



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 NSW Term 1 Week 10 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 4 Apr	<i>Smiling Mind</i> - staff training
Thurs 5 Apr	Finance Training with Gail Driscoll
Fri 6 Apr	PSSA District Netball Trials
Thurs-Fri 11-12 Apr	NSW Primary Swimming Championships
Thurs 12 Apr	Whole-school Harmony Day activities
Fri 13 Apr	<i>Tell Them From Me</i> Student Survey closes
	School Cross Country
	Last day of Term 1
Tues 1 May	First day of Term 2 for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 10, the second last week of Term 1. This short week will be full of activity for students and teachers.

Today, Mrs Disher, Mrs McConnell and I are in Griffith attending the first workshop of *the Curiosity & Powerful Learning Program*. This is a two-year professional learning program that is part of our 2018-2020 School Plan. You can read more about this program in this week's newsletter.

On Wednesday, teaching and support staff will attend two workshops with representatives from *Smiling Mind*. Staff will learn about the *Smiling Mind* program and how it promotes mindfulness and helps with wellbeing. Together, they will devise an implementation plan ready for Term 2.

The PSSA District Netball trials will be held this Friday at Barham. Mrs Disher is conducting these trials, with Mrs Mathers helping out. We hope students selected from our district schools have a great day of competition.

Catherine Peach

EASTER ASSEMBLY & HAT PARADE

It was wonderful to see students parading their Easter Hat creations last Thursday. Thank you to those parents who were able to help out and to anyone who donated items for the class craft activities. It was a lot of fun for everyone.



Kindergarten



Year 1



Year 2/3



Year 4



5/6 Blue



5/6 Red



We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Easter.

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Our school would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent in loose change for our RCH Class collection tins, and who sold or bought the SRC Raffle tickets. This fundraising raised \$1,745.45 for this wonderful cause.

Well done Jenny Hare for organising the RCH Good Friday Appeal collection tins for our classrooms. Thank you to our school families who so kindly donated eggs for the SRC raffle in support of this appeal.



The heaviest tin was won by Year 1 weighing in at 7.8kg.

Congratulations Year 1 we hope you enjoyed your basket of Easter eggs.

The following people won raffle prizes: Hannah Gogoll, Jacinta Sleep, Molly Ryan, Frederick Phillips, Meg McDonald and Angus McDonald. Congratulations to you all. We hope you enjoyed your bags of goodies.



PSSA DISTRICT NETBALL TRIALS

This Friday, selected students will participate in the District Netball trials. A district team will be selected from these trials, and will compete in the next level of competition next term.

Mrs Disher will be convening these trials with the help of Mrs Mathers.

The trials will be held at the Barham Football Grounds from 9.45am till 12.30pm. Participating students need to wear school uniform, take a hat, water bottle, recess and sunscreen with them.

Students will be selected from these trials to compete at the Western Riverina Netball Trials in Griffith on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

CURIOSITY & POWERFUL LEARNING PROGRAM

All schools, including high performing schools, must engage in ongoing improvement to ensure students achieve their potential. Schools need to raise standards into the medium and long term and at the same time enhance the learning skills and the spirit of enquiry or curiosity of our students.

Successful school improvement requires the commitment and contributions of the whole school - from the principal and staff to the students and the school community. The *Curiosity & Powerful Learning Program* will provide our school team with further knowledge and tools to embed an ongoing structure of school improvement.

Schools in the *Curiosity and Powerful Learning Program* will develop:

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- A clear and practical focus on school improvement
- A practical understanding of the structures to improve practice by working collaboratively within the school
- Collaborative networks between schools
- Processes and content for professional learning within and between schools.

Teachers in the *Curiosity and Powerful Learning Program* will:

- Improve pedagogical practice through focusing on targeted areas
- Implement supportive and collaborative structures
- Engage with clear methods and tools for improvement
- Network and work collaboratively to develop professionally.

This professional learning builds on the processes and systems that our school has developed so far as part of our commitment to ongoing and enduring school improvement. Our school is very pleased to have the opportunity to be part of the quality professional development activities provided and delivered by the *Australian Council for Educational Leaders*.

SMILING MIND – MAKING MINDFULNESS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

Smiling Mind is a 100% not-for-profit organisation that works to make mindfulness accessible for all. Our school is implementing the *Smiling Mind* Program as of next term as the benefits for our students of being mindful and promoting wellbeing are many.

Wellbeing underpins the way children feel about themselves and how they relate to others. Research indicates that wellbeing is essential for learning, and that with

mindfulness students are more focussed and more engaged learners.

Staff will be learning about this program and its features during an extended staff meeting this Wednesday. Together, staff will devise a school implementation plan that will see the *Smiling Mind* app in use in our classrooms from next term.

Thank you to the *Smiling Mind* representatives attending our school on Wednesday. Our sincere thanks also are extended for the generosity shown to our school so that we can enjoy this training and program at our school.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR CHILD'S PERMISSIONS AND INFORMATION NOTES YET?

School families are urged to return the information and permission notes for each of their children issued at the start of the year. Having current and up-to-date information is important to keeping your child safe and happily engaged at school. If you are yet to do this, please return the forms to the office now.

School parents and carers, you are invited to consider being part of a

2018 PARENT FOCUS GROUP

The group will meet 2 to 3 times a term and will discuss, reflect on and evaluate school the school plan and performance.

Contact Mrs Peach at school to express your interest.



Would you like to participate in @AFLAuskick? Registrations are now open for the 2018 season. All you have to do is go to www.aflauskick.com.au to find the centre nearest to you and register. Come along and join in the fun with great AFL activities to help you learn the skills of the game.

Our local centre is Koondrook Barham Auskick Centre.

Co-ordinator - Natalie Lake

Contact Number - 0428 531 827

Koondrook Barham Auskick commences on Thursday 26th April 2018, from 5pm till 6pm at Barham Football Oval.

If your child is interested in playing Auskick please visit www.aflauskick.com.au and register. Cost is \$85.00 per person.

Please also like the Raiders KBFNC Facebook page as updates will be posted there.



Mon 2nd April
Tues 3rd April
Wed 4th April
Thurs 5th April
Fri 6th April

EASTER MONDAY
Sally McDonald
Deb Telford
Rae Farrant
Jane Persic

Mon 9th April
Tues 10th April
Wed 11th April
Thurs 12th April
Friday 13th April

Carolyn Lake
Trish Mason
Mandy Anthony
Katrina Myers
Whitney Weston

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

SOUTHERN REGION SUMMER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

YOUTH
+ OPEN
CATEGORY



The Southern Region Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the lifeblood of grassroots sport in regional NSW.

Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteers in the open or youth category (25 years and under) who would be deserving of such an award.

To be eligible for the winter award the nominee must have been a volunteer with the club or association during the period from October 2017 to March 2018.

Nominations close on Friday 13 April 2018. Terms and conditions apply.

To nominate your volunteer, tell us in 150 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include the:

- Time they dedicate to the club, association or committee
- Positive attitude they demonstrate while volunteering
- Positive role model they provide to younger, and other club members
- Expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering
- Encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In October 2018 there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award (for those who volunteer between April to October 2018).

Submit nomination online at
sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/volunteer-award



EASTER HAT PARADE PHOTOS



FANTASTIC EFFORT!

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