

## BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

**2018 NSW Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues-Wed 30-31 Oct	Curiosity and Powerful Learning PL, Griffith
Thurs 8 Nov	Principal Network Meeting
Tues 13 Nov	P&C Dinner Meeting
11-15 Nov	Stage 3 Excursion (Year 5/6 students - leaving Sunday)
Thurs 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Tues 18 Dec	2018 Presentation Day

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 4. Last week, Senior Constable Paul Ebsworth, Police Liaison Officer joined us for a session on Cyber Safety and later presented to parents on the importance of being safe when interacting with other people online. We extend sincere thanks to Paul for his informative presentations, which has given us all much to think about.

We are holding an Information session for parents this week about our new Spelling program, in particular about how spelling is being taught in the classroom and how you can help your child learn at home using the special Student charts that went home recently. Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Buchanan will be leading the Parent Information session at school this Wednesday between 5pm and 6pm. The session will be informative and fun and will show parents just how students are learning and how to support their learning.

This term, the weather is warming and hats are a 'must'. Students are reminded frequently – it is though something they need to manage for themselves. With the weather warming up, class PE and Sport will take place in the cooler part of the day.

Enjoy the week everyone.

*Catherine Peach*

## CYBER SAFETY – WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Our thanks go to Senior Constable Paul Ebsworth who presented several sessions for students and parents last week on Cyber Safety. It is vital that students are equipped with understandings and strategies that allow them to conduct themselves in safe and respectful ways – face to face and when socialising online, and understand the risks and consequences of anti-social behaviour for them and others.

There was a wonderful turn out at the parent meeting. Thank you to our P&Cs for being so proactive and organising this valuable session.

What were the messages from Senior Constable Ebsworth for students and parents?

### Messages for students:

- Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Don't say or do anything to anyone that you can't do or say to their faces.
- Passwords. Have good strong passwords that you don't share with anyone (except parents) and change regularly. Don't use 'password' as your password.
- 'Does it pass the grandma test?' Would Grandma be happy with what you are doing or saying on your device?
- 'Does it pass the 3 P's test - Principal, parent and police?' Would these three groups be happy with what you are doing?
- Remember, anything you post on *Instagram* or *Snap Chat* (and other such apps/sites) is saved on their servers, and photos can be used by anyone as you have agreed to this by agreeing to their 'terms of use'. They do not just disappear.
- Do not send inappropriate photos to friends etc. If caught and children are underage, this could incur a jail sentence and you being placed on a *paedophile register* which means you cannot be near children at any time.

- Employers are now often asking for your log-ins and passwords to social media so they can check your activities before they employ you.

### Messages for parents

For parents, the messages are to be informed, be aware and be prepared to step in and act to keep your children safe despite what others are doing.

- Monitor what sites and *apps* your children are using.
- Limit screen time (i.e. up to 2 hours per day).
- Have children use devices near you. (not out of your sight and in bedrooms etc.)

Some useful websites that will give parents further information about cyber safety are:

<https://thinkuknow.org.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

## YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS ENJOY QUESTACON

Thank you Barham High School, and Rae Farrant and her Science faculty, for allowing our students to enjoy the fun of *Questacon* roadshow from the National Science and Technology Centre. Students attended an hour-long session of hands-on science – learning and being entertained at the same time.





## PE & SPORT AT SCHOOL

Physical Education (PE) and Sport are part of the curriculum and are timetabled and planned to address syllabus outcomes of each Stage for Kindergarten to Year 6. These areas of learning also address the NSW Premier's Priorities regarding the amount of time spent of planned, physical activity, and addressing the issue of child obesity.

Sport & PE are not optional activities. Teachers make adjustments to cater for individual needs, including injuries, to ensure every child is able to participate with success. Teachers have set outcomes to address in the lessons they deliver, and are continually planning to explore skills and understanding while also considering students' interests and the need for students to explore learning in new contexts.

Parents are reminded to send in a note explaining any injury or concern so that teachers are able to manage students' needs and provide alternative learning opportunities where appropriate. Students will not simply 'sit out' as learning is the priority and will continue in an alternate format. Full and respectful participation by all students is expected – it is a mandatory part of their learning program.

## STATE ATHLETICS REPORT

Last week, two of our students competed at the NSW Primary Schools State Athletics Championships. Trinity and Summer Starr travelled to Sydney for this wonderful experience. We congratulate them on competing at the state level and for their efforts in their events.


Summer Starr competed in Junior Discus and placed 23<sup>rd</sup>, and also competed in the Junior Shot Put and placed 40<sup>th</sup>. Trinity Starr competed in the Senior Boys Discus and came a place in the twenties. Well done students!



## PARENT SPELLING INFORMATION SESSION THIS WEDNESDAY, 7 NOV

Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Buchanan will be leading a Parent Information sessions about Spelling this **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm until 6pm.** The session will explain how Spelling is being taught in class, how the Sound Wave Student Charts work and how the chart is used to support students' spelling and writing in class and at home. Come along and be part of the fun!

**SOUND WAVES**<sup>TM</sup>

Your whole school phonemic  
approach to spelling 

**SPELLING INFORMATION  
SESSION**

**THIS WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
5PM - 6PM**

**CHILD MINDING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS  
SESSION.**

**PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE FRONT  
OFFICE OR CALL 03 5453 2133.**

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## TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

### AT BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, 28th November

Wednesday, 5th December

Monday, 10th December

Tuesday, 11th December

*Barham High School will issue information  
about the format of these days soon.*

## STAGE 3 EXCURSION

### Melbourne – Phillip Island

#### Sun 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> November

A final itinerary and note (re 'surf school') will  
go home to families today.

Full payment, or having payment agreement in  
place, is required before departure.

Contact Mrs Peach or Mrs Sweeney if you have  
any questions or concerns.

## CURIOSITY & POWERFUL LEARNING

Last week, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Disher and Mrs Peach attended a two-day professional learning event in Griffith, part of the school's ongoing participation in the **Curiosity & Powerful Learning** program with **Professor David Hopkins** from UK and **Australian Council for Educational Leaders** (ACEL). This professional learning is of the highest quality, run in conjunction with ACEL and harnessing international expertise, and our school is in the first rollout of schools participating in what is now extremely sought after professional learning.

Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Disher and Mrs Peach had the privilege of participating in *Instructional Rounds* (observations of teachers in action across a primary school and high school in Griffith) and the subsequent analysis of the observation data collected by the 100 odd teachers who participated.

Teachers then recorded and analysed their observations, led by Professor Hopkins, to identify the 'theories of action', i.e. the teacher practice observed and common across all classes in both schools. They then examined and highlighted the significance and impact of these teacher practices on student learning. It was an insightful and inspirational process.

The *Instructional Round* process is a valuable tool that allows teachers to see and recognise what they are currently doing, what the essentials of quality teaching are and why, and what the focus for future development could be.

The two days of professional learning also allowed participants to explore the research and theories that underpin Curiosity & Powerful, and to discuss how these can be best utilised to support our school's professional learning priorities and improvement processes in the future.

### 2018 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

All students will participate in the school's *Intensive Swimming Program* on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of Weeks 7 and Week 8 this term – **26-29 Nov & 3-6 Dec inclusive**. Lunch and Recess times will be adjusted for these days so that the swimming lessons can happen in the afternoon session.

Full details and permission notes will be issued once all arrangements are confirmed. Families are asked to note the dates on the calendar.

### TERM 4 WEEK 3 STUDENT AWARDS



*Congratulations to the recipients of the Week 3 Awards.*

### P&C REPORT - CYBERSAFETY SESSION @ BHS



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> both the BPS and BHS P&C Associations hosted an information evening on cybersafety. We were very lucky to have Senior Constable Paul Ebsworth, the Murray River Police District Youth Liaison Officer address a large gathering of about 60 community members. He commended the audience on attending and showing our support for our children, saying we were the largest group of parents and community members to which he has presented. Constable Ebsworth presented some very valuable (and frightening at times) information about generally keeping ourselves and most importantly, our children, safe online.

Thanks must go to the P&C members who generously donated food, to Barham High for the use of their library and to Paul for presenting the session and giving us a lot to think about and some realistic strategies to use in this very technology-centred world. If any parents/carers would like to know more information about a particular topic Paul is very obliging and would love to return at any time and be of some assistance. Do not hesitate to let your P&C know and we will organise it for you.

## **FIRST AID**



The last of this year's First Aid Courses were held the end of Term 3 and the start of Term 4. We had a total of 35 people complete the course, all leaving as competent first aiders.

A huge thank you for all the wonderful food donations.

This year a total for 84 people attended one of the 4 classes we provided. This has made it a **very** worthy fundraiser for the P&C. A massive thank you to Rich River First Aid for their generous donation to the P&C.

Please note: Class dates for 2019 will be advised in Term 1, offering refresher/update and full course.

Thank you to the school families and the community for supporting the P & C.

Melissa Boyd

## **P&C AGM MEETING**

We had our AGM recently and can announce the following office bearers for 2019. Thank you to all parents who attended and to those who put their hand up to keep our P&C up and running for another year.

**President:** Rae Farrant

**Vice President:** Natalie Lake

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Mandy Anthony

**Secretary:** Desi Agelakis

**Assistant Secretary:** Nat Hewett

**Treasurer:** Alleena Burger

**Canteen Representative:** Carolyn Lake

We look forward to continuing our support of Barham Primary School and assisting them in providing quality education for our children. If you have any suggestions about quality programs, community involvement or fundraising ideas we would love to hear them.

## **CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS BARHAM KOONDROOK BRIDGE**

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions next week at Barham Koondrook Bridge as part of restoration work.

The work involves resurfacing the road near the intersection of Murray and Thule streets in Barham.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 5pm from Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November, weather permitting.

For the safety of workers and motorists the western side of the intersection will be closed to traffic 24 hours a day during work.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Roads and Maritime Services thanks motorists for their patience during this time.

For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or call 132 701.



## '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

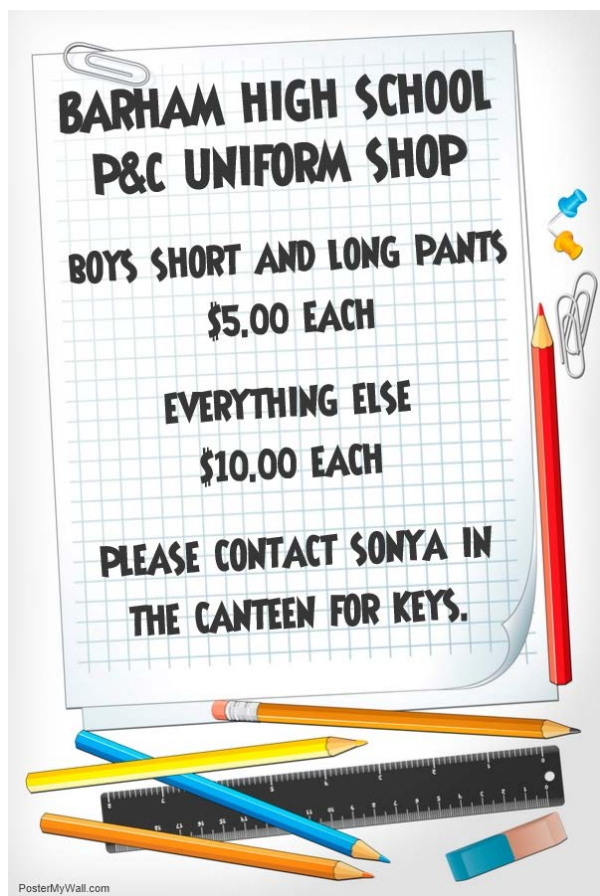
### BARHAM PRESCHOOL – CREATING CONNECTIONS AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP “UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING BEHAVIOUR”

Barham Preschool Staff will be involved in this informative workshop over two sessions at our Preschool. This workshop will help us to support and work with children whom have diverse learning needs.

Parents are welcome to join the Preschool staff for these two sessions held at the Preschool, in the Kookaburras room.

Dates have been set for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm - 4.00pm.

If you wish to attend the Preschool workshop, please see Kylie or Carolyn at Barham Preschool, or call the Preschool @ 5453 2308.



## PORTSEA CAMP 2019

The 2019 Portsea Camp will be held  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:library@gl.vic.gov.au)

Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 (Extended)  
Inclusive cost \$383



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

## RSA Victorian Certificate

### Responsible Serving Alcohol

Sunday 9th December 1pm - 5pm

\$90 includes afternoon tea

To be held at Koondrook Tennis Club

62 Forest Street Koondrook



**Bookings Essential please Contact:**

Cohuna Neighbourhood House Ph: 5456 4666

Maree Telford Ph: 0427 576 270



**Cohuna Neighbourhood House**

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Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Helper Required
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Julie Estep
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Melissa Boyd
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Brooke Hollins
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Natalie Hewett

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Helper Required
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sally McDonald
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ainsley Fyfe
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Helper Required
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shannon Laursen

*If you are unavailable, please arrange your own  
substitute, or contact Sonya at the canteen*

## 2018 BARHAM/KOONDROOK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

