Welcome
A very special and warm welcome to all of our school families to the 2014 school year. It has been a wonderfully smooth start and we are all looking forward to a terrific year. We are fortunate to welcome a number of new families to our school and our town. We hope your transition is smooth and happy.

We had many eager kinders start their first year of school here at Barham. They have settled in well and are very excited to be beginning their learning journey.

New Staff
We also welcome some new and returning faces to our staff. Jenny Hare is being guided through the ropes of the front office as Judy Lake eases herself into retirement. Georgia Snowdon is stepping into the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program as our specialist garden teacher. She will be teaching garden, science and library. We also welcome new School Learning Support Officers this year. Jenny Gordon, Jane Ogden and Lyn Tottenham will be working with staff in a variety of classrooms to support the learning programs. Judy McGuiness has taken up a relieving position as principal at Balranald Central School for term one. This is a fantastic opportunity for Judy to gain an insight into the management of a different school and she will gain many new skills. Ainsley Fyfe will be relieving for the first few weeks of the term, prior to taking maternity leave, and Sarita King will then take the reins. Staff are in daily contact with Judy to ensure she is up to date with changes.

COMING UP EVENTS

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Classes and Roles 2014

Anne Laughlin  K/1 Red Classroom Teacher
Cassie Biti  K/1 Blue Classroom Teacher
Sarita King  K/1 Blue Teacher, Assistant Principal
Melissa Disher  2/3D Classroom Teacher
Marion Barker  2/3B Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal
Justin Marsh  4/5/6M Classroom Teacher
Sue Radywonik  4/5/6R Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal
Julie Alexander  Computer Coordinator, Learning Support, Technology
Sharon McConnell  Literacy, Kitchen Specialist, Learning Support
Georgia Snowdon  Garden Specialist, Science, Library

If you need to discuss your child’s/children’s progress, please do not hesitate to arrange a convenient time to meet with the relevant teacher. The learning journey is a three way partnership between the child, the parent and the student.

2013 School Magazine

There are still a few copies of the 2013 school magazine for sale at a cost of $10. School magazines are available for purchase at the front office.

School Cookbook

If you did not get your hands on a copy of this fabulous cookbook, copies are still available at a cost of $30. It is a wonderful collection of recipes and photographs and a fantastic keepsake and gift. Please contact the office to make a purchase. An order form is at the end of the newsletter.
Induction Assembly
Our Induction Assembly will take place on Thursday 13th Feb at 11:30 under the shelter. This assembly recognises the elected students who have been chosen to represent the school as school leaders, house captains and vice captains, library monitors and Student Representative Council (SRC) reps.
Everyone is welcome to attend this induction assembly. House captains and SRC rep voting will take place this Friday.

Visiting Author
Today we were very lucky to have a visiting author in our school. Julia Fear, a former student of Mrs Rady here at BPS, contacted us wishing to launch her first book at our very special school. This was a wonderful privilege for us and a great opportunity for students to see just where we can end up when we work hard to follow our dreams!

Best Start Assessments
Over the next two days, all students in Kinder will be assessed using the Best Start Program. This program allows teachers to assess and plot all students at the beginning of the school year and then develop learning programs to reflect their needs. It is a very relaxed and non stressful assessment carried out by the classroom teachers. Mrs Holmberg and Mrs Fulton will be teaching the K/1 classes.

Bridge Closure
Hopefully many of you will have received information on the upcoming bridge closure on Tuesday February 11th. Following is an excerpt from a flyer we received:

Barham Bridge will be closed to all traffic from 5am Tuesday 11 February to 5am Wednesday 12 February.

This closure is required to safely jack up the bridge and place it on a temporary steel frame. The old timber pier will then be removed ready for work to begin on replacing it with a new timber pier.

In addition, from 7am Monday 10 February to 5am Tuesday 11 February, a 10km/h speed limit and a 15 tonne load limit will be in place to prepare the bridge for the jacking process. Traffic controllers will be on site to direct traffic across the bridge.

During the closure and load limit, traffic will be detoured via Murrabit/Gonns Crossing.

A temporary scaffold walkway will be available for pedestrians, wheelchairs and motorised scooters to cross the river.

A boat passenger service will also operate from 5am to 10pm on Tuesday 11 February. It will be available during late night hours if required. The boat will leave every half hour from the boat ramp on the NSW side of the river and from James Park on the Victorian side.

Upcoming bridge closures are currently scheduled as follows:

- From 5am Sunday 30 March to 5am Monday 31 March
- From 5am Saturday 12 April to 5am Monday 14 April

If you would like further information about the Barham Bridge works please contact Bridge Works Manager Sam Millie on 02 6938 1111 or call 1300 NSW VIC (1300 679 842).

To alleviate disruptions to your child’s education, two staff members will be at the Koondrook end of the bridge, on the pedestrian side, to walk students to school. We will be departing at 8:30am sharp! We will also walk the students back, departing school at 3:05pm and arriving at the same point on the bridge at approximately 3:15pm.

If you wish to use this service, please give the school a courtesy call on 54532133.

Kindergarten 2014
SRC Uniform Request
As many parents are aware, the SRC operates a pre-loved uniform recycling business at school where our school uniforms are sold at significantly reduced rates. The uniform supplies that we have are sourced from unclaimed lost property or donated to the school. The SRC is requesting parents to consider donating surplus, outsized uniforms (that are in good condition and freshly laundered) to the school, as we have a steady interest in these items, especially at change of season. All money collected from sales is used by the SRC in their charity work. All donations are very gratefully accepted!

Golden Rivers Dance
Golden Rivers Dance are now taking enrolments for classes resuming on 24th February.

Proposed class times are as follows:

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We are capping class numbers this year, so it is important to enrol prior to attending class to avoid missing out. You can access more information on our website, www.goldenriversdance.com.

To enrol, contact Alicia Marshall on 0488325156, 54531300 or email goldenriversdance@hotmail.com.

Kind Regards, Alicia Marshall

Newsletters
If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please give the ladies in the front office your email address, and it will be sent to you.

Barham Primary School Cookbook Order Form
Name: _________________________________
Number of Books _____________________
@ $30 = __________________
Money accompanies this order.

Teachers getting ready for Day 1
**Intensive Swimming Program**

To follow on with our swimming program begun in Term 4, 2013, we will be holding 2 lessons for each of the students from Year 2 to Year 6. This will give the opportunity to further teach swimming techniques and water safety as well as allow the students to prepare for the school Swimming Carnival. They will also be able to enter their events for the carnival during these lessons. The lessons will take place on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February. Please note that Kindergarten and Year 1 students will not be participating in these lessons, but they will be involved in our Term 4 swimming program.

Our school swimming carnival will take place on Friday 14th February. It will commence at 9.30 a.m.

**Please note** – there will be NO canteen operating on Friday 14th February – Carnival Day. Students must bring their own lunch, or may purchase snacks, and drinks at the pool.

*Kinder and Year 1 must bring their own lunch to school.*

To make both our swimming program and swimming carnival as successful as possible, we will need the assistance of family members and friends. If you can help with any of these days, would you please contact the school as soon as possible.

It is imperative that students have a hat and wear it out of the water. All students are asked to bring their swimming costumes and a towel each day. Students will also be required to bring sunscreen each day to apply before they go to the pool. All students require a permission note below for the intensive swim program and the carnival. **Students will have to pay for pool entry. If you have a season ticket to the pool there is no cost.** The bus cost has been sponsored by Murray Irrigation Limited.

**COSTS Year 2 - 6**

Entry to Pool per student - $7.50

**Football Clinic**

Name of Student attending clinic at Cohuna 19th March

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** Note- All arrangements are in the hands of parents.

Signed ………………………………………

**PERMISSION NOTE FOR INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM AND SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Return by Friday 7th February**

I give permission for my son/daughter

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I am willing to help out with swimming groups during the 2 day Swimming Program on the following days From 1-3 pm

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I can help at the carnival on Friday 14th February.

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**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT!**

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**AFL Country Football Clinic**

The Australian Football League is conducting School Football Clinics for Primary School students in country regions throughout 2014. This year the Richmond Football Club assisted by local footballers will provide an AFL country football clinic.

**VENUE:** Cohuna Football Ground

**DATE:** Wednesday 19th March

**TIME:** 1.00 – 2.00pm

**REPLY TO SCHOOL BY** Friday 7th February

The school is aware that parents may wish their child to attend the above clinic. As this is **not** a school excursion, parents would have to provide transport. The cost is free and it is for students in Years 3-6.

Please fill in the note to the left and return to Mr Marsh by Friday 7th February so we can indicate to the AFL the number of students attending.