



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

2019 NSW Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 26 Mar	Year 5 NAPLAN Online practice
Wed 27 Mar	K/1/2 Excursion
	Finance Training, Deniliquin
Wed & Thurs 27-28 Mar	1 st Aid Training
Tues 2 Apr	Year 3 NAPLAN Online practice
2 & 3 Apr	Dental Clinic for students
Wed 10 Apr	Debating Workshop, Deniliquin
Fri 12 Apr	Last day of Term 1 K-6 Assembly (Easter Parade)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 9.

What a great week we had last week! SRC members certainly showed the way leading the activities of '**Week Gr8 - Gratitude Week**', and reminding us all that showing gratitude and being kind makes a difference to how we think and feel.



A forest of gratitude trees ... special messages of thanks and kindness

The messages of thanks and gratitude given to the office staff, me, teachers and to students brought a smile to everyone's face and helped everyone enjoy the moment and feel valued. Thank you Mr Hovenden and the SRC for all of your efforts in making Week 8 a **Gr8** week!



Professional Learning continues for school staff this week, with PBL and Finance training in Deniliquin, and collaboration and development sessions for teachers at school. Everyone at Barham PS is a learner.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have their excursion this week. I am sure the students, and staff, will enjoy this day trip. We have seen a recorded snippet of 'Picasso's Dog' – it looks amazing!

Congratulations to Ty Salter who has been selected into the Riverina Hockey team. Ty will travel to Grafton in Term 2 to compete at the NSW PSSA Hockey Carnivals as part of the Riverina team.

Enjoy the week ahead. The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12th April. An assembly on the last day of term will have an Easter theme.

Catherine Peach

HEEL HUB PRINCIPALS' MEETING

On Friday, I had the privilege of working with my principal peers at our Term 1 *HEEL* Hub meeting. These Hub meetings are part of our Network activity with the Director, where small groups of principals work together to develop skills and understandings that extend their leadership capacity.

HEEL stands for 'Higher Excellence Effective Learning'. The name of our Hub serves to make visible the commitment the principals in our group have made to improving individual and school leadership and performance.

Just like teachers, principals are continually developing their knowledge and practice - through professional learning activities (led by principals themselves, and by the Director),

through active and purposeful collaboration and through mentoring and coaching at a scheduled time and in a supportive context.

This term's *HEEL* Hub meeting focused on four main agenda items:

- the shared responsibility and commitment to professional learning that is vital to changing professional practice in ways that improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of every student;
- effectively mapping school activity against the strategic directions of the 2018-2020 School Plan in the 2019 Milestones;
- the theory and practice of designing and implementing quality assessment to inform teaching and learning, and school planning;
- 'Leading improvement, innovation and change': exploring the Standards for Principals related to leadership requirements and professional practices.

It was a productive day, enjoyed by everyone who attended. We were grateful for Mr Buchanan's efforts in hosting us at Barham High School.

SOUND WAVES INFORMATION SESSION

What a great response we had to the Spelling Information evening last week, and what a positive vibe the session had! Thank you to those parents and carers who came along.

Mrs Buchanan and the class teachers enjoyed presenting to the group and working on the Spelling activities together. The session had a very positive feel, with attentive adult learners who were interested, full of great questions, able to laugh and ready to learn together.

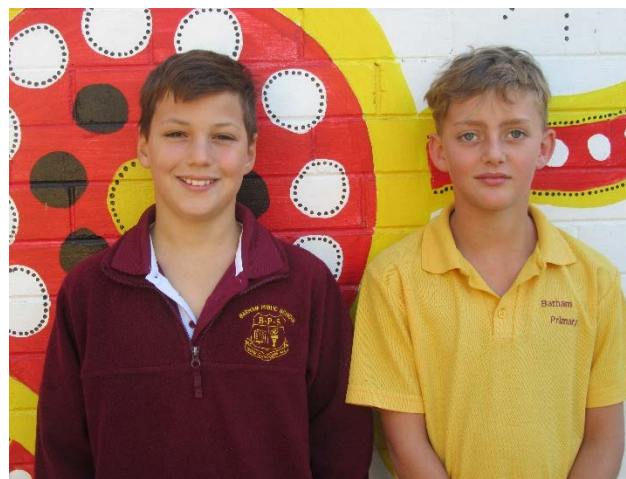


Thank you to Mrs Buchanan and the class teachers for running the session and being there to help out and mind the children during the session. Thank you to parents and carers

for the feedback they provided that will inform the planning of future sessions.

RIVERINA HOCKEY TRIALS

Yesterday two Barham PS students competed at the Riverina Hockey Trials in Albury. Ty Salter and Lachlan Salter enjoyed a great day of competition. Congratulations to both boys for their efforts. Ty has been selected to the Riverina team to compete at the NSW PSSA Hockey Carnival in Grafton next term. What an achievement! Lachlan had a great day too, with his performance being recognised with advice to be sure to come back next year. Well done boys!



EXPLAINING STUDENT ABSENCES

Every week, our school system generates a report to show which students have unexplained absences for the previous week. Parents and carers will then receive a letter advising them of the unexplained absence and asking them to explain this absence to the school.

Thank you to everyone who is responding promptly. This helps the school to maintain accurate records, as required by Department policy.

Remember, students should be at school every day. Parents are asked to make sure they respond with details of any absence as soon as possible.

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

2019 EXCURSIONS

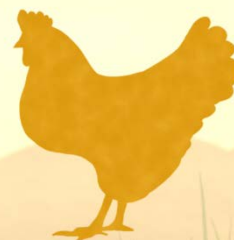
PAYMENT PLANS

Parents/carers are invited to begin making payment for their children's 2019 excursions.

Families can pay fortnightly or monthly to save towards the costs of their child's excursion, or according to a personal plan that best suits family circumstances.

Ask at the office for details.

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen would love any surplus eggs or zucchini to use as part of our kitchen program.



Donations can be made to the Office, and will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

CATERING FOR FIRST AID COURSE

BPS P&C are putting out the call for donations of slices and a plate of sandwiches for our First Aid Course running on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March, 2019

If you are able to help out please contact the Office on 03 5453 2133.

Donations are required at School by 3pm on the day of the course.

Your help is gratefully appreciated.

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DENTAL CLINIC NEXT WEEK



Barham Public School

The dental team will visit our school on
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April

GRATITUDE ASSEMBLY SPEECH

If you woke up this morning happy and healthy, you are more blessed than the millions of others in this world. If you have food to eat, clothes to wear and a house to live in, you are much better off than those who do not possess these.

If your family is there to take care of you, you are very fortunate. If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even tap them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you have a friend.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read or write. Showing gratitude, appreciation, or thankfulness is a positive attitude for the acknowledgment of a benefit that one has received or will receive. People who experience gratitude are happier, more helpful and forgiving. Gratitude provides you with the abundance of happiness that you desire and deserve in life.

This week, we have learnt to appreciate the blessings of life such as; health, the beauty of nature, human relationships, love and to respond to them with gratitude. **Gratitude is the key to happiness.**

Why should we be thankful?

Gratitude allows you to be aware of the good things that are happening in your life. Gratefulness is the key to a happy life that we hold in our hands. If we are not grateful, then no matter how much we have, we will not be happy because we will always want to have something else or something more. Gratitude is the 'good quality which springs from the soul'.

If you had a bad day in school, be thankful. Appreciate that you have a school to attend because some children don't. When you have to help your family at home, be thankful that you have family to take care of. This week, we have all participated in gratitude activities so that we can all learn to appreciate just how lucky each and every one of us really are.

By Student Representatives (SRC)

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?



GRATITUDE DAY PHOTOS





WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS



K/1 Award Recipients



Year 1/2 Award Recipients



Year 3/4 Award Recipients



Year 4/5 Award Recipients



Year 5/6 Award Recipients



Kitchen and Garden Award Recipients

Congratulations to all students who received awards at this assembly.

WESTERN RIVERINA FOOTBALL TRIALS

Last Thursday, students from Barham who were selected in the District AFL team, participated in the Western Riverina Football Trials at Leeton.

The students competed in the warmer weather in which for many, was the first time they had had a proper run of football since last season. The students played very well in all three matches and demonstrated fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and encouragement towards each other as well as the opposition.



Our district and school were lucky to have a player selected for the Western Riverina team and who will go and play in the Riverina Trials later this term. Well done to Ryan Bassett.

Mr Marsh, Team Manager

AFL CENTRAL MURRAY

This year the Richmond Football Club will be providing an AFL Country Football Clinic targeted at students from Grade 3-6.

Venue: Cohuna Consolidated Primary School

Date: Friday 26th April, 2019 (this is in our school holidays)

Time: 1.00pm – 2.00pm

You MUST RSVP to School by Friday 5th April, 2019 to attend the clinic.

THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal tins have been placed in the classrooms. As in past years, the classroom with the heaviest tin/tins receives a basket of Easter eggs to share.

The Royal Children's Hospital is such a wonderful medical facility that, while we hope not to have to use it, we may do, and many of us are, very thankful that it is there.

Over the last 5 years, our school has raised over \$4000.00. An incredible amount and effort!!

Volunteers are needed to help raise money for this annual appeal so please consider giving some time to support this very worthy cause.

If you are available on Good Friday to be a tin shaker for an hour or so, please come over to the Koondrook Fire Station, our headquarters for the day, grab a tin and instructions, and off you go.



Mon 25th March
 Tues 26th March Gloy Chisholm
 Wed 27th March Mandy Anthony
 Thurs 28th March Rae Farrant
 Fri 29th March Lauren Swan

Mon 1st April
 Tues 2nd April Whitney Weston
 Wed 3rd April HELPER NEEDED
 Thurs 4th April Shannon Laursen
 Fri 5th April Renee Colville

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



Different Ways to ask 'How was school today?'

Showing interest in your child's school day and their experiences shows them that you value school and their education. By asking them regularly about their day you are also setting up a routine for them to talk to you about school if they need.

Getting your child to talk about school is not always easy though. Here are 4 different questions you can ask to try and get your kids talking:

1. What is the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something you discovered today.
3. When were you the happiest today?
4. Who did you sit next to in class?

Another way to show the importance of school to your child is to try and be present at school events (where possible). For more ideas see the Raising Children website.

www.ndch.org.au

TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK 8 MARCH	18	19 Best Start PL Staff Meeting, 3.15pm	20	21 K-6 Gratitude Activity Day Western District AFL Trials	22 HEEL Hub Meeting
WEEK 9 MARCH	25	26 Staff Meeting, 3.15pm	27 WBS IO training K/1/2 Excursion, Swan Hill	28	29
WEEK 10 APRIL	1	2 Staff Meeting, 3.15pm	3	4	5
WEEK 11 APRIL	8	9 Staff Meeting, 3.15pm	10 Debating Workshop in Deniliquin	11 NSW Swimming	12 Championships