



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 18 Dec	2018 Presentation Day Assembly, 9.30am at <i>CluBarham</i>
Wed 19 Dec	Water Activity Fun Day
	Last day of school for Students and Staff

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 10. This is the last week of the school year, a time to celebrate our students' achievements and the effort of every student to learn and interact positively at school.

Our Presentation Day Assembly will be held at the ***CluBarham*** tomorrow, **Tuesday 18th December** beginning at **9.30am**. We look forward to having you join us.

This year we will be holding a whole-school *Water Activity Fun Day* at school. This day is for every student and will be a positive, fun way to end the year.

The last day of term is Wednesday, 19th December. Please note that there is **no school on Thursday 20th December and Friday 21st December of Week 10**. No staff will be present at school. The school is not open for operation on these two days.

The 2018 school year has been an exciting year of learning at our school. Teachers have been dedicated to evidence-based learning focused on integrating literacy and numeracy into all subjects. Delivering powerful learning and developing curious learners has been our focus, and knowing, caring for and valuing every student is at the core of what we do.



Students have enjoyed diverse and purposeful learning experiences that have been designed to engage them, and inspire them to think and learn deeply.

Thank you to all our teachers, support and admin staff for the amazing job that they do every day, for the many things that parents and carers see them doing and the many things that are not seen – the planning, programming, organising, conferencing, professional learning and collaborating that is part of quality teaching and school operation. Thank you to them all for supporting your children in learning, checking in on them and dealing with their issues, concerns, friendship fires, fears, scrapes and scratches and illness, and working together to address the concern you have for your children that your share with us.

I would also like to sincerely thank our School Chaplains, Robyn and Fred for being part of our team this year. The care and support they have shown to our students is commendable, and their dedication to our students and teachers has helped to make our school a positive place to learn.

All staff would also like to thank our casual teachers who help to ensure our school runs smoothly during times of leave and professional learning. Thank you Mrs Wickham, Mrs Barker, Mrs Worland, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Rady, Mrs Smeal and Mrs Mandy McConnell for covering for our teachers and helping out with excursions and special programs.

This year we have had Mrs Sheridan Sweeney teaching Year 5/6 and relieving as our Assistant Principal. It has been an absolute pleasure to have Mrs Sweeney with us this year. Mrs Sweeney has been instrumental in driving our improvement processes that have prioritised quality teaching and learning. She has dedicated herself to enhancing the teaching and learning practices at our school, and the opportunities we deliver our students in learning. She has looked to challenge and encourage our students be aspirational and

self-motivated and ready to explore the wealth of opportunities available to them now and in the future. Mrs Sweeney has been an active member of our school staff as we focussed on setting high expectations for all learners, and insisting on having everyone show respect, responsibility and initiative in all they do. Thank you Sheridan for being part of our school and community this year and for your tireless efforts in delivering quality, future- focused learning for every student. We wish you well in your position next year.

We have had fantastic support from our P&C and parents and carers. It has been so rewarding to work with our school community as we strive to enhance what we do and support every student.

The P&C has contributed much to our school, including the amazing refurbishment of our library. They have looked to do all they can to contribute financially to our school and to provide opportunities for our parents and carers to come together to enjoy what students are doing and to learn ways to support their children.





We have been pleased to have so many parents and carers support school events and share in students learning and success. Knowing what happens at school and how learning happens is important to building strong partnerships in learning, and helps everyone aspire to learning now and in the future. Thank you for being involved and interested.

Enjoy the last few days of school everyone. On behalf of the staff and students, I wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Catherine Peach



STAFFING & CLASSES IN 2019

There will be some changes in teachers and support staff in 2019.

We will be appointing a permanent GA in 2019. We will have someone filling this position on a casual basis over the holidays.

Mrs Disher, Mrs Buchanan, Mr Marsh, Mrs Drysdale, Mr Hovenden and Mrs Sharon McConnell will be with us again next year, and we will welcome Mr Joshua Forrester to our teaching team in 2019.

Our support teachers Mrs Mathers, Mrs Lake and Mrs Alexander will return. Mr Smeal has moved to the High School and Mrs Blight-Lipp will be on maternity leave.

Jenny and Natalie will be back in the office next year, and we will welcome a new Administration Office on Thursdays. This appointment is currently being finalised.

Next year, it is expected that we will have five composite classes. At present, the classes will be:

- Kinder/Year 1: Mr Marsh
- Year 1/2: Mrs Drysdale
- Year 3/4: Mr Forrester
- Year 4/5: Mrs Disher
- Year 5/6: Mr Hovenden

Mrs Buchanan will be playing a different role next year, working to support all grades learning, and working with all teachers to develop consistent, quality teaching and learning practices and protocols.

Students are being allocated to classes this week. Changes are possible over the holidays and in the first weeks of Term 1 so we will wait to announce classes until next year.



WATER ACTIVITY FUN DAY ON WEDNESDAY

This year we are doing things a little bit differently on the last day of school. Due to a lack of staff to cover the supervision required at the pool and at school, instead of a Pool Party and K-2 Water day, staff have come together to create an innovative K-6 *Water Activity Fun Day* at school.

Students will break into ten groups. There will be five *water fun* stations with a teacher and two groups at each station. Each group will compete with another group for an allotted time and the winner will be awarded points for their efforts. Extra team points are available ... working together and having fun is the key!

Students will participate in the *water fun* activities, and enjoy a complimentary hot dog lunch, and *zooper doopers* to cool down. If your child does not like hot dogs, they will need to pack their own lunch.

Students are to come in clothes that they can get wet – casual shorts and t-shirts (**with sleeves**) would be best. Students need to bring a towel and have dry clothes to change back into. They will be reminded to apply sunscreen and stay well hydrated.

Students will enjoy some time in their classrooms and will then farewell the Year 6 students under the COLA at the end of the day.



School Community Charter

The department last week issued its new **School Community Charter**. Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, NSW Department of Education last week sent information to schools about the new **School Community Charter** to share with their communities. It is shared with you here.

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

This charter has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and outlines the important role parents and carers play in our school communities.

The charter formalises schools' partnerships with parents and focuses on the positive interactions between school staff and families. It also reminds parents and carers that schools will take steps to address unacceptable behaviour to ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the school community.

Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed to work in partnership with the school to promote students' learning.
- communication from the school to be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and respect.
- to be treated each fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces, people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, schools will take steps to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

The school will issue a copy of the new charter to families early next year.



Schools, led by their principal, make decisions in the best interest of their students, staff and school community. School operation and decisions are governed by NSW Department of Education policy and guidelines. Parents may or may not agree with the policy or the decisions made. Talking about this with the principal will help parents and carers to understand why decisions are made and the evidence that has informed the decision-making. The principal is the first port of call for parents and carers if they have concerns. Being informed is important when forming opinions so do take the time to speak with your principal.

Parents may want to raise concerns or make a complaint, and there is a clearly defined process for doing this. The [charter](#) helps communicate this process to parents and carers. However, speaking disrespectfully, or being aggressive and intimidating to the principal, staff or students during face-to-face contact, over the telephone or on social media is not acceptable, and will be dealt with.

At Barham PS, we strive to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. Barham PS prides itself in knowing, valuing and caring for every student. This aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



At Barham PS, we know the best education happens when students, parents and schools work together. Join us at Barham PS in 2019 where together, staff, students and parents will continue to promote respect, responsibility and initiative in the interactions between all stakeholders so that there is a positive learning environment and positive home-school partnerships supporting students' learning.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Last Thursday, students in Year 6 and their parents and carers celebrated the end of their years at primary school. It was a successful night thanks to the wonderful efforts of the parents of the Year 6 students and the Year 5 students and their parents who assisted. It was great to have everyone working together and with the teachers to make the night a success.





We wish our Year 6 all the best for their years ahead and look forward to hearing news of their endeavours and achievements.

PBL REWARD DISCO

Students had a great time at their Reward Disco last Friday. It was such a positive way to celebrate the efforts that every student has put in this year to create a positive and respectful learning environment in their classroom and across the school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning systems give our school ways to foster respectful relationships that support effective learning for all students. They are at the heart of all the school does so that every student is known, valued and cared for and is able to connect, succeed and thrive.





BPS TRANSITION PROGRAM

Barham Public School has a comprehensive Transition program for Preschool students. It started in term 3 with visits to the school to experience kitchen, garden, library, sport and assembly. It continued in term 4 with a school familiarisation and treasure hunt, craft, literacy and mathematics lessons. It culminated on Tuesday with a full day at school. The students had a fabulous day getting to know their new teacher Mr Marsh while they explored some of the resources our school offers, including our bee bots that help students learn the beginning steps of coding and programming.



We look forward to sharing their experiences in the year ahead with our regular newsletter items and Facebook posts.

Thank you to Mr Marsh and the PBL team for all they have done this year and for organising this reward for the students.

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Presentation Day

2018



Tuesday, 18th December 2018

9.30am

CluBarham, Murray Street

**REQUEST TO FAMILIES -
PLEASE SEND IN A CANVAS-
STYLE SHOPPING BAG TO
SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD**

Students are busy tidying up their belongings and classrooms, getting ready to take home a range of things they have completed in class learning.

Parents and carers are asked to send in a canvas-type shopping bag (like the green or blue ones) in which to carry all their belongings home.

Thank you in anticipation!

HOLIDAYS ARE HERE— BE SAFE & HAPPY!

Holidays are a special time to rest and rejoice with families and friends. As a school, we seek to support all of our families and ensure they are safe and happy. Be sure to look out for each other over the break and seek help if you need it.

- Family Referral Service: 1800 297 589
- Domestic Violence Hotline: 1800 656 463
- Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800



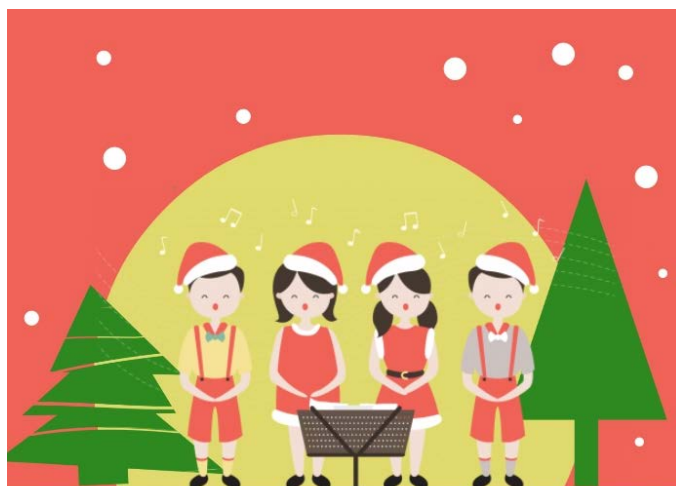
Tues 18th Dec

Julie Estep

Wed 19th Dec

NO CANTEEN

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



*To all our
School Families and Community,
we would like to wish you a very
Merry Christmas and
a happy and safe New Year.*



tape/liquid paper. It is requested that these items be in a separate pencil case and not included with those items listed above.

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2

(at start the year)

- 2 x box of tissues - large
- 2 x 36g Glue sticks

Please note: It is requested that K-2 students do not have their own coloured pencils or textas at school, as the school supplies these in classrooms. Tissues and glue sticks will be pooled into a classroom resource and will not remain with individual students.

STUDENT STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2019

It would be appreciated if each student could supply the following stationery requirements in 2019.



YEARS 3 TO 6

(at start of the year)

- 2 x Box of tissues - large
- 2 x 36g Glue sticks
- 2 x Medium blue biro pens (not year 3)
- 2 x Medium red biro pens (not year 3)
- 2 x 2B or HB lead pencils
- 1 x Pencil sharpener
- 1 x Eraser
- 1 x Ruler - with cm and mm markings
- 1 x Small pencil case for desk tops

Please note: Coloured pencils and textas are at the discretion of families, as are any other stationery items. Students will not require



Water Activity Fun Day

Wednesday 19th December, 2018

Students will participate in water fun group activities, and enjoy a complimentary hot dog lunch, and zooper doopers to cool down.

If your child does not like hotdogs, please ensure that they have their lunch as normal.

*Please also note that the canteen **WILL NOT** operate on this day.*

Students are to come to school in clothes they can get wet – casual shorts and t-shirts (with sleeves) would be best.

Students also need to bring a towel and have a dry change of clothes to change back into.

They will be reminded to apply sunscreen and stay well hydrated.

We are looking forward to a great day to finish off the year.

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