PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Week 2 of Term 3 and the chilly winter weather is certainly upon us here in Barham. The mornings are particularly icy and parents and students are reminded that students need to be wearing their jumpers.

Thank you to staff for taking on Principal duties during my absence and ensuring a smooth start to the term. Week 1 was full of activity, with professional learning for staff and public speaking for Primary students. Mrs Radywonik has a report in today’s newsletter detailing the wonderful efforts and achievements of students who chose to compete in the Lions Public Speaking competition. Well done to all these students and best wishes to those selected to speak at the Lion’s Dinner next week.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

LIONS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last week, we welcomed Barham/Koondrook Lions Club members, Graham Minnis, Geoff Barker and Lynne Sheldrick to our school to adjudicate our Lions Club Public Speaking Competition.

As reported in previous newsletters, all students from Years 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6
prepared and delivered speeches to present to their classes. Students then nominated to take part in the next stage, the school level of the Lions Public Speaking competition.

Last Thursday, thirteen Year 3 and 4 students took on the challenge to take part in this next stage. Ella Lodge was announced the winner and Clare Telford was runner up.

On Friday, ten of our Years 5 and 6 students showcased their public speaking skills. Tatum Boyd was declared overall winner and Maddie Telford was runner up. Jarvis Keogh, Kalani Scoullar and Ned Mathers were also commended on their speeches.

Mr Minnis, when announcing the winners of each day, congratulated each of the speakers on their information as well as the way in which they presented their speeches. Public Speaking is a very important skill required in many aspects of our lives and our school would like to commend the Lions Club, in particular Mr Graham Minnis, for his role in implementing and continuing to promote this program.

Ella, Clare, Tatum and Maddie will now present their speeches at the Lions Club meeting next Monday, 27th July.

P&C STUDENT INSURANCE

The P&C wish to inform all school families that the cover provided by the P&C's Student Insurance policy has recently been clarified. ‘Insured Events’ list as set out in the ‘Table of Benefits’ of the Policy details the following injuries are covered 24 hours, 7 days per week for 365 days of the year:

- Permanent Paraplegia & Quadriplegia
- Permanent Total Loss of sight of both eyes
- Permanent Total Loss of sight of one eye
- Permanent Total Loss of use of two limbs
- Permanent Total Loss of use of one limb
- Permanent and incurable insanity
- Permanent Total Loss of hearing in both ears/ one ear
- Permanent Total Loss of four fingers and thumb on either hand
- Permanent Total Loss of the lens of one eye
- Permanent Total Loss of use of four fingers on either hand
- Third degree burns and/or resultant disfigurement which covers more than 40% of the entire external body
- Permanent Total Loss of use of one thumb of either hand both joints/one joint
- Permanent Total Loss of use of fingers of either hand – three joints, two joints, one joint
- Permanent Total Loss of use of toes of either foot – all (one foot); great (both joints); great (one joint); other than great, each toe
- Fracture leg or patella with established non-union
- Shortening of leg by at least 5cm.

Parents are asked to note that the policy does not cover broken bones, apart from the events as listed above.

Students are covered on excursion for ambulance through a Ambulance Insurance contributed to by the school.
P&C MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended last week’s P&C meeting. The P&C have been discussing several ideas for this year’s fundraising. Be sure to access the minutes on Skoolbag to see what is happening. All contributions and assistance from school families is appreciated. Remember, you don’t have to attend the meetings to be involved in P&C events and activities – all aimed at assisting students and supporting the school for the benefit of every child.

Going home this week is a copy of the school’s Homework Policy. This policy was presented to P&C recently and is being implemented as of this term.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE

Interested students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in this year’s Premier’s Spelling Bee. The program will begin with a school based competition on 10th August.

The Premier’s Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

Mrs Radywonik and Mrs Disher will be coordinating the Spelling Bees, and will speak this week to students about competing.

K/1/2 EXCURSION PHOTOS
EARN & LEARN 2015
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

BARHAM SKATE PARK UPGRADE
Community Meeting to discuss the possible upgrade of the Barham bowl. Please come along and have your say!

Topics to include:
- possible design ideas,
- fundraising
- sponsorship

23rd July at 5pm – Barham Skate Bowl

Mon 20th July  Jessica Ibbs
Tues 21st July  Melissa Boyd
Wed 22nd July  Alleena Burger
Thur 23rd July  Rae Farrant
Fri 24th July  Natalie Lake
Mon 27th July  Jem Boyd
Tues 28th July  Juliana Main
Wed 29th July  Nikki Patten
Thur 30th July  Julie Frankling
Fri 31st July

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

GUN CLUB
It was a cold old day at our last Gun Club, but there was still a regular crowd in attendance. Thank you to Narelle Miller, Gabrielle Davis, Trinity Burger, Rita Jones and Kylie McGowan for coming out to the venue, it is always appreciated.

The next shoot is on Sunday 9th August.

10am  Peters & Sleep (pick-up)
12.30pm  Starr and Brear
Cake:  Hausler
Slice:  Simpson
Soup:  Scoullar
Salad Items: Barker (3 carrots, ½ lettuce, 4 tomatoes)

Please contact Tracey (5453 2983) or Alleena (0428 278277), if need be.
SCIENCE OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2015
5.00PM – 7.00PM
BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL – SCIENCE LABS
ALL WELCOME (ADULTS, KIDS, FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS)

Come along and celebrate the achievements of our students and have fun with science!

All community members are invited to Barham High School to take part in celebrations for National Science Week. There will be hands on activities, including lava lamps, bottle rockets, kazooos, microscopes, musical instruments, sensory experiences and more, as well as demonstrations including Liquid Nitrogen, chemistry, oranges and ice cream. There is absolutely something for everyone of all ages, so head on down and see what all the fuss is about!

For more information, please contact Amy Dennis at the High School on (03) 5453 2322 or amy.dennis3@det.nsw.edu.au
Bitterns in Rice the story so far

Date: 29th July 2015

Venue: The Barham Golf Club

Time: 4.30pm to 6.30pm with supper included

Presented by Matt Herring from the Bitterns in Rice Project

Hear the story from the beginning: a rice farmer wondering what these strange birds are to the exploits of Robbie the Bittern and his navigation from his birthplace in a Coleambally rice crop to wetlands in southern Australia.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Neil Bull 0428 603 557 or rnbull@rga.org.au