**Principal’s Message**

Last week was a week of valuable learning and experiences for students. We have had students competing in AFL trials, learning about bullying, practicing for the Dance audition, listening to Senior Constable Wall about how to be safe on bike and scooters, and participating on a survey about ‘love’ and what love means. It was great to have Barham High School students and our local Police join us at school.

Well done to our senior boys who competed at the Western Riverina PSSA trials in Leeton last week. They gave their best throughout the day, despite the hot weather and were commended for their behaviour and effort. Well done boys.

There are just two weeks left of this term, and much happening this week and next. This week we have Netball trials, hockey clinics being held and teachers participating in professional learning. Next week, we have a Japanese cultural session for Years 4/5 and 5/6, the Easter Assembly and students away competing in AFL. Enjoy reading the news of school activities, and of the week ahead.

*Catherine Peach*
**RIVERINA AFL TRIALS**

Last Thursday, nine boys made the long journey to Leeton to compete in the Western Riverina AFL selection trials. The boys played three games against teams from the Leeton, Narrandera, Griffith, Finley and Deniliquin regions.

While the team came second in all three games, the boys competed very hard all day in the warm heat and displayed some fantastic skills and teamwork. Jarvis Keogh, Quinlan O’Neill and Josh McMahon all kicked goals.

Jarvis Keogh and Dominic Dick-O’Flaherty played well enough to be selected to participate in the Riverina AFL trials in Jerilderie on Thursday 2nd April in the last week of Term 1. Congratulations boys.

**DISTRICT NETBALL TRAILS - THIS WEEK**

The PSSA District Netball team trials will be held here at Barham on Thursday, 26th March 2015. Melissa Disher will be conducting these trials, with the assistance of parents and teachers this week from participating schools.

Students are to go directly to the netball courts on the morning of the trials, and will return to school by lunchtime. We wish the girls well.

**SRC EASTER RAFFLE**

Once again the SRC is holding an Easter Raffle. This raffle will raise funds for the SRC projects for 2015.

Each family is asked to donate one Easter egg or chocolate item, e.g. a chocolate bunny to the SRC to support their raffle. Thank you to everyone who has to date!

First, second and third prizes will be a hamper of eggs. Raffle tickets will be sold at school and each family will be asked to sell five (5) tickets. Ticket books are being sent home today and should be returned by Thursday 2nd April. Tickets will be $1 each.

The raffle will be drawn at the school Assembly on Thursday 2nd April. Thank you to all our school families for your support.

**SAY NO TO BULLYING & VIOLENCE**

Friday, 20th March 2015 was the fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say ‘Bullying. No Way!’ and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

**Bullying. No Way!**
To mark this day, students in Year 4/5 and 5/6 participated in activities on Friday, learning about what bullying is and ways to deal with bullying, and to support others being subject to bullying.

Students considered what they could do at school or other places when they see bullying happen. Students also wrote slogans to promote a zero tolerance of bullying. They have decorated and personalised bunting flags that will make an anti-bullying banner for their classrooms.

**What Is Bullying?**

**What Can We Do?**

In short, bullying is an ongoing misuse of power involving a pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour.

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.

The definition of bullying has three critical aspects - a repeated pattern, the misuse of power within relationships, and behaviour which causes harm; all three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

For us as a school community there are some important things to do:

- Be aware of what bullying is and the impact it has on everyone.
- Create and promote a positive whole-school culture based on agreed values so that we can prevent bullying together.
- Be prepared to intervene early in suspected or identified bullying issues and communicate clearly with the school.
- Respond to bullying incidents with approaches which have been shown to be effective.

Everyone plays a part in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of others at our school – parents, staff, students and community members.

The school is currently in the midst of revising the school’s Anti Bullying Policy and look forward to discussing this further with you as part of our school community.

There are **five key steps** for parents if their child tells them they have been bullied:

1. Listen carefully to what your child wants to say.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame and ask open and empathetic questions to find out more details.
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do.
4. Discuss with your child some sensible strategies to handle the bullying – starting a fight is not sensible.
5. Contact the school.

The **Bullying. No Way!** website provides information about things to do. It is an invaluable resource that parents should have a look at.

BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY
Last Friday we had Senior Constable Steve visit our school and speak to students about being safe on bikes and scooters - coming to and from school and outside of school hours.

Students were reminded of the need to be wearing a helmet at all times when riding a bike or scooter so that they are protected and safe. It was also noted that students under 12 years of age should be riding on the footpath.

Barham Police have offered to come back at another time to speak to students and check out their bikes. It is great to have the support and assistance of our local Police officers.

We have noticed a number of students arriving at school on their scooters without helmets. This is extremely concerning to us as they are putting themselves at considerable risk.

It is imperative that all students who ride or scoot to school wear a helmet. One little accident can have horrible consequences. Students have been reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden in the school grounds. We ask parents to remind students of this as well and to be sure that children walk their bikes and scooters out of the school grounds.

Thank you for working with us to keep our young people safe.

BARHAM-KOONDROOK GARDEN CLUB PRESENTATION
Last week we were honoured to have Mrs Lyn Sheldrick and Mrs Colleen Lahy from the Barham Koondrook Garden Club present our school with a book title “A Seed is Planted” commemorating 100 years of the Royal Horticultural Society of Australia. The book was researched and written by Marjorie Porter and records the history of the Royal Society and gardening in Victoria over the past 100 years.

Lyn and Colleen presented the book to school leaders Amy and Jack, and then toured the school garden and kitchen to learn more about the school’s kitchen/garden program.

We are most grateful for the donation and look forward to reading about the rich history of gardening.

HOCKEY CLINICS AT SCHOOL
Students in Year 2/3, 3/4 and 4/5 will participate in clinics with a representative from Hockey Victoria to get a taste of the skills and fun of hockey.

Being active for life is important and giving students the chance to try out new and different physical activity helps to achieve this.
We are thrilled then to have a representative from Hockey Victoria visit and work with the students. Thank you to David Salter for helping to arrange this opportunity.

Sessions are as follows:
- Year 2/3: 11.30am-12.20pm
- Year 3/4: 12.20-1.10pm
- Year 5/6: 2.00-2.50pm

Any parents wishing to come in and observe are most welcome.

YEAR 4/5 - IS THE PLACE TO BE!

Term 1 has been very busy in the 4/5 classroom. Our focus of study this term is all things Japanese! In literacy, we are reading ‘Japan Diary’. This novel is two sided – one book at the front and one book at the back. It tells the story of two exchange students – one who travels from Australia to Japan and the other who travels from Japan to Australia. We have discovered many differences in traditions between the two countries.

The literacy session in the mornings is incredibly busy, learning important spelling rules, a new grammar focus each week and ‘A Sentence A Day’ which draws attention to constructing sentences with correctly used proper nouns, adding adjectives and adverbs and ensuring the sentence is incredibly descriptive.

Last Wednesday, we were lucky to have Fumi, the Japanese exchange student who has been living at Lachie Wilson’s house this term, visit our class. Fumi told us about her family and school life. She showed us where she lives in Japan and pronounced the names of the Japanese cities so that we could hear them correctly. She said that she does 3 hours homework each night and, when she was in primary school, she would do one and a half hours homework each night after she did an extra class following school each day.

As the students have been learning how to write in Kanji (calligraphy), Fumi showed them how to pronounce these words. Everyone listened carefully so that they could hear the different way some of the sounds are made. They learnt how to count to 10, as well as say some everyday greetings such as arigato (thank you) and some of the colours. The hour went very quickly!

The students will have another visitor to teach them more about Japan on the final day of this term, when Mr Mark Peterson, who is the principal of Moama Public School, visits our school. Mr Peterson has lived in Japan so has much to share with our students.
During sport this term, 4/5 has combined with 5/6. The students have been practising their throwing and catching skills using a mitt. There have been some close games of Beat Ball as well as T Ball.

Students’ art is also focusing on all things Japanese. The students have been very engaged in learning about traditional forms of Japanese art, including Banraku puppets, Noh masks, wood block printing and calligraphy. The students’ concentration and attention to detail have been incredible and therefore we have some outstanding pieces of work on display in our classroom.

Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets $1 each

1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes

Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Thursday 2nd April

A SRC initiative to support student programs

Mrs Rady & Ms Fyfe
YELLOW CERTIFICATE RECIPIENT

Congratulations Brooke!

KITCHEN NEWS....

WOW. What another busy fortnight in the kitchen. Our students are demonstrating independence and kitchen skill development... from breaking eggs to grating to chopping and slicing, to cleaning up and at the end the very important tasting. The Potato & Lemon Thyme frittata was very popular this fortnight with lots of recipes walking out the door.

Another HUGE hit this fortnight has been the baked spaghetti squash with basil & Parmesan cheese - very seasonal and tasty. We have had apple muffins, roast Pumpkin salad with soda bread, zucchini slice and 5/6 Red group pioneered a new recipe - a garlic and cheese yeast-based flatbread. Red group took charge of the recipe and did a fantastic job with minimal assistance.

This fortnight we continue with autumn seasonal flavours from available produce - cucumbers, leeks, pumpkin, zucchini, eggplant, mint, basil, apples, pears, quinces and the ever popular pomegranate will soon be making its annual kitchen appearance.

In our photos this week we have Remi doing the hard work with potatoes, Lachlan on the grater, Summer collecting flowers for the table, Bodhi on the egg bowl and Rawley muffin mixing.
PARTNERS IN PRINT WORKSHOP

Partners In Print workshop helps parents support their children’s literacy development. Parents will learn effective reading strategies as they and their children experience hands on learning stations.

Our Partners In Print night is on Tuesday 24th March at 5.50pm-7.00pm, in K/1’S classroom. Kinder students invite their parents or caregivers to attend school on this night to work with their child at each of the activity stations. Looking forward to seeing you all for a great night!

Anne Laughlin, K/1 Teacher & Sarita King, 1/2 Teacher

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

P&C are Selling 100% Cotton Tea Towels 50cm wide by 70cm long printed in school colours with school logo and a self-portrait of all students and teachers by class. We have a very short deadline, so we are asking all students to please draw a self-portrait on A4 paper at home and return to school before Wednesday 1st April.

This tea towel will make a great present for Mother’s Day. There will be a sample tea towel in the office. All orders need to be back to school by 1st April so we get them back to you before Mother’s Day.

Price $18 Each or 3 for $50

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GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal tins are filling up very nicely in the classrooms. Remember, the classroom with the heaviest tin/tins receives a basket of Easter eggs to share.

The Royal Children’s Hospital is such a wonderful medical facility that, while we hope not to have to use it, we can be, and many of us are, very thankful that it is there. Volunteers are needed to help raise money for this annual appeal so please consider giving some time to support this very worthy cause.

If you are available on Good Friday to be a tin shaker for an hour or so, please come over to the Koondrook Fire Station, our headquarters for the day, grab a tin and instructions, and off you go.
Barham Koondrook

Tourism Group
2015
Photographic/Video
Competition
Awards Night
Friday 27th March
7.00pm
Barham Golf Club
All entries on display
Everyone Welcome
Entry $5.00
RSVP by Wednesday 25th.
bktourism@gmail.com
Dress Code-Smart Casual

Barham Public School Newsletter

Word Play
Calling All Star Spellers and Wordsmiths!
Sharing Australia’s Word World Have you the make part in a brand new and exciting TV pilot for kids.
Are you aged 8-13?
Are you a Word Whiz and Spelling Superstar?
If so, we want to hear from you!
To apply, see steps one and two online.
https://wordplay.casussugar.com

Art Classes Term 2
Neighbourhood House
Kids: All Mediums Thurs 6 to 7pm
Adults: Drawing: Tues 1 to 3pm
Oils: Thurs 1 to 3pm
Mystic Park Gallery
Kids: All Mediums Mon & Fri 5 to 6pm
Adults: Oils: Tues/Weds 10am to 12pm
www.carolineellisart.com

Barham Library
Move and Groove
BabY Rhyme Time
THURSDAYS 10.00AM—10.30AM
For babies and preschoolers
Starts Thursday 26 March

Storytime
FRIDAYS 3.30pm—4.00pm
All children welcome
Starts Friday 27 March

For more information contact Barham Library
15 Murray Street (behind the Shire office)
T. 0354532842 E. bhanlib1@bigpond.com
Caldwell Community
~Homemade & Homegrown~

MARKET
Sunday 29 March 2015
9am-2pm
at the Caldwell Hall

...enjoy a day in the country...
Jams, Relishes, Cakes, Honey, Vanilla, Bread, Wine, Fruit, Vegetables, Fresh Pasta,
Greeting Cards, Pre-Loved Books,
Glass Art, Artwork, Children’s Clothing, Wool Products,
Jewellery, Patchwork, Garden Art & Plants.
Activities to entertain the kids.

Refreshments available
BBQ, Cold Drinks, Tea & Coffee

For further information please contact -
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