



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 NSW Term 2 Week 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 7 May	Debating Workshop, Deniliquin
Mon, Tues 7 & 8 May	'Effective Reading in the Early Years of School' Professional, Wagga Wagga
Mon 14 May	'Introducing the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions', Albury
Mon-Tues 21-22 May	Formative Assessment Conference (Dylan Wiliam), Albury

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 2 has begun with a flurry of activities for students and teachers.

Last Tuesday, Year 6 students headed to the **GRIP Leadership Conference** in Bendigo and enjoyed a fabulous day of activities and thinking about leadership.

On Friday, our senior students led our school **ANZAC Assembly**, displaying pride and confidence as they spoke and conducted the school's commemorative service.



Mr Marsh attended training in Deniliquin last Wednesday - '**Road safety education- safer behaviours through PDHPE K-6**'. This professional learning will assist us to enhance our programs and deliver safety messages relevant to our setting and beyond.

Last Thursday, Mrs Disher accompanied the District Netball team as team manager as they competed in the **Western Riverina Netball Trials** in Griffith. The girls competed well and should be very proud of their efforts on the day and on reaching that level of competition.

This week, three teachers and I will attend a two day professional learning event – '**Effective Reading in Early Years**'. This professional learning will provide teachers and school leaders with practical application of evidence-based teaching of reading in the early years, an essential part of our school's current professional learning plan. Learning sessions will be presented by Associate Professor Deslea Konza and School Services teams and will focus on the six elements of effective reading: oral language, vocabulary, phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency and comprehension.

Next week, Mrs Sweeney and I will attend an information day involving the introduction to the **National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions**. This professional learning is an integral part the processes devised to address the literacy and numeracy aspirations in our 2018-2020 School Plan. The progressions will replace the current literacy and numeracy continuums and will further enhance teachers' capacity to differentiate teaching and learning to meet the personal learning needs of each of our students.

Mother's Day is on Sunday 13th May. This **Friday, 11th May** we invite all our mothers and grandmothers to enjoy **morning tea** with your children at school. We hope you can join us.

Catherine Peach



DEBATING WORKSHOP IN DENILIKUIN

Fifteen students are off to Deniliquin today to attend a Debating workshop run by the department's most senior (but also least scary) adjudicators and coaches. The workshop will cover all the things students need to know for primary school debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles. Students will also participate in games and activities and have the chance to give a short debating speech and get some feedback.

The day is put together for Years 5 and 6 students of all levels, from beginner to advanced, and is a great way for both



students and teachers to learn more about debating and hear from the people who will be adjudicating the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge in 2018. It is a great opportunity for learning for our students! Thank you, Mrs Radywonik for accompanying the students as our debating coach.

2018 ASPIRE ME DRAMA CAMP

The 2018 *Aspire Me* Drama Camp is being held this week at Berrigan Public School on Monday 7th May and Tuesday 8th May 2018.

Students from across the network will stay overnight and attend drama workshops over the two days, with the camp culminating in a showcase presentation by the students.

Students will enjoy working with artists to develop their drama skills:

- Helen Dickie: Characterisation
- Danielle O'Keefe: Voice and sound
- Curly Fernandez: improvisation

This year, two of our students are attending – Jessmarie Long and Lexie Foster. It is sure to be two great days of fun and learning.

LEARNING TO SPELL

Part of our school's plan to improve the literacy skills of every student is to review what and how we teach in Spelling. Teachers are currently exploring new assessment tools and teaching strategies that will allow them to further personalise the learning they deliver in their classrooms.

Teachers are moving away from teaching a common list of words to all students in the class that is tested in isolation on Friday, and so you may notice some changes to your child's homework.

There are still skills and strategies that students will be practicing using a collection of words relevant to their stage of learning, and there are sight words and high frequency words that will need to be recognised and read automatically. This will shape the practice activities your child will be doing in

class, and what you will see in your child's homework.

Teachers have committed to trialling new learning activities this term. We will have more information to share with parents in the coming weeks as the whole-school approach is developed.

WESTERN RIVERINA NETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Claire, Ruby, Millie, Georgie and Sienna who competed at the Western Riverina Netball Trials last Thursday in Griffith.

Mrs Disher reported that all of our District team competed well, showing great sportsmanship and team spirit on the day. The girls all played well, with Claire and Sienna making the '*possible and probables*' try outs at the end of the day. Well done to all the girls for their efforts, and on making it to this level of competition.



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2018

In 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held for all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests will be conducted across Australia in Term 2 on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

- **Tuesday 15th May:** Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.
- **Wednesday 16th May:** Reading test
- **Thursday 17th May:** Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space)
- **Friday 18th May:** A make-up day is scheduled for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website:

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Please make an appointment to see Mrs Peach if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

PSSA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY AT MOULAMEIN

Students have been selected for the District Cross Country event to be held at Moulamein PS on Friday 25th May, 2018. Mr Marsh will be issuing details and permission notes in the coming days.

WINTER UNIFORM IN TERM 2 & TERM 3

The weather will become much cooled over the next few weeks. It is important that students wear their winter uniform during Term 2 and Term 3.

Classroom may be warm – outside it is cold. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately – to keep them warm and well.

Students are to wear long pants, and are to have their jumper with them each day.

Hats are to be worn when outside playing and learning. Please make sure your child has their hat with them each day.

YEAR 6 GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the first day of Term 1, Year 6 students travelled to Bendigo to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. GRIP aims to develop school students into engaged and transformational leaders.



Our students met with over 500 other students from schools in Victoria and New South Wales, and undertook a variety of activities which empowered them to lead with their minds, mouths, hearts and hands. They learnt that it is important to lead like a strawberry and not a watermelon. A watermelon leader appears different on the outside to what they are on the inside, whereas a strawberry leader is the same on the outside and on the inside.



In the final session of the day, the students were asked to develop a plan to lead positive change within their school or their community. It has been fantastic to see that some students have already approached Mrs Sweeney about leading activities within our school. We look forward to seeing some of these excellent ideas implemented during Term 2.





FIRST AID

Last term, we held another of our First Aid Courses. We had an impressive 49 people complete the course, all leaving as competent first aiders.



A huge thank you Alleena Burger for helping with the serving of the super and to Mrs Natalie Lake and her 5/6 kitchen class for making us the delicious sausage rolls. Thank you to the families who supplied cakes and sandwiches.

A massive thank you to Rich River First Aid for their generous donation to the P&C.

Please note: I am taking names if anyone is wanting to obtain their First Aid Certificate. Dates will be set when class number requirements are met.

Thank you for supporting the P & C

Melissa Boyd

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2018

Envelopes for the Stewart House 2018 Donation Dive have been sent home with the youngest in each family today. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause.

Envelopes are required back to the front office by Friday 18th May so that we can forward to Stewart House before the closing date of Friday 25th May, 2018.



Mon 7 th May	Peta Short
Tues 8 th May	Julie Estep
Wed 9 th May	Mandy Anthony
Thurs 10 th May	Alleena Burger
Fri 11 th May	Lauren Swan
Mon 14 th May	Annie Barr
Tues 15 th May	Rae Farrant
Wed 16 th May	Jem Boyd
Thurs 17 th May	Juliana Main
Fri 18 th May	Narelle McGowan

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

FROM THE CANTEEN

Mac and Cheese is unavailable to order until further notice. Currently on backorder. We will let you know when stock arrives.

Next - P&C Meeting
Tomorrow - Tuesday 8th May
7.30pm
All Welcome



This term the preschool is doing a picture plate fundraiser. This is a great way to keep art work that your child has created.

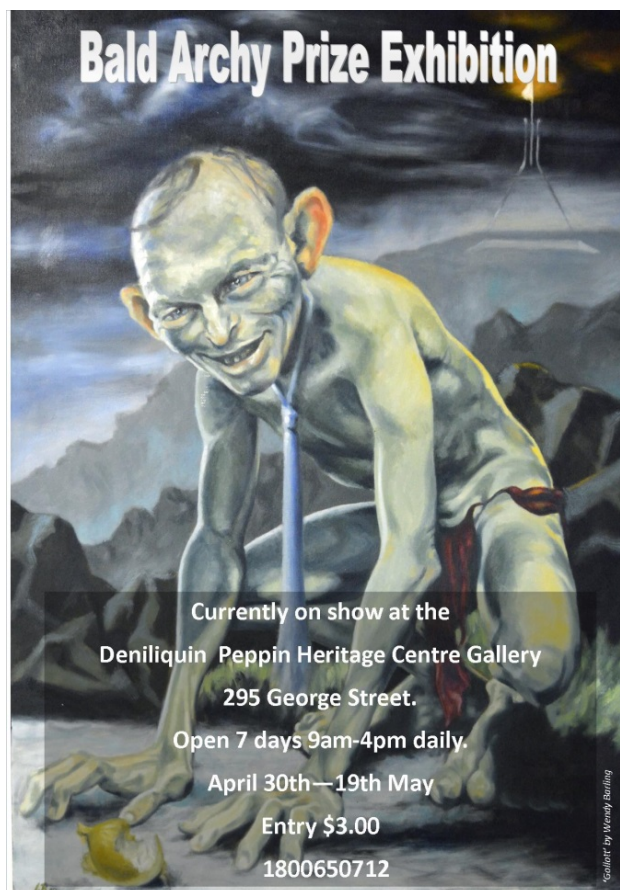
Picture products have a number of different products that can be ordered, which are great for Father's day, Birthday's and Christmas gifts – plates, clocks, mugs, drink bottles and calendars. Order forms can be collected from the preschool.

Your picture plate orders will need to be completed at home and returned to preschool by Monday 28th May. We will be sending completed drawings away before the end of May. These take up to 9 weeks to be returned to us.

Drawing paper can be taken home to be completed as soon as orders and payment is received.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit to the Barham Preschool.

Any questions or for order forms please see Kylie in the Possum's room.



FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIOR NETBALL



We welcome new & past players!!

Come along this

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

at 4:30pm

to the Kerang Basketball Stadium

to give netball a go and/or register your interest.

If you have already registered your interest, tonight is the night!

Senior player? Why not get a group of friends together and enter a team...

Juniors (Grade 1 in 2018 to Grade 4 in 2018)

Seniors (Grade 5 in 2018 to Year 9 in 2018)

For any enquires please contact Kirstyn 0408509221

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Students' mothers and grandmothers are invited to enjoy a morning tea at school with their children.



When: Friday, 11th May from 10.45am

Where: Quadrangle outside the school's Kitchen

We look forward to having you join us!