**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Our school has been a hive of activity in recent weeks. Students and teachers and parents have all been busy.

Mrs Rady accompanied four students to Deniliquin last week for the first Creative Catchment Kids workshop for this year. Amy, Maddy, John and Jarvis learned about the program and returned eager to begin.

Thank you, Mrs Mathers for coordinating the Book Fair last week. The Book Fair was very well supported and we thank everyone who made a purchase. Students will be busy reading after selecting from the many books on offer, and the school will be able to purchase new books for the Library for everyone to enjoy.

Well done to all students for their efforts at our Athletics Track Carnival held last Friday, and thank you to parents who came along to help out and support the children. Despite the cold wind and threat of rain, the day ran smoothly with competitors happily giving their best for each event. Thank you too to the P&C for catering. It all made for a great day.
Teachers have also been busy learning - attending professional learning sessions about quality teaching and the new Performance and Development Framework. All teachers, permanent, temporary and casual, are required to follow the new Performance Development Framework and will be inducted into the process at our staff meeting in Week 5.

I hope all our mums and grandmothers enjoyed a happy Mother’s Day. The P&C stall of delicious gifts for mums was popular with students. I hope everyone enjoys these special treats. Thank you to everyone who donated and assisted in putting the gifts together.

The May P&C meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm at school. All are welcome.

Enjoy reading of the happenings at school, and the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY THIS WEEK

Parents are reminded that all students in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting NAPLAN this week.

- **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)

These tests are a snap shot of the skills your children have developed up to this point in their education. While they are important, they are one of many sources of information that schools use to determine the best learning and support for each child. Students should be encouraged to do their best - to have a go at each section to show what they can do.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, or know your child is unable to attend on the test days, please contact Mrs Peach.

ATHLETICS TRACK CARNIVAL

The Track events of our school Athletics were held last Friday, and despite the weather the events ran smoothly. Mr Marsh had everyone organised and, with some great help from teachers and parents and the P&C, the day ran smoothly.

The day had events for all ages, and it was great to see students having a go and encouraging each other.

The Field events for our school Athletics will be held at the end of the term. Students will be practicing shot put, discus, high jump and long jump during PE and sport this term.
EXCURSIONS IN 2015

The Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions for this year have been set. Stage 3 students are travelling to Canberra and Stage 2 students are off to Ballarat.

This year, our combined Stage 3 Canberra Excursion is for **five days/ four nights only** and is scheduled for **24th -28th August 2015** (Monday- Friday, Term 3 Week 7). Students will explore the history and sites of the national capital.

Students in Years 3 and 4 will participate in a **two-day, one night** excursion to Ballarat and is scheduled for 20th and 21st August. The students will visit Sovereign Hill and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka.

These excursions are being finalised and information will be issued this week.

**P&C MEETING**

Tuesday 11th May - tomorrow night 7.30pm at school. All welcome.
CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 5th May, we travelled with Mrs Rady to Deniliquin South Public School for the Creative Catchment workshop. We went to find out more information about CCK. This year’s topic is “Local Land Heroes - Securing our Region”. Our chosen hero is Roger Knight. We are looking forward to interviewing Roger, getting to know him and starting to write our book.

Jarvis, John, Amy and Maddy.

STATE TENNIS

From Monday 27th to Thursday 30th April, I played at the 2015 NSW P.S.S.A. State Tennis championships. I represented the Riverina for the 4th time, and was very privileged to do so. I played 10 sets of tennis and only lost one singles and one doubles. Our team was playing off for 9th and 10th place, but unfortunately the last day was washed out.
I had a fantastic time and made a lot of new friends. It was great to play against the top 70 players in the state.

Tatum Boyd

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday, all Barham Public School students braved the chilly conditions to compete in the track component of our school athletics carnival.
At a different track this year, the Barham football oval, all the students ran very well in their designated races. The students gave great encouragement to the competitors in their own house, although the sportsmanship and enthusiasm was demonstrated when cheering home students from other houses which was excellent. Although no records were broken, the students did run very quickly and many improved on results from last year. For some students this was their first carnival, and Mrs Laughlin and Mrs Snowdon kept the younger students entertained with some novelty events until their race was ready to be run.
A big thank you to all the parents who helped with time keeping, the P&C for providing the canteen and warm cuppas and the school staff for helping with the smooth running of the carnival with their designated roles. Certificates will be handed out this week and the field component of our carnival will be conducted at the end of the term.

Justin Marsh

CLASS NEWS...

In 2/3M this term, we have been working hard in all areas of learning. In Reading, we have been doing some preparation for this week’s upcoming NAPLAN testing. We have been focussing on reading a question and then looking for the information in the text to answer the question correctly. We have also been making sure that when we read multiple choice answers that we read through all the choices instead of picking the first one that we think is correct.
In Writing, we have been learning about how to write a correctly structured narrative story and how to use adjectives to make our writing more descriptive.
In Maths, the students have been using a lot of concrete materials to understand new maths concepts. We all worked hard when we had to calculate change when learning about money.
In Science, we have begun a unit on why we have day and night, and why we have different seasons. So far the students have been in awe of just how small our Earth is when it is compared to the sun and how small our moon is when it is compared to Earth. When the students were asked “why is it hotter in summer than it is in winter?” The students gave the following responses; “the earth rotates away from the sun in winter.” "The earth is tilted." "The sun uses more gas in the summer." "The sun uses less energy in the winter." "We move further away from the sun in winter and closer to it in summer."
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Over the coming weeks the students will discover the correct reasons as to why we have seasons.

We have also completed some artwork on day and night as well as some ANZAC soldiers, which can be seen in our school's front office.

SPORTS T-SHIRTS

Sports tee's in house colours and names are available from Purple Patch Skate ‘n’ Surf for $18ea BUT need to be ordered with one week’s grace for print to be put on shirt.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 11th May       Kylie Molin
Tues 12th May      Julie Estep
Wed 13th May       Michelle Jettner
Thur 14th May      Dee Miller
Fri 15th May       Julie Frankling

Mon 18th May       Katherine Wilson
Tues 19th May      Tracey Davis
Wed 20th May       Julie Swingler
Thur 21st May      Lana Scoullar
Fri 22nd May       Trish Mason

Please arrange your own swap, or contact Sonya at the canteen, 54532321.
SCHOOL JACKETS, VESTS, SCARVES AND HATS
We have winter jackets, polar fleece vests, scarves and hats available for sale at the front office. All sizes are available for purchase.

Jackets $32
Vests $18
Hats and Scarves $5

Dan and Alyssa modelling our winter uniform.

FARMER’S MARKET
Next Sunday 17th May is Farmer’s Market Day in Barham. The school will be participating with a stall to raise funds for our kitchen garden program. Any students who would like to help out on the morning, please let Mrs McConnell know this week. The market will be in Riverside Park from 9am to approximately 12 noon. Students will be making some jams, biscuits and muffins during the week, and excess garden produce and eggs will also be for sale.

If you have excess produce at home that you are able to contribute, or if you are able to provide additional jams, relishes or butters – all contributions will be gratefully received with funds going to the replacement and ongoing material costs of the kitchen garden program.

GUN CLUB
 Mothers’ Day Gun Club shoot was a cold and wet event. Thanks to the McMahon, Hall and Disher families for their time at the venue yesterday. Thanks to the Robinson family for the soup. Please remember that when you don't donate your item as rostered, you then make it someone else’s job to get the item at the last minute. Each family has one turn a year, not too much to ask so that all our children benefit.

The next shoot is Saturday of the June long weekend. Please check your roster and make your changes now as it is a big day and we need everyone to make it a success.
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# This Planner shows events for students, teachers and parents scheduled for Term 2. Variation may occur so please check the Term planner each week for updates.