



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 NSW Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 29 Nov	HEEL Hub Meeting, Moama
Mon-Thurs Week 7 & 8	Intensive Swimming Program, 1.00-3.00pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Tues 18 Dec	2018 Presentation Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 6.

Week 5 was a quiet one at school, but a week full of activity and amazing new experiences for our Stage 3 students away on excursion. It has been wonderful to hear how much students have enjoyed their excursion, and to receive feedback from external people about how well the students behaved and participated in the activities and events. Excursions come full of challenges – new learning, new experiences, interacting with fellow students for extended periods of time, travelling distances, early starts and late nights, being away from home and having to be part of a school group and represent the school while away. It was pleasing to hear how students rose to the challenge. Look for an Excursion Report next week.

Thank you to Mrs Sweeney for organising an amazing excursion. This was not an 'off the rack' excursion. It was planned specifically with our students in mind – to present them with quality learning opportunities that they would relish and remember. Thank you Mrs Sweeney for doing that so well.

Mrs Sweeney, Mr Hovenden, Mrs Mathers and Mr Marsh accompanied our students, making sure everything ran smoothly and everyone was able to participate and enjoy their time away. Well done

to you all for your commitment to our students and making the excursion a success for everyone.

Thank you too Mrs Mandy McConnell who accompanied the Wakool Burraboi students on this excursion, and Julie Sleep and Deb Telford for the important role they played on excursion.

Enjoy Week 6 everyone.

Catherine Peach

STAFFING IN 2019

Planning for 2019 is in full swing. Some important developments will affect our staffing for next year. While there are some changes for next year, 2019 will be full of opportunities that will set up another great year.

General Assistant

Peter Crane, our wonderful GA has decided to retire from the role of General Assistant. Peter submitted his resignation just recently, expressing how much he has enjoyed working with everyone at Barham PS. Peter will finish up at the end of this term. We thank Peter for the wonderful job he does in keeping our school looking great and operating well. We wish him all the best for the future and hope he enjoys his retirement from the GA position, and having more time to do what he has planned with family and friends.

The General Assistant position is a permanent part-time position and will be filled 'on merit' in 2019. An *Expression of Interest* (EOI) process, conducted by the Principal, will determine the successful applicant to hold the position over the school holiday period. Details of the EOI are in this week's newsletter.

Teachers

Mrs Ainsley Fyfe has indicated she will be continuing to take leave in 2019. Ainsley's teaching position will be filled by Mr Chris Hovenden, with the Assistant Principal responsibilities to be taken on as a 'higher duty' by

one of our existing teachers. We are thrilled to have Chris staying for 2019.

Mrs Sheridan Sweeney will be returning to Sydney in 2019. It has been a privilege to have Sheridan with us this year. We are very grateful for the contributions she has made to our school as a teacher, and Stage leader, a member of our Executive team and as Assistant Principal. Sheridan has brought to her role and to our school an invigorating enthusiasm and professional commitment for teaching and learning excellence, and she has been instrumental in leading and implementing many aspects of our improvement processes. We wish her well for her future endeavours.

School Administration and Support Staff

Next year, Jenny Hare is taking some leave and will be working part-time, three days a week. Jenny is an invaluable member of our team, and an exceptional School Administration Manager. Her dedication to our school and her support of students, staff, and specifically the Principal, is much appreciated. She will continue to fulfil the vital SAM role next year part time, in conjunction with Natalie Hewett.

With this variation to our administration roles, a vacancy will exist for a School Administrative Officer, one day a week for Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 in 2019. This position will be filled on a temporary basis through an *Expression of Interest* process, conducted by the Principal. Details of this EOI are included in this week's newsletter.

Drought Assistance

The Department has last week issued information to schools that it is committed to maintaining staffing entitlements for schools in drought-affected communities. The Department recognises that 'the current drought is having a profound impact on many of our communities, and that our public schools are not immune'.

The DoE has communicated that it will maintain staffing entitlement for the 2019 school year at

'actual 2018 or anticipated 2019 levels (whichever is higher) ... to minimise disruption and prevent unnecessary transfers of teaching and school administrative and support staff.'

Our school has received notice that our staffing entitlement will be affected. The implication of this decision for Barham Public School's staffing entitlement is currently being confirmed and clarified.

Catherine Peach

2018 INTENSIVE SWIMMING

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 will come first for these days and Recess will be the second break, so that the swimming lessons can happen in the afternoon from **1.00-3.00pm**.

- **Week 7 and Week 8 Timetable:** Swimming sessions will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of

- **Session Times:**

Session 1: 1.10 -1.40pm for Year 4 and K

Session 2: 1.45 – 2.15pm for Year 5/6B and 1

Session 3: 2.20 – 2.50pm for Year 5/6R and 2/3

- **Travel:** by Lakes Coaches
- **Permission and Payment:** *due by this Friday, 23rd November*

WANTED – HELPERS FOR SWIMMING

Volunteers to assist with Swimming sessions.

Mrs Radywonik is currently planning for the intensive swimming sessions. Parent helpers are a vital part of the success of this intensive program.

Please contact the school office if you are able to assist with the students' swimming sessions.

Thank you in advance for any time that you can give to help out!

PRE-SCHOOLERS TRANSITION TO SCHOOL CONTINUES

The next transition session will be held this week on Tuesday 20th November between 2.00-2.50pm. The pre-schoolers will enjoy a story and related craft activity with the Kindergarten students. Parents and carers are welcome to come along.



Kindergarten in 2019

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION CONTINUES



You are invited!



Pre-schoolers and their families are invited to attend an Orientation session on

Tuesday, 20th November
at

2-3pm (afternoon session)

Children will enjoy a story and related craft activity with the Kindergarten students.

Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along - arrive 10-15min prior to session to be ready for the activities. We look forward to seeing you.

Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs Roslyn Buchanan
Principal, Mrs Catherine Peach



Your local community school, proud to support every child as they learn and grow to be the best they can be.

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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – GENERAL ASSISTANT

Expressions of Interest are called for the temporary, part-time position (14:03 hours per week) of **General Assistant** at Barham PS, from **10th December 2018 to 4th February 2019**, with a possibly extension into the first term of the school year in 2019.

Primary purpose of the role

Performs a range of tasks relating to the routine maintenance and upkeep of Departmental schools and school grounds. The role may assist with the set-up and removal of furniture and equipment for school activities.

Applicants should be able to address the following **key accountabilities**:

- A General Assistant may be required, subject to Workplace Health and Safety obligations, to perform duties from the range listed
- Organise rooms, furniture, audio visual aids, public address systems, lockers and other items/equipment for school activities as required; dismantle and store items when not in use (NB. the role is not responsible for operating audio visual equipment or public address systems)
- Identify and report maintenance / safety issues to the role supervisor; undertake minor maintenance of buildings and equipment not covered by contracts or requiring a qualified tradesperson
- Maintaining and caring for school grounds, including: mowing school lawns and playing fields; marking of school playing fields; preparation of ground for planting trees and shrubs and planting and watering of same; pruning shrubs, trimming hedges, light lopping and trimming of trees. Safely and proficiently operate mowers, tools and equipment; store and maintain mowers, tools

and equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

- Receive, store and/or distribute supplies in accordance with school procedures and safe work standards (e.g. chemical storage and handling); assist with school stocktakes as required
- Monitoring school security systems and reporting faults to the appropriate authority
- Other related duties of the role, within the capabilities of the General Assistant, as directed by the principal.

Applicants should **demonstrate the ability to**:

- Work cooperatively with the role supervisor to prioritise upcoming tasks
- Respond flexibly to competing / emerging minor maintenance priorities
- Maintain cooperative relationships with teaching and non-teaching staff.

Suitability interviews will determine the successful applicant.

Interested applicants should contact the school on 03 54 532 133 before COB on Friday 30 November 2018.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Temporary, one day per week in 2019

Barham PS has a vacancy for a **temporary, School Administrative Officer (SAO)**, one-day per week in Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 in 2019.

The SAO will be responsible to the Principal for assisting in a range of school, classroom and office activities e.g. record keeping, book keeping and other clerical duties, reception; operating and maintaining classroom and office equipment; purchasing; preparing and maintaining stock and learning/resource materials.

Selection Criteria

- Effective communication skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Ability to work with teachers and students.
- Ability to perform tasks in one or more of the following areas: office procedures; accounting procedures; word processing; operation of computers and/or classroom/office equipment; library procedures.

Interested applicants should submit a written EOI (maximum 2 pages) addressing the Selection Criteria, and include a separate page giving personal details and name of two referees by COB on Friday, 30 November 2018.

Applications are to be emailed or delivered to the school, addressed to the Principal, Mrs Catherine Peach by **COB on Friday 30th November 2018**.

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TERM 4 WEEK 5 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Congratulations to the recipients of the Week 5 Assembly Awards.

YEAR 4 DAY EXCURSION: BARHAM KOONDROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & BARHAM FLYWHEEL MUSEUM

Last week, Year 4 students and Mrs Disher ventured out into the local community as part of their learning and understanding about the local area. On Wednesday, they visited the *Barham Koondrook Historical Society* and thoroughly enjoyed browsing through the vast collections of newspapers, journals, and books on displays. The students were even lucky enough to try on and touch some of the wonderful artefacts. On Thursday, students visited the *Border Flywheel Museum* and were given guided tours around the museum. The historical information and exhibits definitely sparked curiosity amongst the students. Sincere

thanks to the local community volunteers who guided our students.








'TRANSITION TO SCHOOL' PROGRAM IN TERM 4

- **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 issued during transition to families with children beginning Kindergarten in 2019.

We look forward to meeting you.

Catherine Peach
Principal



REMINDER

SWIMMING NOTES AND MONEY (IF YOU ARE NOT A SEASON MEMBER) MUST BE RETURNED TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER.

THANK YOU

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BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



SHOWCASE 2018

A comprehensive art and photography display featuring works from years 7-10

**EXHIBITION OPENING TUESDAY
27TH OF NOVEMBER
3:15-5:30 PM
B.H.S SCHOOL HALL**

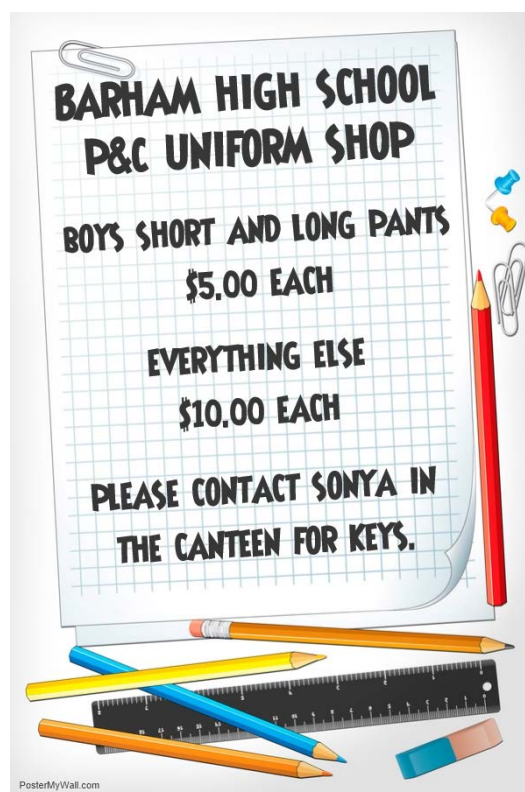
The exhibition will also be available for viewing during school hours on Wednesday 28th November



Mon 19 th Nov	No Helper Required
Tues 20 th Nov	Desi Phillips
Wed 21 st Nov	Gloy Chisholm
Thurs 22 nd Nov	Kiralee O'Neill
Fri 23 rd Nov	Melissa O'Neill

Mon 26 th Nov	No Helper Required
Tues 27 th Nov	Cynthia Burbury
Wed 28 th Nov	Juliana Main
Thurs 29 th Nov	Rita Jones
Fri 30 th Nov	Natalie Lake

If you are unavailable, please arrange your own substitute, or contact Sonya at the canteen on 5453 2321



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Barham High School canteen is looking for any volunteers that may be able to assist them on a Monday, from 11.30am until 12.30pm during lunch. Please contact Sonya in the canteen if you can assist on 5453 2321.

HOMWORK/READER BAGS

Any student that requires a homework/reader bag. These can be purchased from the front office for \$12.00 each.

The office would also be appreciative of any donations of these bags that are no longer required by families.

Thank you

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.s.vic.gov.au

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



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

INFORMATION FROM THE KITCHEN

Mrs Lake would like to let all students know that Kitchen classes will be cooking for the Christmas Festival over the remaining weeks of this term, and with the revised timetable for swimming students are asked to **bring their lunch to school on Kitchen days.**





BARHAM CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

As part of our P&C Fundraising for this year, we will be holding a stall at the Barham/Koondrook Christmas Festival.

When: Friday 30th November, 2018

Where: Murray, Mellool, Wakool, Noorong Street and Riverside Park

Time: 4pm-8pm

We are asking any school parents and/or Year 5/6 students to assist us with this.

We are looking at having 2 people on the stall for each half hour timeslot and Mrs Lake is happy to assist any 5/6 students who would like to help out between 3.30pm and 8pm if their parents are unable to be there.

<u>Shift Time:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	Can be 5/6 student with adult or Mrs Lake
3.30pm Setup			Y
4.00pm - 4.30pm			Y
4.30pm - 5.00pm			Y
5.00pm - 5.30pm			Y
5.30pm - 6.00pm			Y
6.00pm - 6.30pm			Y
6.30pm - 7.00pm			Y
7.00pm - 7.30pm			Y
7.30pm - 8.00pm			Y
8.00pm Pack up			Y