

PORTSEA CAMP 2019

The 2019 Portsea Camp will be held
Monday 2nd – Monday 9th January 2019
For children aged 9-12 years.

A week by the sea enjoying summer activities

Application forms and more information available at the
Gannawarra Library Service
Kerang ~ Quambatook
Cohuna ~ Leitchville

Email: library@gl.vic.gov.au

Closes: 30th Nov 2018 (Extended)
Inclusive cost \$383



*Support available for eligible families
Residing in the Gannawarra, Wakool and Loddon Shires*

Bar-rook Little Aths

Commences Saturday Oct 20

9.30am @ Barham Primary School

Contact Tania Peters 0467 539 230

Do you want your children to be safe around water, learn to swim proficiently or just keep fit with some great physical exercise over the hot Summer months? Why not come along to:

Kerang Amateur Swimming & Lifesaving Club

Registration Night for 2018/2019

Wednesday 17th October – 4:00pm-6:00pm

Swimming Club Rooms – Shadforth St. Kerang

Registration forms may be collected from
Kerang Sportspower or at the clubrooms on
the night. Please DO NOT return forms to
Sportspower.

Learn to Swim Training Fees:

\$100.00 Single \$250.00 Family (3 or more children)

Competitive Swimming Fees:

\$152 (includes Swimming Victoria and Club membership)

A reminder that all KASLC members require a pool entry Season Ticket

Further enquiries – Paul Meehan 0419 722 673
or contact us on our Facebook page

Members who pay on the night are automatically entered into the draw to win a bag of swimming goods!

We also welcome anyone interested in helping out with teaching/training to call in or contact us to find out further details.



Healthy Kids Bus Stop Barham, Moulamein and Tooleybuc 6th-8th November 2018



What is the Healthy Kids Bus Stop?

A **FREE** child health check for kids aged 3-5 years old. The program covers:

- 🚌 A child health check
- 🚌 Hearing check
- 🚌 Oral health check
- 🚌 Fine and gross motor skill assessment
- 🚌 Speech assessment
- 🚌 Food and Nutritional assessment

Local Aboriginal Health Workers will be attending on the day.

Why are health checks important?

Checks help to keep your kids happy, healthy, and identify lifestyle, development or illness-related issues.

How do I book my child in?

Registrations are essential. Please call Royal Far West on 02 8966 8557 or send through a registration form to outreachservices@royalfarwest.org.au.

A time slot will be selected that suits you and your child.

Please allow up to 2½ hours for appointments.

Where will it be held?

Tooleybuc (6th November): Tooleybuc Football Club

Barham (7th November): Riverside Reception Centre

Moulamein (8th November): Moulamein Public School 14 Brougham St.

What do I need to bring?

- 🚌 Your child's Blue Book
- 🚌 Your child's hat
- 🚌 Your child's drink bottle
- 🚌 Snacks for your child

Registrations close Wednesday 31st October

