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UPCOMING EVENTS

This week | Parent-Teacher Interviews
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Mon 23 Feb | PSSA Tennis Trials, Deniliquin
Fri 27 Feb | Schools’ Clean Up Day
4, 5 & 6 Mar | Principals’ Network Meetings, Griffith
Mon 9 Mar | Riverina Swimming Carnival, Albury
Tues 10 Mar | P&C Meeting
Thurs 2 Apr | Last Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our swimmers who travelled to Swan Hill for a great day of competition. The PSSA District Swimming Carnival was a success, with good weather and eager students. Thank you to Balranald CS staff for their organisation, to parents for assisting on the day and to Joan Walle for helping out with judging. It all made for a great day out.

New photocopiers and printers were installed and networked across our school last Friday. Thank you to Sue Rady and Julie Alexander for researching options for our school’s printing needs, and finding the most cost effective solution through DEC Print Management services. The devices are efficient and produce quality print/copy. Staff are keen to try out the new devices for the first time this week.

This Friday is Schools’ Clean up Australia Day. Students will be participating and help to make our school and town a clean and tidy.

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

Catherine Peach
DISTRICT TENNIS PRE-SELECTION TRIALS

Today, Tatum Boyd, John Coughlan and Jarvis Keogh are competing in the 2015 PSSA Pre-Selection Trials in Deniliquin. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their efforts.

SCHOOLS’ CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This Friday K-6 student will be contributing to the “Clean Up Australia” campaign by picking up rubbish within the school grounds and in the wider community.

- K/1 and 1/2 will work within the school grounds.
- 2/3 will work outside the school perimeter and around the block.
- 3/4 will work in the Barham township and along the Riverside Park.
- 4/5 and 5/6 will work at the football grounds.

Students will be reminded at school NOT to pick up sharp objects. Please reinforce the importance of this point at home. Students will also be reminded about ‘stranger danger’ and the need to be with their teacher at all times.

Students need to bring to school:
- a plastic bag
- disposable gloves
- hat
- drink bottle

Thank you for your assistance.

We look forward to having the students be part of this community campaign.

Mrs Barker & Miss Hughes

HIGHER ORDER WAYS TO LEARN: Going From Good to Great

This term, a team of Barham teachers will be trained in HOW2Learn (Higher Order Ways to Learn). This is a NSW DEC initiative that is all about understanding how learners learn, putting learning at the centre of school business, helping others to become powerful learners and improving life chances for all.

The aim of HOW2Learn is to
- create a powerful learning environment
- learn about learners
- develop effective habits of learning
- embed practices that accelerate learning.

The training days will introduce teachers to the initiative, and allow them to review the current practices in our school and develop an action plan to build a powerful learning environment where students are empowered to be learning in new and different ways, and for life.

Stay tuned for more information.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Items for the newsletter need to be received by the school by 9.00am on Mondays.
SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES

School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

Students cross and engage in learning on and beside the road. Please take care and keep an eye out for our students and the Pre-schoolers. Remember to follow the speed signs on roads adjacent to schools.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week from Monday 23rd - 27th February, class teachers will be holding parent-teacher interviews. These interviews will give parents the opportunity of sharing relevant and important information about their children so that teachers are well informed to cater for children’s needs.

Class teachers are available for these meetings between 3:15 and 4.15pm each day in Week 5. If you are unable to make it in this week, please make an appointment on another day that suits.

WORLD CUP CRICKET

Thanks to the generous offer of Barham High School, a number of our primary students have the opportunity to travel to see a World Cup Cricket match at the MCG.

The limited offer of free tickets has been taken up by students from Year 3-6. Mr Marsh will be going to supervise the students along with several High School teachers and parents. It is set to be an amazing experience. Have a wonderful time everyone!

HOMEWORK AT BARHAM PS

This year, the school Homework policy will be reviewed. We will be sharing information with parents as part of the review as we set about devising a policy and practices that will support the growth of our students.

Teachers will explain homework happening in their classes for Term 1 during Parent-Teacher interviews. Reading is a priority across the school, and students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be reading to teachers before school.

If you have time to volunteer to hear students read before school, your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated.
Barham Public School Newsletter

Reading is a skill for life. The benefits of being able to read are many, including:

- mental stimulation
- stress reduction
- knowledge
- vocabulary expansion
- memory improvement
- strong analytical thinking skills
- improved focus and concentration
- better writing skills
- tranquillity
- free entertainment.

Reading aloud during Home Reading has identifiable benefits too.

- Reading together is a way for parents to take time out and focus on the family. Young children need lots of special, dedicated time with their loved ones.
- Reading children’s stories aloud to our kids is FUN!!
- Reading children’s stories is a bonding experience that fosters meaningful one-on-one communication with your children.
- It shows children in no uncertain terms that they are important to you.
- It moulds children into becoming readers, and raising a reader significantly increases our child's potential for academic success as well as lifelong success in general.
- It is a vital and integral part of teaching children how to read – they learn by being read to.
- It helps children master language development.
- It builds listening skills, increases a child's attention span, and develops the ability to concentrate at length of which all are learned skills.
- It develops children's ability to express themselves more confidently, easily, and clearly in spoken and written terms.
- It develops and fosters a child's natural curiosity.
- It develops creativity and a child's ability to use their imagination.
- It expands children's horizons, quells fears, exposes them to new situations, and teaches them appropriate behaviour.
- Reading children’s stories to our children provides the best opportunities for teaching moments.
- Reading picture books develops a young child's appreciation for the arts through exposure to many different styles of art and illustrations.

Read with your child today, and have fun!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS

Professional learning is an important aspect of the growth of our teachers as professionals. This year, teachers will be working collaboratively to build their knowledge and understandings. Teachers are being released in Stage groups, and then with appointed collegial coaches, to work on professional learning goals and building capacity in line with teacher professional standards.

It is an exciting time in education, with the implementation of the new Mathematics syllabus and Science & Technology syllabus in 2015 giving additional focus to teachers’ development.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our competitors in the District Swimming carnival that was held at Swan Hill on Friday.

A big congratulations to Emma Paterson and Kirby Bott, who were awarded Age Champions in their respective age groups. Students who have qualified for the Regional level will be notified in the next day or two.
GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
Collection tins have been placed in every classroom for this year’s Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. On the last day of term one, tins will be weighed and the class with the heaviest tin or tins, will receive a basket of Easter eggs to share.

AUSKICK
Auskick registrations are now open. All registrations must be done online at www.aflauskick.com.au. For more information, please visit the above website.

Canteen Roster

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

Mon 2nd Mar  Kylie McGowan
Tues 3rd Mar  Tracey Davis
Wed 4th Mar  Julie Swingler
Thur 5th Mar  Leigh Scoullar
Fri 6th Mar  Trish Mason

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