



## BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

**2019 NSW Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 30 Apr	ANZAC Service at BHS
Thurs 2 May	Western Riverina Netball Pre-Selection Trials
Fri 3 May	GRIP Leadership Conference, Year 6 to Bendigo
Wed 8 May	Teacher PL in Echuca
Fri 10 May	School Cross Country

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2. We hope your holidays were relaxing and that you are rested ready for the term ahead. There are many things happening this week and next week.

On Tuesday, our staff and students attended a combined ANZAC Service with the High School. This was a wonderful opportunity to commemorate ANZAC as a community of learners.

On Thursday of this week, we have several of our students competing as part of the District Netball team at the Western Riverina Pre-Selection Trials in Narrandera. Mrs Disher is Team Manager on the day, and we wish all competitors well for this competition.

On Thursday and Friday, Mrs Buchanan will be participating in professional learning and networking days for Assistant Principals, being held in Albury.

On Friday of this week, Year 6 students will travel to Bendigo for the GRIP Leadership Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to learning about the positive aspects of leadership – leading self and others.

Next Wednesday, Mr Hovenden, Mrs Lake and I will travel to Echuca for a professional learning day focused on creating positive and respectful learning environments.

Next Friday, we have our school Cross Country. Details of how the day will run will be issued this week. This is always a fun day and we hope school families are able to join us.

Enjoy the week ahead everyone, and all that Term 2 has to offer.

*Catherine Peach*

## **COMMUNITY ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS**

Student leaders and other students participated in community ANZAC commemorations at Barham and Koondrook and at Wakool, accompanied by some of our teachers. Thank you to everyone who came out to be part of the school groups.



Look for photos of the Wakool service will be in next week's newsletter.

## **TERM 2 DAY 1 FOR STAFF**

Staff began this term with a Professional Development Day on Monday, with teachers and SLSOs working here at school. Two pre-service teachers joined in with teachers for the day as they will be part of our team for the first half of this term.

Our Office ladies attended a Development Day at Deniliquin High School with schools from across our Network, enjoying learning about topics specific to their roles and having time to network with their colleagues from other schools.

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Professional learning activities for teachers focussed on aspects of curriculum and Curiosity & Powerful Learning. Teachers examined how Curiosity & Powerful Learning fits into the improvement processes of the 2018-2020 School Plan and 2019 Milestones. Teachers will continue to explore quality teaching instruction as part of this program so as to promote powerful learning for students.



Teachers also spent time collaborating on aspects of programming with reference to the syllabus and the National Literacy Learning Progressions. Teachers worked together to devise an achievement rubric for *Creating Texts* that will help to direct and differentiate teaching and learning and provide a framework to support the awarding of an A to E grade for Writing. The session was very collaborative and productive.



## SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE

Students and staff attended a combined schools' ANZAC Service at the Barham High School yesterday. Students joined with the High School students to show their respect to all those who fought to ensure we have the freedoms we have today, and to listen to the ANZAC Address by Mr Adrian Peel which highlighted the service of local people and the making of the ANZAC and the Australian spirit.



School Captains, Ryan and Ruby, laid a wreath on behalf of our school, and our students and staff took time to view the avenue of crosses representing the members of our community who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the World Wars.



Sincere thanks to Barham High School for inviting our students and staff to be part of this school commemoration.

### DEBATING WORKSHOP, DENILQUIN

Fourteen of our students attended the Debating workshop in Deniliquin in the last week of Term 1. This workshop was run by the department's most senior (but also least scary) adjudicators and coaches and covered all the things students need to know for primary school debating - rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles. Students had the chance to give a short debating speech and receive valuable feedback from the adjudicators.





These workshops are put together for Years 5 and 6 students of all levels of ability, from beginner to advanced, and are a great way for both students and teachers to learn more about debating and hear from the people involved in the Premier's Debating Challenge. It is was certainly a great opportunity for our students! Thank you, Mrs Radywonik for accompanying the students as our debating coach.



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs

are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Students should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

Parents can help their child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Peach if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

For more information about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school's Cross Country event will be run next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The event is will again be held in the town's park, with students to run across the Bridge and back to finish in Riverside Park.

Wakool Burraboi PS and Koondrook PS students will be joining us as well. It will be a special day having all three schools together.

Thank you to the Murray River Council and Gannawarra Shire for allowing the event in this public setting. We look forward to seeing school families there to support the event.

Look for more details in next week's newsletter.

## 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. These fundraising efforts raised \$668.20 for this wonderful cause.



Well done Jenny Hare for organising the RCH Good Friday Appeal collection tins for our classrooms. The school is proud to support this worthy cause and help out this wonderful facility, and proud too of our students and school families for so generously donating.

## EASTER PARADE PHOTOS

Students and teachers enjoyed finishing off Term 1 with learning about community and family celebrations, and in particular the Easter celebrations and traditions.

Every students made an Easter bonnet in class to parade at the Assembly on the last day of term. It was a great way to finish off the term and head into the holidays.





## Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

## AFL CENTRAL MURRAY – RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLINIC PHOTOS



## K/1 EASTER HOT CROSS BUNS

During the last week of Term 1, Mrs Wickham cooked Hot Cross Buns with the K/1 Class in the kitchen. As you can see by the photo, they did a fantastic job!



## INTERESTING FACT FROM THE KITCHEN



1 Goose Egg is equivalent to 6 Chicken Eggs. WOW!!

## HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR HANDWRITING

Children who have mastered handwriting are more successful in written tasks. So, how can you help your child's handwriting?

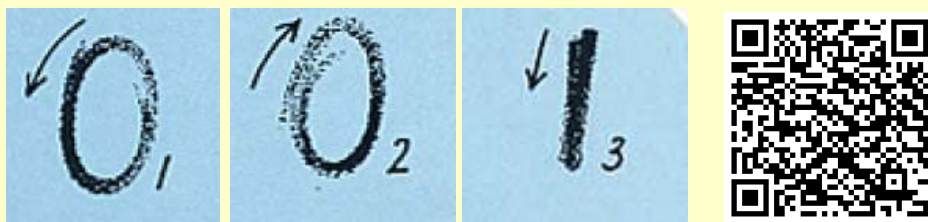
Fine motor skills are needed for handwriting. Children can develop their fine motor skills by playing with playdough and other craft activities.

Children need to learn how to hold their pencil using a tripod grip.

It is important that they **do not** wrap their thumb around their pencil to cover their other fingers. This may lead to them pressing too hard and their hand will ache.



There are three basic movement patterns children need to learn to write. It is important that they practice these patterns following the directions indicated as all letters except d and e start at the top. Use the QR code to download a handwriting guide for foundation font.



Students learn to form letters by tracing letters, tracking letters and copying letters. In NSW we use the NSW foundation style. Let your child write on a variety of surfaces using different implements. Examples include using pen and paper, textas and cardboard, chalk on the concrete, using a stick in the sand when they are learning to write and encourage writing for all different purposes.

Students in Years 3 and 4 begin to join letters together and in Year 5 and 6 develop a fluent and legible handwriting style. This is called cursive writing.

If you would like more help with your child's handwriting, talk to their classroom teacher.



Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May                      Maree Telford  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May                  Alleena Burger  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May                      Natalie Lake

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May                    Gloy Chisholm  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May                    Mandy Anthony  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May              Katrina Myers  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May                    NO CANTEEN

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

## P&C MEETING

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

7.30pm

All welcome!

### KERANG FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIOR NETBALL

Due to being unable to attract new committee members following our recent advertising, Friday Night Junior Netball will sadly not be going ahead this year. If there are any queries, please contact Kirstyn 0408 509 221 or Melissa 0428 522 468.



**NDCH**

Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

### World Asthma Day 2019

Be in the know about WHO has Asthma

Do you know your child's friends who have asthma?

This World Asthma Day, May the 5<sup>th</sup>, we are encouraging our local families to know who of your children's friends have asthma. As adults simply knowing this means we are able to help the child or young person quickly in the event of an asthma attack, which can come on suddenly.

1 in 9 Australians live with asthma and children and **young people make up over 50% of** hospital admissions for it. Asthma is a lifelong disease which commonly causes

- wheezing
- breathlessness
- chest tightness
- coughing

Check out these FABULOUS supports:

Download the **Kiss My Asthma App**, developed by young people for young people. Click here

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1117750114>

Sign up for JAM, a free text message service designed to give you the information and skills to sweeten your asthma management, right in the palm of your hand. Over four weeks you will receive 13 asthma related messages. Click here <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/national/about-asthma/resources/asthma-text-message-service>

Join the COACH Program®, a confidential, FREE health service delivered over the phone by trained Asthma Australia Coaches. The program aims to help people with asthma, or those who care for someone with asthma, improve their general health and asthma control – Call 1800 278 462.

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

**Book Fairs**

See what's **NEW** at our

# BOOK FAIR

**READ MORE IN MAY! 2019**

Sign up for the **Read More in May Challenge** and **READ** with your friends and family **EVERY DAY** in May! **\$10,000** worth of prizes to be won.  
See the back page for details!

May is **SCHOLASTIC FAMILY READING MONTH**

Artwork by **JAMES HART**

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

**DOG MAN BRAWL of the Wild**

**Beabot Mouth**

**SERIOUSLY DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOK**

**ELLA Diaries**

**the BAD GUYS**

**Stack of Alpacos**

**COMBOY AND BIRDBRAIN**

**DATE WITH A GIRL**

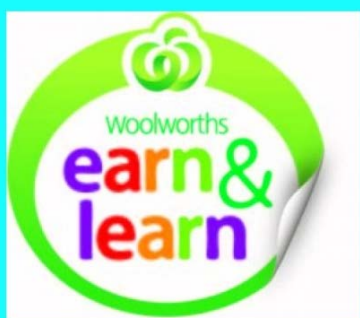
**DAY PILL**

**DATE** Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019 **PLACE** Office Classroom

**TIME** 8.30am – 4.30pm

**FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!**

**SCHOLASTIC**



Barham Public School  
is once again participating in the  
Woolworths Earn & Learn Program.

We have a box for stickers located in the  
Office and also at the front of the  
Woolworths Kerang store.

OUR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
AND SCRAPBOOKING CLUBS  
WOULD BE VERY  
APPRECIATIVE OF ANY  
DONATIONS OF NO LONGER  
REQUIRED LEGO OR  
SCRAPBOOKING ITEMS THAT  
FAMILIES OR COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS MAY HAVE AT  
HOME THAT THEY DON'T  
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.

THANKS IN ANTICIPATION.  
ANY DONATIONS CAN BE  
DROPPED TO THE OFFICE.

PosterMyWall.com



**READING/COMPREHENSION  
INFORMATION SESSION  
RELEVANT TO ALL LEVELS K-6.**

**TUESDAY, 7TH MAY 2019**

**5PM-6PM**

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

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