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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Parent-Teacher interviews were mostly completed last week. It has been extremely valuable for teachers to speak with parents to review students’ progress and discuss plans for learning going forward.

Students’ learning is focused on building understanding prior to them participating in excursion activities. Students have enjoyed combining in Stage groups and getting ready for their excursions.

This year our students are participating in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Interested students will be spelling their way through a challenging list of words today to determine who will compete in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Good luck to our eager students.

Planning for excursions is being completed this week. Parents will receive final information notes in the coming days detailing important safety procedures and expectations for student learning.

We have our whole-school assembly this Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Catherine Peach
REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING
It was with much pride that I watched our Barham Public School students, and students from our neighbouring towns, speak at the Regional Finals at St Joseph’s School in Kerang on Sunday. All students who competed on the day spoke with confidence and great poise as they addressed the assembled audience of Lions members, families and teachers. Each student is to be congratulated for their speaking skills and application to this competition.

Madeline Telford and Claire Telford represented our school and the Barham Lions, speaking confidently and proudly. Both girls faced strong competition from some excellent speakers.

Congratulations to Madeline for her prepared speech and her excellent impromptu speech. Maddy showed that she is speaking at a high standard, comparable to her peers from other schools.

Congratulations to Year 3 student Claire Telford for stepping up to take on this challenge and achieving Runner-up in the Year 3/4 division. It was an exciting opportunity for Claire and a wonderful result.

PREPARING FOR OUR EXCURSIONS
Students have been stepping out of their class groups and joined together in their Stage excursion groups to participate in learning about topics relevant to their upcoming excursions.

Stage 3
Students in Year 5 and 6 have been learning about democracy and our system of government. Students have been exploring reference material, stories, animations and videos to build understanding of:
- the different forms of democracy;
- the Magna Carta;
- the development of our representative democracy;
- the three arms of government;
- the parliamentary system;
- the three levels of government.

Students will travel to Canberra for five days, equipped with knowledge of our system of government that will enable them to make the most of learning activities on excursion.

Stage 2
Year 3/4 students are studying immigration during the Australian Gold Rush of the 1850s - where the immigrants came from and why, and the contributions they made to the society then and now.

The Gold Rush was a significant event in Australian history that helped to shape our nation, and is an important aspect of the learning students will undertake on the Ballarat excursion.
Stage 1
Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about the Murray River, and why it is significant to the past and future of our town and area. They are hoping to head out to the bush this term to look at some sites of significance along the river. It will be an exciting outing and a great follow-on from their learning in Term 2. More information for students and parents is coming - as soon as everything is organised.

Meta-analysis of research conducted over many years shows that the behaviour of students at school, and the relationships they have with the other people they interact with in the learning environment, impacts significantly on their learning.

Establishing our school’s core values as part of what we do at school will help to build the understanding of behaviours that foster a positive environment for learning. Our Values Program aims to make students more self-aware and able to monitor their own behaviour so that they and others can learn effectively - with minimal interruptions and in an inclusive environment that allows every child to learn and grow.

What does responsibility mean here at school? Here are some thoughts from our students:

- Take care of your belongings and treat the belongings of others with care.
- Treat school equipment and spaces safely and with care.
- Own your behaviour.
- Try your best in learning.
- Do your share.
- Be fair and following the rules of play.
- Help others.
- Carry out jobs with integrity.

Each class will build expectations around ‘responsibility’ and clearly state the behaviours that are to be seen in the playground and while learning in the classroom. Students will be recognised and rewarded for their efforts.

CORE VALUES - RESPONSIBILITY
In Week 4, 5 and 6, students will be learning about another of our core values - RESPONSIBILITY. Students will learn what responsibility means in different settings at school, and will participate in activities and role-plays to better understand and practice showing this value.
LEADERS’ LUNCHEON

Our School Captains and Prefects attended a special luncheon during Education Week that celebrated the contributions these young people are making to their school’s learning environment and culture.

Students travelled with Mrs Disher and Mrs Peach to Moulamein to attend a luncheon hosted by the Deniliquin Director of Public Schools NSW, Miss Vicki Kempton.

Students had the opportunity to mix with student leaders from other schools during a series of leadership activities before lunch, and then enjoyed time reflecting on leadership and ‘local heroes’ during a presentation by Miss Kempton about the NSW DEC students’ Gallipoli tour.

Ms Kempton’s presentation highlighted the leadership qualities shown by NSW DEC students during their tour of Gallipoli and their attendance at the 2015 Dawn Service. Ms Kempton’s message was clear – celebrate your local heroes and never doubt that you can take on such a challenge or be a leader to others.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR ALL STAFF

Our teachers have now completed the online training course ‘Understanding Dyslexia and Significant Difficulties in Reading’. After a term and a half of on-line activities and face to face tutorials, all class teachers have built a sound understanding of significant reading difficulties and the very latest research and evidence based interventions that can assist students to achieve.

Teachers from our school and Barham High School worked under the guidance of course coordinator Gai Burchfield and have gained valuable knowledge that will shape their teaching practice.

Mr Marsh and Mrs Radywonik have also been involved in HOW2Learn training this term, adding to their training in Term 1. From their training, Mr Marsh and Mrs Radywonik are developing our teachers’ understanding of HOW2Learn and the benefits this initiative will deliver in teaching and learning.

This week, Mr Marsh will begin Teaching Early Numeracy (TEN) training. TEN enables teachers to assist Kindergarten to Year 2 students’ facility with number and is a
program of learning that is implemented within a normal daily lesson. Teachers are equipped with understanding and methods to better support the individual needs of their students.

In Week 7, Mrs Laughlin and Mrs King will attend ‘Highly Effective Teaching’ training in Deniliquin. This is an invaluable professional learning which two of our teachers have already attended this year.

In addition to these courses, teachers are working collaboratively to evaluate teaching and learning in each of our classrooms. A schedule of professional observations and reflections has been set for Term 3 and will add to the quality professional learning each of our teachers is completing.

Principals have two professional learning conferences this term, one in Wagga Wagga in Week 6 and one in Mulwala in Week 9. These conferences aim to update Principals with the latest information about NSW DEC directions, reforms and programs, and provide training and support to Principals so they are well equipped to lead and manage their schools.

Our support staff will also be attending training this term, travelling to Moulamein with teachers to participate in the Term 3 Learning forums in Week 6.

**ATHLETICS CERTIFICATES**
Last Friday, students were presented with their certificates held over from the PSSA District Athletics Carnival. Well done to each of our students who competed, and well done to those who were place getters on the day.

Congratulations goes to Eboni Bennett for her performance, which saw her achieve Junior Girls Champion at the District carnival.

Students who have qualified for the Riverina Athletics Carnival will receive information and permission notes this week.
Congratulations on receiving 20 Green Merits

Congratulations on receiving 30 Green Merits

SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

On Wednesday 29th July, I started a 3 day workshop at Sydney Dance Company. I was very nervous and also very excited. Seventy girls and boys from all over NSW were split into groups and we started. Jazz, contemporary, musical theatre, composition, and Hip Hop were the groups. We had 3 sessions per day, all with different tutors. I had so much fun and learnt lots of new dance moves, and made new friends. Mum took me sightseeing in Sydney, and we had a great time.

Thank you to Mrs Laughlin and Mrs Peach for giving me this fantastic opportunity.

By Hannah Boyd

P&C MEETING

Tomorrow night

Tuesday, 10th August 2015

7.30pm

All welcome.

SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

Mon 10th Aug
Tue 11th Aug
Wed 12th Aug
Thur 13th Aug
Fri 14th Aug

Michelle Robinson
Tracey Davis
Julie Swingler
Lana Scoullar
Trish Mason

Mon 17th Aug
Tue 18th Aug
Wed 19th Aug
Thur 20th Aug
Fri 21st Aug

Jessica Ibbs
Sophie Lake
Kerry Stirling
Gina Petracscu
Narelle McGowan

Please arrange your own swap, or contact Sonya at the canteen, 54532321.
FARMERS MARKET
This Sunday (16th August) we will be running a stall at the Koondrook Barham Farmers Market. Students this week will spend some time making jam and biscuits for the market. We will be getting those chickens to deliver in the egg department and there will be excess garden product on sale. Last week we were lucky to have Michelle Jettner (with Thermomix in tow) making Lemon Butter with our students. Come along to Riverside Park from 9am to support the Kitchen Garden program at Barham Primary.

Tash & Shanae rolling pizza dough
A very happy Will & Maddison with freshly picked greens.
Max and Lachlan with our excellent cauliflowers

Preliminary Notice
Barham Primary School
Farm Plant & Equipment Sale
To be held @ Tullakool Hall, Moulamein Road, BARHAM
Tuesday 15th September, 2015
Starting @ 11am
(School Fundraiser – Commission from sales donated to the Barham Primary School)
Vendors invited for large or small machinery
Contact – Jason Telford 0447 533 313
Elders Office – Maree Telford 03 54533377
P & C – Brooke Hollins - 0429 872 211
45 Moulamein Road, Barham NSW 2732

JUNIOR NETBALL AND FOOTBALL BREAK-UP
Thursday 13th August
6pm @ Footy Sheds
$5 per child
Finger food and a can of drink.

BPS students who are currently starring in our local production, “Oliver”.

Barham Public School Newsletter
The Rotary Club of Kerang would like to cordially invite your primary school students to participate in the 18th Annual Spelling Competition.

This competition is open to students from Grades 4-6 in the local district and provides an opportunity for pupils to showcase their academic talents as well as develop their confidence.

This year’s competition will be held at Thornely Hall, Kerang Technical High School, Murray Street, Kerang on Monday September 14, starting at 7pm.

The Annual Spelling Competition is organised and run by The Rotary Club of Kerang and does not attract any entry fee. Our sponsors Kerang Computers will present each participant on the night with a small token of acknowledgement for their efforts. The overall winners in each category will receive a trophy and book voucher.

The attendance from last year’s competition was encouraging and we hope that teachers and parents will once again attend again this year to support their children.

We would like to have all prospective names of students in each class confirmed by no later than Friday September 4, 2015.

Copies of the rules of the competition are available from the school’s office.

Please direct all enquiries and entries to Colleen Scriven. 
Mobile: 0427 503 530 
Email: colleenmarita@hotmail.com

We hope to see you and your students in September.

Kind regards
Rotary Club of Kerang
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# This Planner shows events for students, teachers and parents scheduled for Term 3.
Variation may occur so please check the Term planner each week for updates.