



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2019 NSW Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 11 Feb	C&PL Cohorts 3 Meeting
	Swimming Practice, 2-3pm
Tues 12 Feb	Principals' Network Meeting
	P&C Meeting at 7.30pm (<i>in classroom next to the office</i>)
	Swimming Practice, 2-3pm
Thurs 14 Feb	Induction Assembly at 2.30pm - all School Leaders
Fri 15 Feb	School Swimming Carnival - assemble at 9.30am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to NSW Week 3. Students and teachers are quickly into swimming practice this week and then will enjoy the school Swimming Carnival this Friday.

Our newsletter is a vital communication tool and as we advised last week, the newsletter will be issued on a **TUESDAY** this year. Enjoy reading the news of what is happening at school, and look out for details of events and happenings that you need to know about. You can also find the newsletter and information about upcoming events on our school Facebook page.

There is important information about school routines in this week's newsletter. Please read carefully and contact the school if you have any questions.

This week is a busy week for Principals and leadership teams, as it is for students and teachers. Schools involved in Curiosity & Powerful Learning program, including Barham PS, met yesterday to share their progress, and plan future professional learning and network activities.

Today, Principals and other leaders will be attending the *Deniliquin Network - Principals Network Meeting*. The day is titled 'Leading Improvement, innovation and change' and will focus on:

- reviewing and re-setting the School Plan milestones;
- using data to inform school planning and teaching and learning;
- local services available to schools;
- current technology that assists communication and collaboration;
- Leadership Hubs in 2019.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, I will be attending the NSW Primary Principals Association *Start Up* Conference in Wagga Wagga. Keynote speakers include -

- Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary, School Operations & Performance
- Georgina Harrison, Deputy Secretary, Educational Service
- Cheryl Best Executive Director, Teaching & Learning
- Phil Seymour & Robyn Evans NSWPPA Executive,
- Mark Grant, Executive Director, Leadership & High Performance
- Dianne Robertson, 'Principal in the Spotlight', Clarke Road School

This is wonderful opportunity to hear from a diverse range of speakers who will bring Principals up to date on current DoE initiatives and inform school planning for 2019.

Catherine Peach

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY

School Leaders, including School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and SRC members, will be inducted at a special assembly this **Thursday, 14th February, at 2.30pm.**

Parents and school families and friends are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there to congratulate and encourage our School Leaders for 2019.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

This Thursday, 14th Feb

at 2.30pm

All welcome!

KINDERGARTEN FUN AT SCHOOL

Kindergarten students enjoyed their first week of school last week – a lovely three days to settle in.





Mr Marsh has been conducting Best Start assessment this week. This assessment helps Mr Marsh identify the literacy and numeracy skills that each student brings to school, so that he can develop effective learning programs that build upon what students know and can do when they start Kindergarten. Mr Marsh will discuss the results with parents once the data collection is complete.

Parents are encouraged to chat with Mr Marsh or Mrs Peach if they have any concerns or questions about their child's start to school or how they are coping with full time school.

YEAR 6 WITH MEG DURHAM

Our Year 6 students had the privilege of working with Meg Durham from Open Mind Education, looking at leadership, self-regulation and decision making.

From Mr Hovenden

Yesterday, Year 6 spent the day with Meg Durham to learn about what it is to be a leader. Meg brought with her a plethora of skills and strategies for the students to utilise in the classroom, at school and in their community. The session focused heavily on the student's wellbeing and their readiness to learn and engage in the classroom. Meg also taught problem solving skills as a team, in

order for everyone to learn how to cooperate and work together, to meet the same outcome. It is important to give your children an energy check; have enough sleep each night before school, exercise, laugh, eat healthy food and have some quality relaxing time. If your child has had a sufficient amount of these five things, they will be well and truly prepared for a great day, every day. Mr Hovenden and Mrs Buchanan also met with Meg after to discuss how we can implement various problem solving and team building strategies into our daily routine so that the leaders of the school have multiple opportunities to meet the potential as leaders of Barham Public School.

Mr Hovenden – Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS - WEEK 4

Parents and carers will have opportunity to formally meet with class teachers at Parent-Teacher meetings next week – Week 4. Each Class Teacher will be available to meet with parents during their RFF and in the time after school on that day.

The Teacher Parent Meetings will run for 10-15minutes per family and will provide opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss students so that they are well informed about their needs and goals for 2019. Days and times are:

Day	Time	Teacher/Class
Mon	1.30-5.00pm	Mr Forrester Year 3/4
Tues	1.30-5.00pm	Mrs Disher Year 4/5
	1.30-5.00pm	Mr Hovenden Year 5/6
Wed	1.30-5.00pm	Mr Marsh K/1
	1.30-5.00pm	Mrs Drysdale Yr 1/2

Parents are invited to contact the school to book an appointment.

If these days/times do not suit, parents are encouraged to organise to meet with their child's teacher before the end of Week 5.

KITCHEN, GARDEN, LIBRARY & COMPUTERS

Students enjoy Kitchen and Garden/Library as part of the class teacher's release from face to face (RFF) timetable. Students in Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 will also have computers with Mrs Alexander.

Parents are reminded that cooking in the Kitchen will not start until **Week 5**, so be sure to organise normal lunch for your children until then.

Week	Mon	Tues		Wed	
Odd	Yr 3/4 Kitchen	Yr 4/5 Kitchen & Comp	Yr 5/6 Garden & Library	K/1 Kitchen	Yr 1/2 Garden & Library
Even	Yr 3/4 Garden & Library	Yr 4/5 Garden & Library	Yr 5/6 Kitchen & Comp	K/1 Garden & Library	Yr 1/2 Kitchen

PLEASE NOTE

K-6 Kitchen lessons will focus on hygiene and safety in the **first three weeks of Term 1**. Students will **not eat** in their Kitchen lesson until **Week 5**.



SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival will be held this **Friday, 15th February** at the Koondrook Pool. Students will assemble for the start of the carnival at **9.30am**.

All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are to attend the school carnival. Those Year 2 students who can swim will have their own 33m race on the day, and will return to school shortly after. Remember that Year 2 students do not qualify for the District Swimming Carnival, to be held at Swan Hill, on Friday, 1st March, 2019.

Students are to arrive at school as normal on the day. The class rolls will be marked before catching the buses to the pool.

The **Order of Events** is:

- 100m Open Freestyle
- Year 2 33m freestyle
- Freestyle Age races (33m/66m)
- Open Medley
- Breaststroke
- Backstroke
- Butterfly
- Relays

Novelty events will be held throughout the day in the middle sized pool for those students in Year 3-6 students who do not swim in the official races. A Water Play and Being Sun and Water Safe Activity Day will be held at school for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Students are asked to bring swimmers, a towel and hat for the carnival, and their own water bottles and lunch. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours to support their team but **crepe paper is not permitted**.

Students will be able to buy snacks, drinks etc. from the pool Canteen but there will be no school Canteen operating on the day.

It will be school as normal for students in Kinder and Year 1, and Year 2 non-swimmers, but no Canteen. Infants students will also need to bring their swimmers and t-shirt (or shorts and top to get wet), and towel to participate in the Water Play and Being Sun and Water Safe Activity Day at school.

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students will have a sausage sandwich and Prima for lunch provided by the school. These students are able to bring their lunch as usual if they so wish.

A note outlining the day will go home shortly with Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Mrs Disher has requested parents to help out with timekeeping, and suggests that parents take a shift to help out rather than being on a duty all day.

Times for timekeepers are:

- 9:30 – 11:00: 6 time keepers
- 11:30 – 1:00: 6 time keepers

Please let the school know if you are able to assist with timekeeping on Friday and the time slot that suits you. Your help will be very much appreciated and will assist teachers to ensure the carnival runs smoothly and safely.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our school has adopted three core values that underpin all interactions at school. Students will be learning about these values throughout Term 1, and what they mean for how they behave coming to class and in class as learners.



THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL

We have new students and Kindergarten students who started the year along with our returning students. As the days go by, consider the following points to help your child enjoy a smooth start to the year.

Kindergarten and Younger Students

For Kindergarten and younger students it is helpful to:

- remember students get tired by the end of the day.
- not plan too many after-school activities.
- make sure children have time to rest and for free play.
- have healthy snacks on hand for children to enjoy.
- plan for dinner to be before they get too tired to eat.
- be available to listen when they want to tell you about their day.
- make reading part of your daily routine.

- encourage children to talk to their teacher if they are worried about anything, or unsure of what to do.
- have children in bed so that they are well rested – try to stick to a bed time routine.
- prepare for the next day the night before so that everyone can start the day relaxed and ready.

All students, including Kindergarten students are to attend school every day. Encouraging strong attendance habits is a priority from Day One. If your child is tired or struggling with the school routine, be sure to chat with their class teacher or Principal to discuss ways to support them.

For more practical ideas about how you can help your child at school, visit *School A to Z*.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

HATS AT SCHOOL

School hats must be worn when outside for learning and play in **Term 1**.

Please make sure your child has their school hat with them each day, and that it is labelled with their name.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours remain unchanged in 2019. Direct supervision of students does not commence until 8.30am and we ask that students not be at school before this time. If you require your child to arrive before 8.30am for some reason, please discuss this with the Principal to make appropriate arrangements.

8.30-8.50:	Supervised playground
8.50:	Enter class
9.00-11.00:	Morning session
11.00-11.30:	Recess
11.30-1.15:	Middle Session
1.15-2.00:	Lunch
2.00-3.00:	Afternoon session
3.00:	Students dismissed for Home

PLAY AREAS AT SCHOOL

Where students can play and areas they can access during the school day has been determined to allow effective supervision of all students by teachers on duty.

In the morning between 8.30am and 8.50am, students are out under the shelter outside the Kindergarten room, and on the front section of the oval next to the fixed equipment shelter. Students are not permitted to play on the fixed equipment. A teacher is on duty from 8.30am.

Recess and Lunch breaks will see all students seated under the shelter to eat. Students will then be released to play in areas north of the shelter only. Two teachers and a support officer are on duty at recess. One teacher supervises eating at the start of lunch, and two teachers then supervise play.

The Library will be open during second half lunch for three days of the week – Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday (beginning this week).

Students are not allowed in classroom during break times without a teacher present. Students who are constantly out of bounds will meet with their class teacher to reflect on the expectations of safe play and a plan will be put in place to support them to meet the expectations.

Lunch time interest groups will begin soon. These groups were very popular last year. Groups will be planned and approved as part of a whole school wellbeing program. In some cases, students will assist with the organisation and running of the groups under the guidance of a teacher or support staff.

SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES

As the school year begins, parents and community are reminded to take care when driving in school zones.



School zones are in place to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

Please take care and keep an eye out for our students and the Pre-schoolers. Remember to

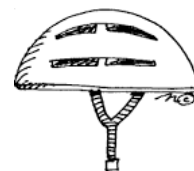
follow the speed signs on roads adjacent to schools.

Parents are reminded to use the flagged school crossings at all times. Do not walk or call your child across the road from other points or from between parked cars. Please avoid the bus zone area when dropping off or picking up your children.

Students using the school crossings are supervised at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to also set an example and use the crossing then, and at any time during the day.

RIDING BIKES & SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

Students riding bikes or scooters to school must wear



a helmet. This is a condition for riding to school and while your child may not wear a helmet outside of school, for risk management and safety purposes, they must have a helmet when riding to and from school. Students not wearing a helmet will be reminded, and if continuing to not wear a helmet will be instructed to leave their bike or scooter at home.

Bikes and scooters must be walked across the crossings at all times. Students not taking care to abide by these guidelines will be reminded of these safety rules, and will be asked not to ride their bike or scooter to school if unsafe behaviour persists.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The School Newsletter will be issued on **Tuesdays** this year, not on a Monday.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you liked our school Facebook page? The school's Facebook page serves to inform the school community of school happenings and news, and make sure families are able to stay up to date with what is happening.



The use of this social media platform is closely monitored and regularly reviewed. Remember, the page is to inform and celebrate, and it is not a forum for inappropriate comments or images, or complaint. Policy states that inappropriate use of this social media platform will result in actions being taken by the school to restrict access of any offending person.

Any concerns or complaints parents and carers have should be made to Principal, Catherine Peach, and DoE processes will ensure your concerns are investigated and addressed.

We are asking the school community, in partnership with the school, to model respectful behaviours on social media, important in our society today, and to use our Facebook page as a platform to celebrate all that is positive about our school.

P&C Meeting
Tonight - Tuesday, 12th February
7.30pm
(in classroom next to the office)

All school families and interested community members are invited to attend.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities



Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

- (1) It is a parent's legal obligation to explain their child's absence within seven days
- (2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- (3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- (4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact your school principal.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education



Mon 11th Feb
 Tues 12th Feb Gloy Chisholm
 Wed 13th Feb Mandy Anthony
 Thurs 14th Feb Katrina Myers
 Fri 15th Feb NO CANTEEN –
 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mon 18th Feb
 Tues 19th Feb Julie Estep
 Wed 20th Feb Jem Boyd
 Thurs 21st Feb Helper Needed
 Fri 22nd Feb Narelle McGowan

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



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

Smart Eating Week & Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Smart Eating Week 2019 is February 11-17. One way to support young people to eat smart is to pack a healthy lunchbox. Children consume approximately 30% of their daily food intake at school so it is important to fill their lunchboxes with nutritious foods to help them get the best out of their day.

5 Steps to the Perfect Healthy Lunchbox:



For more Healthy Lunchbox ideas go to: <https://www.healthy-lunchbox-week.org/>

www.ndch.org.au

KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS







