



## BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

**2019 NSW Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter**

30/07/2019

E: [barham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:barham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

T: 03 54 532 133

F: 03 54 532 972

[www.barham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.barham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### In this week's issue ...

- Principal's Message
- Debating
- Lions Public Speaking
- Respect

### UPCOMING EVENTS

5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> -16 August	Stewart House
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Preschool transition visit
9 <sup>th</sup> August	High School Transition
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Lions Club Public Speaking - Gunbower
13 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> August	District Athletics - Tooleybuc
16 <sup>th</sup> August	High School Transition
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Mad Food Day
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Preschool transition visit

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 2

Last week our debating teams overcame numerous hurdles to get to Deniliquin to compete in the Debating gala day. Congratulations to both teams who won a debate each. Thank you to Mrs Radywonik who has dedicated herself to prepare our students for this competition.

It was a privilege to attend the Lion's Public Speaking competition last night and hear our school representatives speak so confidently to a large audience. The participating students are to be commended on their efforts.

On Wednesday this week Justin Marsh and I will be attending professional learning on current teaching practices in early literacy that support the development of students' phonological awareness.

Next week is Education Week. We welcome families to a special Education Week assembly at 2pm on Friday afternoon of Week 3. As a new initiative, people who will be receiving awards will be informed beforehand and invited to share in afternoon tea before the

assembly presentation. Our Year 5 students will be helping with this celebration to develop their organisation and interaction skills.

We welcome Mrs Teisha Hill to our school again to provide learning support in our Year 5/6 classroom whilst we secure a temporary teacher to fill a similar position for the rest of the year.

Have a great week.

*Roslyn Buchanan*

## DEBATING

Last Wednesday, after a very early start, and a flat tyre on the way to Deni, all was taken care of and we arrived at Deniliquin North for our Debating Gala Day. The day involved our Barham Blue team (Adam, Ty, Remi, Ruby and Ebony) and Barham Red team (Paige, Molly, Ryan, Jacinta, Abby and Ella) each debating the Deniliquin South and Deniliquin North teams.



Both teams are to be congratulated on their excellent debates with each team winning one debate and losing the other. They each demonstrated the ability to organise their ideas as a team and present their arguments and rebuttals convincingly.

The adjudicators for the Barham Blue/Deniliquin North debate, Tony Davey, who is the NSW Debating and Public Speaking Assistant, in summing up the result stated that it was, 'a spectacular debate on a difficult topic which they handled brilliantly with arguments that were the very best with clever, sophisticated ideas.' Although Barham Blue did not win this debate, they can be justifiably proud of their level of thinking and excellent debating skills.

The topics debated on the day were:

'That we should ban kids under 18 from buying junk food like lollies, chips and ice-cream.'

'That kids Year 5 and above should get to vote in elections.'

'That all afternoon sessions in primary school should be dedicated to creativity and arts.'

'That bullies should be named and shamed at school assemblies'.

Congratulations to all our debaters.

## P&C MEETING

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

7.30pm

All Welcome

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last night the winner of the school public speaking competitions attended the Lions Club dinner to participate in the local level of the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. The students were honoured to participate in this event which originated in Barham and has now become a national competition thanks to the tireless dedication of Graham Minnis.

Students presented their prepared speech and then Year 5/6 students presented an impromptu speech on their favourite school subject. Sport, mathematics and writing were chosen subjects on the evening. Our students demonstrated their expertise at crafting a speech, using figurative language features to create vivid images for the listener, and expression and gesture to entertain the audience. Congratulations to our participant, Lachlan and our runners up Matilda and Remi. Ruby heads on to the district level of the competition at Gunbower on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> August and you are welcome to attend this event to show your support.



## WEEK 1 ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



*Congratulations to the award recipients for their efforts and achievement in learning.*



## RESPECT

Students in NSW public schools have a behaviour code that outlines how students at school behave. This code is reflected in our core school values and is a behaviour code that can extend to our community as well.

Respect is one of those values.

If your child is showing respect they:

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others

This means that students think about others and how their own words and actions may impact others. You can help your child understand respect by talking to them about how other people might be feeling. Talking about how characters in books are feeling can also help children begin to understand others.

Let's create a caring community together!



Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> August  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Gloy Chisholm  
Mandy Anthony  
Katrina Myers  
Natalie Lake

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Aug

Helper Needed  
Mandy Anthony  
Helper Needed  
Narelle McGowan

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



**A Couch is NOT A HOME**

National Homelessness Week  
5 -10 August 2019

**LET'S END HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER!**

Got questions?  
Get in touch with NDCH if you or someone you know needs some help!

**NDCH**  
Raising awareness and support for our local homeless community.



**NDCH**

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

## Homelessness : A Country Issue Too!



### Homelessness Week 4-10 August 2019

Each year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) supports over 200 community members who are at risk of or who are homeless – these families have more than 500 dependent children.

Every year in Australia over 24,000 Victorians and 116,000 Australians will be homeless and more than 17,000 of these are children under the age of 12. It is important to remember that children become homeless through no fault of their own.

Homelessness doesn't discriminate. Over the past 5 years women over the age of 55 are the fastest growing group of people who are homeless, increasing by 28%. The street homeless, are important but only make up 7% of homelessness in Australia. In our regions children can be homeless but not living on the streets. They may simply move between family and friends houses and emergency accommodation.

NDCH's homelessness week campaign '**A Couch is not a Home**' is running again this Homelessness Week and is a great opportunity to speak to your children about homelessness to build understanding and compassion. There are many causes of homelessness but poverty, including lack of affordable housing, family violence and relationship breakdowns are the major causes.

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

# Community mindfulness event

Mindfulness is paying attention to the present moment with openness, curiosity and without judgement. Community members are invited to attend this event and learn what mindfulness is and how to use it help build healthy young and smiling minds.



Date: Sunday 15 September 2019

Time: 1.00 - 2.30pm

Where: Cohuna Bowls Club  
Gunbower Island Reserve  
Cohuna

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2LqtZkS>