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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 2 is set to be a particularly busy term, especially over the next few weeks.

This Week’s Activities

Students will be involved in some valuable activities this week – debating, and the GRIP leadership conference, and Tatum Boyd will be competing in the NSW Tennis championships.

ANZAC Assembly

Last week we joined with the High School for our school ANZAC Assembly. It was a solemn and poignant commemoration that we were proud to be a part of. Well done to our students for the way they conducted themselves, and to our school leaders for representing our school and undertaking their roles at the service so well.

Communication – Vital for our School’s Success

As Principal I am keen to hear ideas for our school and its future directions, or to discuss any concerns parents may have about what is happening at school. It is my priority to work in partnership with parents and carers to cater for each and every one of our students,
and to make informed decisions about what is best for the school.

I appreciate that parents see class teachers often, and will be communicating with them about their child’s learning. I would though ask parents to contact me directly to discuss any concerns about more general aspects of school operation.

If you would like to make comment about school operation or some aspect of our school programs or events, or discuss your child’s progress in more detail, please contact me as Principal. I am available most days for a chat or appointments can be made at a time that is suitable to you.

As a school, we seek to communicate with you often and in detail. Our newsletter is an important means of communication and we aim to keep you informed and well prepared for all that is happening at school. In addition to the newsletter, we have Skoolbag and issue other information notes for special events and activities as they occur.

Parent information sessions, parent-teacher interviews and the P&C meetings are other ways we seek to inform you and keep you up to date. If you are unsure, please give the school a ring. Either Jenny or I will be able to help you.

Enjoy reading of the happenings at school, and other important messages.

*Catherine Peach*

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**ANZAC ASSEMBLY AT BHS**

Our students joined with Barham High School for our schools’ 2015 ANZAC Commemorative Service, this year commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. With a number of local RSL in attendance, the service was led by BHS student, Lewis Pascoe.

Our primary students took their place amongst the High School students under the COLA at Barham High School for this special ANZAC commemoration. Staff and parents were proud of their conduct throughout the service, and the role our students played in this joint school commemoration.

Our school captains, Jordan and Amy were given the special roles of explaining the significance of *The Last Post* and *Rouse*, and saying *The Ode*. Prefects Maddy, Emma, John and Jack laid the wreath on behalf of our school.
Our school Choir performed at the service, singing ‘Peace by Piece’ with poise and perfect pitch. Well done Choir and Mrs Laughlin.

A special part of the service was when Mr David Lang presented Mr Stephen Davis a war service medal belonging to Mr Davis’ great, great uncle Mr John White, found in Mr Lang’s mother’s shed when cleaning up. The story of how the medal came to be there is a mystery, but the Lang family were proud to present the medal back to the family of Mr John White, and Mr Davis was thrilled and proud to have it for his family to treasure.

With Mr George Rathbone mounted on Tough as a backdrop to the assembly, the service was a respectful commemoration with a distinct local flavour.

Mr Glenn Buchanan, Principal BHS and Mrs Peach would like to thank the students and teachers of both schools for their efforts in making this combined service such a special and respectful school event.

**TOWN ANZAC SERVICES - LEST WE FORGET**

Many students, staff and parents attended the Barham Koondrook ANZAC March and the Wakool ANZAC March on Saturday, ANZAC Day, and marched on behalf of Barham Public School. It was wonderful to have people representing our school at these important community events along with the RSL and other local groups and clubs.

Thank you to our school leaders and representatives for attending and laying the wreaths on behalf of the students, staff and parents of Barham Public, and thanks to all students, families and staff who marched on behalf of our school.
SENATOR JOHN MADIGAN VISITS BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last week we were thrilled to have Senator John Madigan, from Ballarat visit our school. Senator Ricky Muir from Sale was accompanying Senator Madigan for part of his tour, and so Senator Muir stopped by as well to say hello to our students.

The visit of these two Victorian senators was part of Senator Madigan’s commitment to providing parliamentarians with a better understanding of manufacturing and farming sectors.

The Senators were visiting with representatives of the communities on both side of the Murray and a number of schools across the border, and were kindly reminded by Murrabit community member, Lindsay Schultz that they should drop into Barham Public School as well. Thank you, Lindsay. It was a most enjoyable visit.

Senator Madigan is a qualified blacksmith, and as part of his community tours gives time to visit schools and speak to students, while demonstrating the art of blacksmithing. Equipped with a portable forge and tools of the trade including an enormous anvil, Senator Madigan had our students totally engaged.

A couple of items made by Senator Madigan went to students with ‘lucky tickets’.
There was though no politics from the Senators, just a brief explanation of the two houses of parliament, of what they do and that they are 'cross benchers', and then a positive message to our students that dedication and persistence is important no matter what you choose to do in your life, and that you can have a go at anything.

Senator Madigan gave so much of his time on the day. Having visited and demonstrated blacksmithing to schools all day, he then stayed back after school at Barham Public School for some of our students to have a go at blacksmithing, and help make their own item – a poker or hook.

This visit was unexpected, but a true highlight for a school day. Thank you, Senator Madigan for so generously sharing with us your knowledge and time, and being interested in our students and our part of the world.

LEARNING WITH THE HELP OF OUR COMMUNITY

This week, students in a number of our classes were privileged to be visited by community members sharing their family history and memorabilia as part of their learning about ANZAC and World War 1.

Mrs Brooke Hollins and Mrs Judy Lake visited with students last week to share their family’s history and involvement in Australia’s defence forces and services, and to show some of their treasured memorabilia.
Our sincere thanks go to both ladies for giving their time to bring meaning and relevance to our students’ learning about ANZAC and WW1.

DEBATING WORKSHOP
Mrs Radywonik will accompany 13 students to the Debating workshops in Deniliquin tomorrow, Tuesday 28th April.

We have had no one able to assist with transport by private car, and so have organised a small bus. The money students paid will now go towards the cost of this bus.

YELLOW CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Congratulations to these students who have collected 10 green Merit slips and achieved their Yellow Certificate.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
P&C have organised a Mother’s Day stall for Thursday 7th May. This stall will have a selection of items for students to purchase as Mother’s Day gifts. All items can be purchased from the stall at school on Thursday 7th May for a donation of $5.

This is a special opportunity for student to purchase something small for their mothers. If you would like your child to do this, please send in money with them on the day.

ATHLETICS TRACK EVENTS CARNIVAL
Students will compete in their Track events on Friday, 8th May at the Barham Recreation Reserve. The Track events will begin after recess.

There will be no Canteen on this day but P&C will be catering for lunch. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and lollies for sale at the Rec. ground. If your child does not like sausages, please make sure you pack their lunch.

An information and permission note will be issued soon.
MATHLETICS
The interactive online Maths program, Mathletics is part of our school program of learning. Parents and carers are reminded that all students have access to this program from their homes, as well as school, and it is a wonderful resource to support and consolidate knowledge in Maths.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE
Mrs Mathers’ Science/Gardening classroom was re-stumped over the holidays. It now sits much straighter on its footings.

The Year 4/5 classroom is also set to receive some attention. Some windows and window frames will be replaced after white ant damage was identified in earlier inspections.

P&C and the school are currently investigating having the assembly shelter surface covering replaced, and an underground automatic watering system costed.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2015

In 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be sat by all students in Years 3 & 5, in all government and non-government schools in Week 4 of this term. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy level of students in Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests will be conducted across Australia, on the same days, for all students according to the following timetable:

- Tuesday 12th May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.
- Wednesday 13th May – Reading test
- Thursday 14th May – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space)

Access to special provisions and exemption or withdrawal from the tests must be discussed with Mrs Peach as Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website: [http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html](http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html)

Please make an appointment to see Mrs Peach if you would like further information about your child’s participation in the National Assessment Program.

LATE, BREAKING NEWS....
Congratulations to Dominic Dick-O’Flaherty, who has been selected to participate in the Riverina team at the AFL State carnival in Blacktown on May 19-21.
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EASTER HAT PARADE
At the end of term, our students enjoyed a number of ‘end of term’ activities, including an Easter parade. Well done to all for their creative designs.

CLASS MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations Molly, Ellie, Kynan, Riley, Ty, Ella, Natasha, Harry, Angus, Ben, Jack, Ned, Elly, Lucas, Hollie, Clay, Matilda and Jackson.
CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 27th  Jessica Ibbs
Tues 28th  Katherine Wilson
Wed 29th  Melissa Boyd
Thurs 30th  Alleena Burger
Fri 1st    Rae Farrant

Mon 4th May  Nat Lake
Tues 5th May  Jem Boyd
Wed 6th May  Juliana Main
Thur 7th May  Nikki Patten
Fri 8th May  Julie Sleep

STUDENT BANKING

A reminder to students and families, our Student Banking day is Thursday. Bank deposits can be dropped off to Jenny in the office before school.

P&C NEWS

Barham Public School P&C would like to thank the school and local community for their food donations for the catering of a funeral last week. Thanks also our helpers on the day.

Bar-rook Swimming Club

Annual General Meeting
Monday 27th April
7.00 pm
BDSM club Coffee shop
All welcome.

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS FOR MAINTENANCE ON BARHAM BRIDGE

Roads and Maritime Services advises motorists changed traffic conditions will be in place during the early morning of Wednesday 29 April for maintenance work on the Barham to Koondrook Bridge.

Work will involve bolt tightening of the new timber deck at the liftspan, which was recently installed as part of a jointly funded $50,000 NSW and Victorian government project.

For the safety of workers and bridge users, work will be carried out at night between 1am and 6am, weather permitting.

Motorists should allow extra travel time, plan their trip and follow the direction of all signs with delays of up to 15 minutes expected during work.

Roads and Maritime will advise the community ahead of upcoming work to provide a bitumen seal on sections of the bridge.

Up to date information, including date changes will be displayed on signage at the bridge.

For the latest traffic information, visit www.livetraffic.com, download Live Traffic App or call the Transport Management Centre on 132 701.
More ANZAC Day Photos...