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Upcoming Events

| Mon 14 Dec | Primary Student BBQ & Infants Fairy Tale Lunch
|           | Giving Tree
| Tues 15 Dec | 2015 Presentation Assembly 9.30am at CluBarham
| Wed 16 Dec | Students’ Pool Party
|            | Last day of School for students
| Thurs 17 Dec | Professional Learning Day for Teacher – pupil free

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

After two weeks of intensive swimming, students are certainly ready for a less hectic few days. With just three days of school this week though, there are still many things to get through.

Today students will enjoy parties to celebrate their classes of 2015. Each composite class has been reflecting on what they have participated in and achieved throughout the school year. Today, they get to take a break from their learning and end of year tasks and enjoy lunch some fun together.

Our 2015 Presentation Assembly will be held tomorrow Tuesday, 15th December at the Barham Services Club to begin at 9.30am. The assembly will recognise students’ achievements in 2015, and we are looking forward to celebrating with parents and community members.

On Wednesday, students in Years 3-6 will enjoy time at the pool, and students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy activities here at school. It will be a relaxing way to finish off the year.

The last day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday 16th December. Staff will be participating in professional learning on Thursday 17th December, their last day for 2015. This day is pupil free. Parents are asked to note that school will not be operating on Friday 18th December.
Thank you to everyone who has supported our school this year. Your contributions, whether large and small, have been very much appreciated. On behalf of all the staff of Barham Public School, we wish families and our community a very happy festive season and New Year.

Catherine Peach

STAFFING IN 2016
Our school has two teaching positions and our General Assistant position to be filled this week. It was hoped to announce the successful applicants for these positions tomorrow, but the timeline and requirements of the selection processes may not allow us to do that. We will however make an announcement on Skoolbag as soon as we are able to, so stay tuned. It is set to be a great year of learning in 2016!

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Intensive swimming program this year. Mrs Rady has reported a marked improvement in students’ confidence and skills. Well done everyone.

We express a huge thank you to the many parents and community people who helped out with swimming over the past two weeks. Without your help, we could not hope to have provided such intensive learning for our students. Thank you!

Thank you must go to Mrs Rady for all her hard work in organising and overseeing the swimming. Mrs Gael Mathers helped Mrs Rady out for a few days as well. Thank you Gael!

Mrs Rady is organising certificates now to acknowledge students achievements. Be sure to look out for opportunities to learn to swim over the holidays. Most importantly, stay safe while swimming. Our rivers, channels and dams are dangerous places, as any pool can be as well. Please take care.

2015 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 15th December
CluBarham
9.30am start
Parents, families, friends, and interested community members are invited to attend.

Students are to wear full school uniform, and will sit in their class groups with their teachers.

The program for the day is included in this newsletter for your information.

Entry to CluBarham auditorium through back carpark entry please.
ATHLETICS MEDALLIONS
In checking on sporting results for 2015, the School Athletics Champion Medallions were discovered hiding in the cupboard. These medallions went missing on the day of our school carnival, but have now been found! Our champions were definitely thrilled to receive their medallions. Well done students.

LOST PROPERTY – LAST CHANCE!
All students and their families are asked to check Lost Property for missing school uniform items and other belongings before they are cleaned out and ready to be sent to the op shop this Wednesday. Please come in and have a look and collect any items that belong to you.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND HOME READERS - SOME STILL MISSING
Thank you to all those families who have returned library books and home readers. There are still a number of books that have not been returned so please keep searching. Your efforts in finding those books that are hiding are much appreciated.

STUDENT STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2016
It would be appreciated if each student could supply the following stationery requirements in 2016.

YEARS 3 TO 6 (at start of the year)
- 2 x Box of tissues - large
- 2 x 36g Glue sticks
- 2 x Medium blue biro pens (not year 3)
- 2 x Medium red biro pens (not year 3)
- 2 x Medium black biro pens (not year 3)
- 2 x 2B or HB lead pencils
- 1 x Pencil sharpener
- 1 x Eraser
- 1 x Ruler - with cm and mm markings
- 1 x Small pencil case for desk tops

Please note: Coloured pencils and textas are at the discretion of families, as are any other stationery items. It is requested that these items be in a separate pencil case and not included with those items listed above.

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 (at start the year)
- 2 x box of tissues - large
- 2 x 36g Glue sticks

Please note: It is requested that students in these years do not have their own coloured pencils or textas at school, as the school supplies these in classrooms. Tissues and glue sticks will be pooled into a classroom resource and will not remain with individual students.

Attention Parents: There will be NO CANTEEN operating on Wednesday 16th December 2015.
YELLOW, RED, BLUE & GOLD CERTIFICATES

Our final school assembly was held last Friday, and that was the last opportunity for students with green merits to be awarded certificates and acknowledged.

Congratulations to all our students who have been awarded certificates. What a great year of learning you have all had.

Students with Gold Certificates will be celebrating with a special lunch with the principal tomorrow.

Year 3 to 6 Pool Party

When: Wednesday 16th December 2015
Time: 9.30am till 1.30pm
Lunch: Can be purchased from pool kiosk or students are to bring their own packed lunch.
NO CANTEEN WILL OPERATE ON THIS DAY.

School Resumes for all students K-6 on Thursday 4th February 2016.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!

From all the staff at Barham Public School.

2015 PRESENTATION DAY
Program

- Welcome to Country
- National Anthem
- Principal’s Address
- ‘A TASTE OF BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL’
- P&C Report
- ‘SPORTS – THE YEAR IN REVIEW’

- Sports Awards
- Class Awards
  - Kindergarten
  - K/1
  - 1/2
  - 2/3
  - 3/4
  - 4/5
  - 5/6

- CHOIR MUSICAL ITEM

- Whole School Awards
  - Public Speaking
  - Creative & performing Arts
  - Garden
  - Kitchen
  - WSC Citizenship
  - SRC
  - Encouragement Award
  - Outstanding Student
  - Outstanding Effort by a Student

- ‘YEAR 6 STUDENTS’ MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS’

- Year 6 – Gift to School
- Director’s Address - Miss Vicki Kempton
- Dux of the School
- Graduation Gift to Year 6
- Outgoing School Leaders
- 2016 School Leaders
- Conclusion