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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week was full of great activity at school. Students practiced for the swimming carnival early in the week and then on Friday participated at the carnival with happy enthusiasm. Well done to all students for their behaviour and participation throughout the carnival. I would again like to extend a huge thank you to parents for their assistance on the day. Your help and being there to cheer on the children and join in the fun is very much appreciated.

Last Tuesday night was P&C. It was a pleasure to meet the 2015 P&C Committee and many parents who attended. I look forward to working with P&C as we consult on aspects of school planning and set the priorities for 2015, and as they support our students in learning through fundraising and events.

Congratulations to our school leaders who were officially inducted into their roles on Thursday. Each of the students have pledged their commitment to the responsibilities they have in their role as school captain, prefect, student representative, house captain, house vice-captain or library monitor.
The staff and I are looking forward to working with each of the leaders.

Sports House leaders did a great job on Friday at the swimming carnival. Each captain stepped up to encourage and organise their teams, and make sure the house chants were delivered loud and clear. Well done!

Students are settling quickly into the routines of their classrooms and learning, and look sharp and ready for action in their Barham Public School uniform. Hats are a must this term when students are outside. Please remind your child to have their hat and wear it to be sun safe.

Enjoy reading the news of school activities, and the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

PHYS. ED. & SPORT

Classes have started Phys. Ed. on Thursdays. Despite the warm weather, students have been keen to participate in the afternoon activities.

Parents, please note that students can wear yellow shirts on Thursdays and the white sport shirt on Fridays. Students need to wear footwear appropriate for sport on both days.

The Phys. Ed. sessions coincide with the senior primary students’ practice for the Riverina Dance Festival. This way, all students are engaged in learning from the PD/H/PE syllabus during this session so that learning for each child is aligned and uninterrupted.

Thank you to Alicia Marshall for choreographing and leading the dance rehearsals with our primary students. This year’s theme is ANZAC related, and is looking wonderful.

P&C FEBRUARY MEETING

Last Tuesday, the P&C held its first meeting for 2015. The committee are looking to establish priorities for fundraising for this year, in consultation with teachers and the Principal. Already there are some great ideas for fundraising, and organisation for Gun Club is underway.

P&C is grateful to those parents who assisted with the recent clearing sale catering. The catering raised valuable funds to support 2015 projects.

The 2014 Annual Financial Statement of our school was presented to P&C at this February meeting. The statement reported on the financial position and activity of the school in 2014, and showed the diverse range of learning experiences on offer at Barham PS.

The meeting also discussed the school’s uniform policy, and clarified what items are now to be available at Purple Patch. Thank you to Kerri Hamilton from Purple Patch for attending. Be sure to drop in to Purple Patch and discuss your child’s uniform needs.

P&C have organised a First Aid course to be held at school on 24th and 25th March. Interest in this training opportunity has been strong. Be sure to register if you would like to attend the course.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival, held last Friday, 13th February, proved to be a successful one. The weather was perfect for swimming and it was great to see everyone getting involved in their events, as well as encouraging and supporting each other to achieve their best.

The Year 2 races towards the end of the day certainly brought everyone to the pool edge
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to cheer for some in their very first race. There was also much cheering during the house relays and the Year 6, parents and high school students’ relays. It was a great day.

The day would not have been possible without the help of our many parents, grandparents and community members, who assisted in so many ways; from helping with the setup of the pool and surrounds, to timekeeping and packing up at the end of the day.

A special thank you must also be made to members of the Barrook Swimming Carnival for volunteering their time and loaning us their equipment, as well as the Koondrook Swimming Pool Committee for ensuring the pool was in sparkling condition. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Everyone is to be congratulated on their good sportsmanship and excellent behaviour as well as their achievements on the day. Some competed for the first time whilst others were announced age champions at the conclusion of the carnival.

The age champions of the day were:

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The winning house was *Etona*.

Congratulations to all competitors for their efforts and achievements on the day.

The District Swimming Carnival will be held this **Friday, 20th February** in Swan Hill. Those who have qualified to compete will receive a note today.

Mrs Radywonik

**PLAY AREAS AT SCHOOL**

This year with reduced staff numbers, some adjustments have been made to where students are able to go during their breaks and when they can go there. This has allowed for a more manageable supervision roster for all staff.

Library will now be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, during second half lunch.

Year 6 will have the privilege of being able to use the netball court area (concreted area inside the buildings) for second half lunch only, on each day of the week.

Morning and Recess breaks will see all students under the shelter, and then students released to areas north of the shelter only.

Students will be reminded that hats are to be worn while outside, including before school.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Items may be placed in the school newsletter for the information of students and their families.

Items for the newsletter need to be received at the school by **9.00am on Mondays**.
INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, our 2015 school leaders were inducted – School Captains, Prefects, Student Representatives Council members, Sports House Captains and Vice Captains and Library monitors.

Students pledged to respectfully fulfil the responsibilities of their roles and to represent the school and their fellow students to the best of their ability throughout 2015. Congratulations to them all.

DISTRICT TENNIS PRE-SELECTION TRIALS

Schools have been invited to nominate players for the 2015 PSSA Pre-Selection Trials to be held in Deniliquin on Monday 23rd February 2015.

Only competent players are able to participate in the trials. Competitors must be playing in a current competition and be able to score.

Nominated students from Barham PS will receive information and a permission note today. Please return promptly to the office.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Parents-teacher meetings will be scheduled for school families with their child’s teacher in an afternoon time slot next week. Each teacher will be available from 3.15-4.15pm. Meetings will focus on what is happening in the classrooms and what you can share with the teacher about your child that will assist them to individualise learning and cater effectively for your child’s learning needs. There will be 5 appointment slots per class teacher per day.

Parents are asked to book an appointment by calling the office or dropping in to look at the schedule. We will attempt to align appointments with different teachers for those with more than one child.
**Board Games for the Library**

Do you have board games that your family no longer uses and would like to donate to a good home?

Mrs Mathers and the Library monitors are keen to accept donations of board games from families and school friends for use in the Library at lunch times.

Games need to be in good order with all their pieces.

Donations can be dropped into the school office. Thank you!

**Worth a Look – Book Review**

I borrowed this from our local library but have also seen it in Big W. The book is widely available and well worth a place on parents bookshelves

Sharon McConnell

In her new book, Jackie French targets parents, teachers and librarians. Jackie is an award-winning author of over 140 books. She’s also dyslexic.

Jackie is passionate as she shares her knowledge and understanding of reading, gained from years of experience and research. I Spy a Great Reader is chock-a-block with advice and ideas. You’ll find information about child development (improving coordination can help reading), surprising facts and figures (around one in eleven children has a reading problem), and lots of tips on how to help your child become a great reader and love books (if they find a book boring, don’t make them finish it, help them find one they’ll enjoy instead).

*I Spy a Great Reader* is broken into small, easy-to-read sections including early childhood age groups and the different aspects of reading - teaching basic reading, handwriting and spelling, homework, reading and teaching problems, and so on. There are also sections on teenagers and reading, family reading, book groups, the different ways children learn, and making a difference in the classroom. There are plenty of games, activities and projects suggested, too - everything from reading to their teddy or the dog, to playing I Spy with sounds, and writing words with water pistols (great fun in summer).
Learning Support at Barham Primary

Students in regular classes who experience difficulties in basic areas of learning and behaviour, regardless of the cause are supported through Learning and Support resources. Students may receive additional assistance in literacy, numeracy, language and behaviour. The school’s learning and support team identify additional learning and support needs to ensure that the educational needs of your child are being met. Our school learning support team meets fortnightly.

The learning support team focuses on addressing the learning needs of students by ensuring that collaborative planning and programming occurs, that effective implementation strategies are in place, that available and appropriate school resources are being utilised, and that monitoring, assessment and reporting strategies are in place.

The learning support team’s member participation depends upon the background and needs of the individual student. Each teacher becomes a member of the LST when the performance of one of their students is being reviewed.

The learning support team at Barham Public is co-ordinated by our Learning Support Teacher (Sharon McConnell) and comprises of the Principal (Catherine Peach), School Counsellor (Michelle White) and Stage 3 teacher Melissa Disher.

SCHOOL BANKING

Our Student School Banking Day is Thursday.

For new accounts, please enquire at our front office. If you already have a Dollarmite Account, please drop your banking into the front office Thursday mornings.

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.

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……………………

First Aid – Barham Primary P & C

After a successful course being completed in October 2014, we have had enquiry for another course to be run early this year. We are now asking for an expression of interest for participants to attend:

Certificate in First Aid - Level 2
2 x evening classes 24th & 25th March 2015 (TBC)
(Approx 6pm-9.30pm)
Course Cost: $155
Certificate current for 3yrs
(CPR recommended to be updated yearly)
Refresher/ update course available
24th March 2015 at same approximate times
Course Cost: $85

Please call Melissa Boyd 0400 174513 if you are interested or require more details.

This is available to all members of the community.
Payment will be required once date is confirmed.
Expression of interest closes: 23/2/15
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Canteen Roster

Mon 16th Feb
Tues 17th Feb  Jem Boyd
Wed 18th Feb  Juliana Main
Thur 19th Feb  Nikki Patten
Fri 20th Feb  Julie Sleep

Mon 23rd Feb  Kylie Molin
Tues 24th Feb  Julie Estep
Wed 25th Feb  Michelle Jettner
Thur 26th Feb  Dee Miller
Fri 27th Feb  Julie Frankling

Please arrange your own swap, or contact Sonya at the canteen, 54532321.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

FOR ALL CHILDREN 0 TO 18 YRS OLD
ALL YOU NEED IS A MEDICARE CARD
TO REGISTER FOR TREATMENT AT
DENILIQUIN OR BERRIGAN DENTAL CLINIC

PHONE 1800 45 00 46

1st visit recommended at 2yrs of age
Dental teams no longer visit schools for check ups so call 1800450046 for all inquiries or appointments

UNSW Tests/ ICAS

Each year BPS has offered its students the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW student testing program. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests they are also known as ICAS (The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

The tests are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. The assessments cover Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.

The Assessment program covers Years 2-12.

In recent years very few students from BPS have continued participating in these tests. This does not necessarily mean that we will not continue to offer them. We would like to evaluate our commitment to the program of assessment via an indication from parents if they would like their children to participate in 2015.

Fees for entry are identified below. Please provide an expression of interest by providing student name and tick subjects of interest. Please note this is only an indication of interest and no monies should be sent in at this stage.

Completed notes should be returned to Mrs McConnell by the beginning of next week.

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NYAH TWO BAYS ‘SCHOOLIES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS’

An invitation has been extended to all school aged children to try competitive swimming at the ‘Schoolies Swimming Championships’ hosted by Nyah Two Bays Swan Hill Swimming Club on Friday February 20th at 5.30pm.

Please note this is not a Barham PS event. The Nyah Two Bays event is on the evening of the PSSA District Carnival next Friday at the Swan Hill pool for those that are interested.

Nyah Two Bays would love to have students from all of the schools in the area involved in what is a relaxed and fun night for competitors and spectators.

A flyer and entry form is available from the school office if you are interested in this event.

Please contact Lea Andrews on 0428594025 or entriesntbsh@gmail.com for more information and to register your interest of being involved.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER

Due to the anticipated installation of a new photocopier next Monday, our newsletter may not be distributed until Tuesday.

CRICKET WORLD CUP GAME AT THE M.C.G.

The Cricket World Cup is currently underway here in Australia and The Barham High School has been lucky enough to secure a limited number of tickets to this international event. They have invited the students in Years 3-6 from Barham Public School to join them on this excursion.

The excursion is not a compulsory excursion, although it is an extraordinary opportunity for students to experience an international event right here in Australia.

The excursion is to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Thursday 26th of March. The match will be between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and is a day/night game.

Mr Marsh will be accompanying the students as well as some of the staff from the high school.

The cost of this excursion is $30 which covers the bus (food is extra).

If your child would like to participate or you require more information regarding this excursion, please come into the office and collect a permission note.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

Year 6 students received a note last week about their Year 6 Polo shirt.

A reminder that notes and payment need to be returned to the office before Friday 20th February.