PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I am delighted to be the Relieving Principal of Barham Public School in 2015. Barham PS has a history of providing students with diverse and engaging learning opportunities that help each child to explore their potential and be the best they can be. I look forward to meeting each student and their families, and to working with teachers, support staff, students and our school community to explore the fun and challenges of learning in 2015.

As a staff, we are looking forward to getting to know our new Kindergarten students and their families, and to having them all as part of our school community. It is an exciting time for children and parents, and our school.

Our teachers are already showing their dedication, in at school well before the first day to have everything ready to go. This year, staffing remains largely unchanged, although there are a number of changes in roles and the way we support students in their learning. We welcome Mrs Sara Mathers to our teaching staff this year and Miss Tiffany Hughes as a class teacher, and welcome back Ms Ainsley Fyfe as class teacher. I know both teachers are excited to be taking on their responsibilities and to be part of our school team.
Classes and support structures have been set up to best address student learning needs. Our priority is to have each child positively engaged in learning and experiencing personal success and growth in a caring and inclusive environment. Professional learning and coaching and mentoring will promote teaching excellence, and class and school programs will focus on providing purposeful learning opportunities for students, and developing habits of learning that will empower each child as a learner. It is set to be an exciting year.

This term is a ten week term for NSW schools. Our school returns in Week 2 of NSW Term 1, due to our location in the Western region. This means our term will be nine weeks long (including this week). Enjoy the term and all it has to offer.

Catherine Peach  
Principal (Rel.)

CLASSES IN 2015

This year, our school will operate six composite classes, with teachers also covering Learning Support, Reading Recovery, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, Library and Computers.

In addition to six composite class teachers, we have the Principal, three part-time teachers and three Student Learning Support Officers all working with class teachers to deliver quality teaching and learning. Our School Administration Manager and a part time Administration Officer are also invaluable members of our team who help to keep the school running smoothly and to make it a great place to learn.

Composite classes and teachers are:

- Kinder/1 Mrs Anne Laughlin
- Year 1/2 Mrs Sarita King
- Year 2/3 Mr Justin Marsh
- Year 3/4 Miss Tiffany Hughes
- Year 4/5 Ms Ainsley Fyfe
- Year 5/6 Mrs Melissa Disher

Information about class routines and expectations will be issued to parents soon.

**PE is on Thursday & Sport is on Friday**
**Teachers will issue program information.**

Parents are welcome to drop in to meet their child’s teacher and Principal, Mrs Peach.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Visitors to School

We welcome visitors to the school and very much welcome school families joining us for school activities and events. Work, Health and Safety and Child Protection requirements state that all visitors to schools must report to the school office and sign in. Please report to Jenny in the school office when coming onto the school premises.

Students Late to School/ Being Collected

It is also required that students movements into and out of school outside of normal school hours must be recorded in attendance records.

Students coming late to school must report to the school office to collect a ‘late note’ before heading to their classroom. This note must be presented to their class teacher.

Parents collecting students from school to leave prior to the end of the day or for appointments must report to the office and complete a note for the class attendance roll. This note must be then handed to the class teacher before the child is able to leave.

Please remember that entry to classrooms is via the school office, not directly to the room via a side entry gate. Our priority is the safety of everyone at school - students, staff and visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.
SWIMMING IN TERM 1

Term 1 is always a busy schedule of swimming. School and PSSA District Swimming Carnivals happen in February.

Barham PS will hold its Swimming Carnival at the Koondrook Pool on **Friday, 13th February**. Students will be selected for the PSSA District Carnival from this school event. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 27th February in Swan Hill.

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will prepare for the school’s swimming carnival with swimming practice sessions in Week 3 (next week), on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February. Students will need to bring their swimming costumes and towel to school on each of these days. Students will be transported by Lakes Buses to the Koondrook Pool ready to start at their practice at 2.00pm, and will return to school in time for the bell at 3.00pm.

A permission note is being sent home and parents are asked to complete the permission form and return it with pool entry money to the school office by next **Monday, 9th February**.

Students will return to school to be dismissed at the end of the day. Permission for alternate arrangements must be communicated to the school.

Mrs Sue Radywonik will be assisting with this carnival. If you have any questions about the practice or carnival, please contact Mrs Peach at school.

For information about swimming lessons, contact Ms Ainsley Fyfe.

BEST START ASSESSMENT

Students in Kindergarten will spend time with Mrs Laughlin over the first couple of days for Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. This one-on-one assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten, and informs the development of quality teaching and learning programs.

An information letter is being sent home to parents of all Kindergarten students. Please contact Mrs Laughlin or Mrs Peach if you have any questions.

Mrs Laughlin’s room looked so inviting for the beginning Kinders. The room was full of balloons, books, and exciting learning equipment - so much to explore!

Thank you to the P&C for providing a cuppa to the parents on the first day of our new Kinders. It is wonderful to be welcomed to the school and have time to savour the moment with other parents.

Welcome to Kindergarten students and their families.

Thank you P&C for the cuppa and support shown to these parents on this special day.

TERM 1 PLANNER

Parents will receive a term planner next week. Information about school events will be published in the newsletter and on Skoolbag.

There are a number of upcoming events for students and teachers. Look for details coming soon.
Barham Public School Newsletter

Canteen Menu for BPS
Term 1 - 2015

SPECIALS:

Monday - Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap $3.50
(Term 1 – 2015)

Tuesday - Focaccias
(Ham & Cheese/Chicken & Cheese)
with full salad $4.00

Wednesday - Wonderful Wraps.
$3.50
Chicken or Tuna with Sour Cream, Lettuce, & Carrot.

Thursday - Chilli Tender Wrap
(Sour Cream Lettuce Cheese
Chilli Sauce $3.50

Friday - Chicken Burger $3.50

SANDWICHES:

Meat & Salad or Plain Salad $3.50
ANY with up to 3 fillings $3.00

Filling Suggestions:
Ham & Cheese, Chicken, Ham, Ham and Tomato, Banana, Egg, Egg & Lettuce, Cheese, Vegemite, Tomato, Ham and Cheese and Pineapple,

HOT FOOD:

Chicken Nuggets - 50 cents ea / 4 for $2.00.
(maximum 8)

Hot Rolls-Chicken & Mayo or Cheese
Sunny (ham, cheese, pine), C.H (cheese & ham) $3.50
Sausage Rolls $3.00
Pizza $3.00
Pizza Rounds $3.00
Sauce $0.20

ROLLS (White or MultiGrain) OR WRAPS:

Chicken & Salad $3.50
Ham & Salad $3.50
Plain Salad $3.00
Plain Chicken $2.50
Plain Ham $2.50
Cheese & Vegemite $2.50
Buttered Roll $1.00

SALAD BOX -

CHICK OR HAM & SALAD $3.50
PLAIN SALAD WITH EGG $3.50

SANDWICHES:

Meat & Salad or Plain Salad $3.50

ANY with up to 3 fillings $3.00

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Ham & Cheese, Chicken, Ham, Ham and Tomato, Banana, Egg, Egg & Lettuce, Cheese, Vegemite, Tomato, Ham and Cheese and Pineapple,

TREATS

20gm chips $1.20
(Original, chicken/honey soy, sour cream, BBQ)

J J ’s (Ham/cheese/Tomato $1.50
(Chicken / Salt & Vin)

Cheesesticks $0.70

DRI NKS.

Large Flavoured Milk $3.00
(choc, iced coffee / strawberry)

Small Flavoured Milk $2.00
(choc, strawberry)

350ml Juice $3.00
(Apple, Orange, )

Plain Water Pop Top (750ml) $3.00
500ml Water $1.20
Flavoured Water Pop Top (750ml) $3.00

(Berri / Lime / Lemon)

Pineapple Cups $0.50

Paddle Pop Icy Twist (Lemonade) $1.20

Strawberry Frozen yoghurt $2.00

Vanilla Cup - Lite Ice Cream $1.50

Paddle Pop
(Choc / Banana / Rainbow) $1.50.

EVERY DAY MEAL DEAL:

Daily Special OR Salad Roll OR Wrap PLUS

Small Milk OR Frozen Yoqhurt

QR Vanilla Cup OR Slushe(Friday Only) PLUS Chips or JJ ’s

$5.50

If you are unable to attend on the date nominated, PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE, or ring the Canteen on (03) 54532321.

OR you can arrange with one of the ladies listed below to do your Canteen Duty.

Fay Saville Ph: 54531709
**P&C NEWS**
The P & C committee play an important role in our school and contribute toward many aspects of our children's education. Through fundraising the P & C provide additional funds to supplement what our school already offers.

The first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, February 10th at 7.30pm in the school staff room. Please come along and show your support.

We appreciate that many parents are unable to attend meetings but would like to help out in other ways, for example with donations of items for fundraising events. To assist the P & C, would you kindly complete your details below and return to the school office.

Parent's name………………………………………
Contact phone number…………………………

**BAR-ROOK LITTLE ATHS**
Resumes this Saturday
9.30am

**COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**
There will be an information session to form an evening branch of the CWA in Barham on Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm in the activities room, Barham Community Health.

ALL WELCOME!!

**MYSTIC PARK ART CLASSES**
Art classes are being held again this year. If you are interested, please contact

Caroline Ellis 0408 500451
[www.carlineellisgallery.com](http://www.carlineellisgallery.com), for more information.

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**LITTLE POSSUM PLAYGROUP**
New Day: Mondays
Time: 10.00am – 11.30am
Cost: $10 term or $2 casual
Bring along a healthy snack for your child.
Morning tea is supplied for the adults

**“SHEAR STORIES”**
This is a national short story competition, and an opportunity to craft an experience, a memory or a character into a written story which can communicate, entertain, or document history, and earn a substantial reward.

First prize for the Primary School section is $100.

For more detailed information, please contact Shear Outback 02-69934000.

**SKOOLBAG**
For our new families, and a reminder to our existing families about our Skoolbag app. Skoolbag is a great way of communication between our school and families. To receive our notifications, go to the App. store and download Barham Skoolbag.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
No Canteen operating
If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please email us on barham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, and we can add you to our mailing list.

LIONS FILM NIGHT
Barham Koondrook Lions Club Film Society are holding their inaugural film night,

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
At the Barham School of Arts.
Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm start.

What’s On:
‘RED DOG” (PG)

Cost: Free Admission for the film

Drinks and refreshments will be available at the hall for a modest charge.

Please come along and support your local Lions Club.

NYAH/SWAN HILL TWO BAYS SWIMMING CLUB
SCHOOLIES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
For all school aged children
February 20th February
Swan Hill Outdoor Pool at 5.30pm.

- Entry forms for individual swimmers are available at www.twobaysswimming.org.au.
- $5 entry fee per competitor is payable in cash or cheque. And sent to NTBASC, PO Box 1516, Swan Hill, by Feb 15th.
- Freestyle, Backstroke, Breastroke and Butterfly events over a 50 metres.
- School relays are invited to compete. Students wishing to swim in a relay should indicate so on the entry form.
- A BBQ dinner, tea and coffee will be available for purchase on the night.

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This is to inform you about the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment, that will take place at our school in Term 1.

**What is the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment?**

Children come to school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognise some letters, even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills.

Our Kindergarten teachers have always observed their new students and used different methods to find out what each child knows and can do so that they can plan and teach what their students need to learn next.

Our school takes part in Best Start developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education and Training. Best Start gives our teachers, and those teaching Kindergarten across New South Wales, a common set of high quality assessment tools and professional training.

We believe that Best Start will build on the strengths of our teachers and give your child an even better start to school.

**Your child and the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment**

It is very important to emphasise that the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child.

The teacher will observe each child and use tasks, such as talking about a book that has been read, and record what their students know and can do. The teaching of your child will be based on the information gathered in these ways.

You will be given feedback about what your child’s teacher has learned about your child, which you are welcome to discuss if you wish, in keeping with our usual practice.

**What is being assessed?**

The teacher will look at your child’s early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns.

**Telephone Interpreter Service**

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact me please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on telephone 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call me and will stay on the line to assist you with our conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

With all good wishes for the best possible start for your child’s education.
CANTEEN ANNUAL UPDATE.
We welcome newcomers to Barham High & Primary Schools, and are also aware that people's circumstances change each year and we are seeking your responses to successfully fill our canteen roster each term for 2015.

The canteen is owned and run by the High School P & C committee and a canteen subcommittee and the profits are distributed for the betterment of both the High and Primary Schools. It employs a fulltime coordinator, Sonya Harrison, an assistant coordinator, Kaylene Wren on a one day per fortnight rotation and relies on volunteers for the rest of its duties. It is very important that parents/carers from both the High and Primary Schools assist. 9.00 AM till 11 AM is preparation time and after this, duties can involve serving students at recess and lunch.

1. Were you on the canteen roster as a helper in 2014, your circumstances have not changed and you wish to continue as previously advised? YES / NO

If you answered Yes, please proceed to the bottom of the form and complete your details.
If No and you can help please continue and circle the appropriate answers.
If No and you wish to help by donating money or goods please proceed to question 11.

2. Are you available to collect orders at BPS & deliver to canteen? (8.30 AM to 9.00 AM) YES / NO.

3. Available for food preparation 9.30 AM or 10 AM till 11 AM YES / NO

4. As above and stay at canteen till 1PM and deliver lunches to BPS. YES / NO

5. Come in at 11.30 AM and serve at BHS then take orders to BPS at 1PM YES / NO.

6. Do a short shift from 1.55 PM till 2.20 PM to serve at BHS YES / NO

7. I am available to do all day shifts or whatever is required YES / NO

8. Please circle days you are available.
All days Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday.

9. How many days are you prepared to do each term? 1 2 3 4 5 more

10. Do you know anyone who may be interested in being an emergency volunteer? (this means coming in at short notice, can be yourself) Name...........................................Phone:..................

11. Unfortunately I am unable to help at the canteen, but I would like to contribute towards obtaining private agreement volunteers and the running of the canteen. Please find attached my donation of $........OR you may prefer to donate home grown goods such as eggs, fresh vegetables or fruit please contact Sonya (54532321) to advise.

Other Comments:

NAME:...................................................... Students names and years..........................

PHONE:................................MOBILE..................................Email:.................................

Thank you for your contribution of time, money or goods and making our job easier by returning this form to the High or Primary School office by Friday 27th February 2015.
P & C and Canteen Committee.
Phone Sonya at the Canteen 54532321 if you require more information.