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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Classes have begun to plan for our end of term activities, including our Intensive Swimming Program, our 2015 Presentation Day and class parties. There are some changes to how our day will operate during Swimming, and to how students will celebrate as a class group and school in the final week of term. Look for information in this week’s newsletter.

This week we have a Book Fair happening at school. Parents are welcome to drop in and look at the books, and students will be looking at them during the week. There is no obligation to make a purchase. The Book Fair is through a great opportunity to stock up on books for your child’s home library, and for Christmas and birthday gifts.

Year 6 parents, Mrs Disher and helpers have been busily organising the Year 6 graduation evening. We look forward to seeing the families of our graduating Year 6 students at this function. There will be a disco after the formal dinner for Year 6 and Year 5 students to enjoy. Invitations have been issued and more details will be issued to the families of our Year 5 and 6 students in the coming weeks.

Last week I attended an Annual School Report (ASR) workshop. This workshop introduced Principals to the new ASR template and mandatory reporting requirements. The format of the ASR has changed to align with the new School Plan and evaluation processes, and the
session provided a welcome update and opportunity for professional discussion.

The Barham PS General Assistant position is to be filled on a permanent basis for 2016 and beyond. According to NSW Department of Education Merit Selection Procedures, this position has now been advertised. People interested in applying for this position can access the details and make application via JobsNSW, with closing date for applications 2/12/15.

This week, our School Administration Manager, Jenny and I will be attending to tasks for the school’s end of financial year reporting. If you have payments owing for any invoice issued this year, please finalise payment by the end of this week. We appreciate your efforts in making this a priority.

The financial year of NSW schools runs from 1st December until 30th November the following year. It is a busy time now as we head to rollover on 30th November.

2015 Presentation Day is set for Tuesday 15th December. We are pleased to have Director Public Schools NSW, Miss Vicki Kempton attending this year. Miss Kempton is finishing up as Director and is moving on to other endeavours in 2016. It will be an honour to have Miss Kempton attending our 2015 presentation of awards as she completes over 30 years of service with the NSW Department of Education.

Students and staff in our rural schools have been well served through Miss Kempton’s passion for public education and her commitment to making sure our rural students receive extraordinary opportunities in learning and life. Miss Kempton is a most enthusiastic, forward-thinking, insightful and supportive leader, and as a Principal I will miss her knowledge and expertise in curriculum and management, her drive for progress and innovation and the day-to-day guidance and support she provides. I look forward to sharing the celebration of our students’ achievements with her at our Presentation Day.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

Vacancy – Barham Public School

Part Time General Assistant

Position information, selection criteria and details of remuneration package are listed at JobsNSW – ‘General Assistant Part Time – Barham Public School’.

Application close 2/12/15
Applications must be submitted online at JobsNSW http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

INTENSIVE SWIMMING – WEEKS 9 & 10

The Intensive Swimming Program for all students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 9 and Week 10. Permission notes and details of all that students require will be issued this week.

All teachers will attend the swimming sessions with their classes, and we are most grateful to have a few parent and community volunteers who are able to come along and assist with instruction for this program.

Please note, lunch and recess times are being altered so that the swimming sessions fit in between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Lunch will run from 10.45 to 11.30am and recess will follow later at 12.30 through to 1.00pm.

Students will be transported to and from the pool on Lakes buses. Thank you to Lakes for ferrying students and staff ‘to and fro’ on these days.

The BHS canteen is being advised of our altered hours so that students are still able to order their lunch during the days of swimming.
CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS (CCK) - BOOK LAUNCH

This Wednesday, 25th November the 2015 CCK Books will be officially launched at the Barham High School. Mrs Radywonik and CCK students Maddy Telford, Amy Salter, Jarvis Keogh and John Coughlan will attend the launch event.

Barham High School and Barham Public School both had teams of students researching and writing about local land heroes. The BPS book was about Roger Knight and the work he does around using our natural resources in a sustainable way and protecting our natural environment.

Congratulations to our students, who with the support and guidance of Mrs Rady have put together a book celebrating a land hero from our local community that they can be very proud of.

The launch will be held in the BHS Library, and will commence at 12.30pm. Parents of our 2015 Creative Catchment Kids are invited to attend.

CELEBRATION DAY - CLASS PARTIES WITH A DIFFERENCE

This year, students will celebrate ‘the year that was’ with their fellow students at school. Students will celebrate their own efforts and achievements, as well as celebrating the efforts and achievements of their fellow students.

Personal application and progress are something that is commended and promoted at Barham PS. While not everyone will receive an award at the end of the year presentations, every student can celebrate their personal growth and being a learner in their class in 2015. This is what we as a school intend to do on Monday 14th December.

Students will be thinking about all they have learned this year, and about what they understand about how to learn well.

▷ **K/1 & 1/2 Students**

K/1 and 1/2 are having a special lunch as a culmination of their Fairy Tale unit. They will be bringing food to share and will combine as learners for lunch and activities.

▷ **2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 Students**

Students in Years 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 will be combining for a sausage sizzle lunch. Cost per student is $5 per student - for this they will enjoy two sausages in bread, a drink and an icy pole.

If students do not eat sausages, they can and bring their own lunch and pay $2 for a drink and an icy pole.

▷ **BPS Giving Tree**

During our class parties, students will also reflect on the festive season ahead, and what it means to give thanks and to care for others through the act of giving.

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**DAILY TIMETABLE FOR SWIMMING DAYS**

**Mon-Thurs, Weeks 9 & 10**

- **Morning session:** 9.00 – 10.45 am
- **LUNCH:** 10.45 – 11.30 am
- **Middle session:** 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
- **Afternoon Recess:** 12.30 – 1.00 pm

Swim session 1 (K/1 & 2/3): 1.10 – 1.40 pm
Swim session 2 (5/6 & 3/4): 1.45 – 2.15 pm
Swim session 3 (4/5 & 1/2): 2.20 – 2.50 pm
In the past, some classes have conducted a ‘secret Santa’. This year, rather than give to each other, students will be asked to consider, if they are able to, giving to a child who is less fortunate than themselves by placing a wrapped, new (not used) non-perishable, child-safe gift under our Giving Tree. These gifts will be passed on to charities such as St Vinnies to be included in Christmas hampers going to families experiencing hardship this Christmas.

Students will discuss this special ‘secret Santa’ idea in class. If giving a gift, families are asked to make it between $5 and $10 in value. Please label for a girl or a boy, and the age that the gift is appropriate for. Families with more than one child are asked to place one gift as a family.

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**

**WEEK 9 & 10**

**Parent helpers required.**

Contact Mrs Sue Radywonik at school if you can assist and would like to be involved.

T: 03 54 532 133

*Training for helpers will be held on Wednesday 25th Nov (this week) at 3.15pm*

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**KIndergarten Enrolments - 2016**

Barham PS is currently preparing for the 2016 school year. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please complete and return the enrolment forms to the school as soon as possible.

Enrolments forms can be delivered to the school office, or posted to the school:

PO Box 39
Barham NSW 2732

For enquiries, please contact the school on 03 54 532 133.
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations Harry on achieving your Gold Certificate.

Blue certificates: Sze Sze, Teesha, Ayla and Brooke

Red Certificates: Lachie, Eboni, Riley, Josh and Beau

Yellow Certificate: Hayden

CONGRATULATIONS!!

GUN CLUB NEWS
The roster for the next shoot on December 13th is:

9.30am-12Noon  Paterson (D&S)
11.00am-1.30pm  McGowan (D&N)
12Noon-2.30pm   Jones (Michelle)

Cake – Boyd (G&M)
Slice – Ryan
Salad items (6 tomatoes and ½ lettuce) – He
Coleslaw 4 litres – Wilson (L)
Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to www.zoowhiz.com. They expire on 30/12/15. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to $89.95 instead of the discounted rate of $29.95.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has full access to ZooWhiz (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours for FREE. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to partner with our school to further support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**
This year, the P&C will be collating the school magazine. We will be running on a pre-order system and we will need orders and payment no later than Week 9, term 4. The School Magazine 2015, will be available early Term 1, 2016, the exact date to be advised.

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#This Planner shows events for students, teachers and parents scheduled for Term 4. Additions and variation may occur so please check the newsletter each week for updates.