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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are refreshed ready for what is set to be an exciting year at Barham Public. Students and teachers began last week and are quickly settling well into their 2016 classes. This year we welcome our Kindergarten students and a number of new students and their families to our school. I know you will join me in extending a warm welcome to our new enrolments and their families, and wish them well as they settle into our community.

This year, we welcome back our teaching, administration and support staff, and extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Ros Buchanan and Mrs Teisha Hill who have taken up teaching positions at our school this year. The organisation of our classes and learning and support is detailed in this newsletter, and in communication going home to school families today.

Schools in our network are this year welcoming newly appointed Director, Mr Troy Mott. Mr Mott is currently visiting schools across our network, eager to meet with Principals, staff and students. I am looking forward to showing the Director around our school in Week 5 and sharing with him the wonderful opportunities in learning and personal development that our school provides to our students.

*Catherine Peach*
2016 CLASSES
This year, Barham Public School is operating with six (6) classes, and a non-teaching principal. In addition to this structure, we have several support staff who will be delivering targeted programs to enrich and extend students’ learning.

Classes for 2016 are as follows:
- **K/1**: Mrs Laughlin
- **1/2**: Mrs Ros Buchanan (Class Teacher/Reading Recovery Teacher) & Mrs Sharon McConnell (Yr 1/2 English Mon-Fri)
- **2/3**: Mr Justin Marsh
- **3/4**: Mrs Sarita King (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Marion Barker (Fri)
- **4/5**: Mrs Melissa Disher
- **5/6**: Mrs Fyfe & Mrs Radywonik

Mrs Mathers, Mrs Alexander, Mrs McConnell and Mrs Hill form the support teaching team.

Our class and support teachers will be collaborating to plan and deliver purposeful and targeted learning for each student in their care. Our priority is to develop each child as an effective learner and school citizen, and we look forward to working with you as parents to achieve this.

Please note the following times:
- **9.00-11.00am** Morning session
- **11.00-11.25am** Recess & play Moving to class
- **11.30am-1.15pm** Middle session
- **1.15-1.55pm** Lunch & play Moving to class
- **2.00-3.00pm** Afternoon session

There is very little difference in our timetable this year compared to last year. Total face-to-face teaching time remains the same; however, these times and arrangements have been put in place to allow for daily instruction in Maths and to allow teachers and students to start lessons at the scheduled times.

Arrangements for Kitchen lessons have been altered slightly to accommodate the timetable for Maths and teachers’ Release. Each Kitchen class will eat their lunch in the Kitchen from 1.15-1.30pm (once a fortnight); all other students will be seated under the shelter eating for this time.

**KITCHEN & GARDEN LESSONS**
Our Kitchen Garden program begins this week. Students will be familiarising themselves with the learning routines, and safety and hygiene procedures of the kitchen and garden.

Cooking will not begin until our fourth week of school this term, the NSW Department of Education Week 5, so students will need to bring or order their lunch every day as there will be no ‘cooking and eating’ in Kitchen sessions until then.

Thank you to our wonderful Garden volunteers who have been in caring for our school garden and chickens over the holidays. We are most grateful for this assistance.

**STUDENT INFORMATION & PERMISSIONS**
At the beginning of each year, there is student information and permissions that need to be reviewed and renewed. A package has been sent home to each family and we ask that parents carefully read through each of the items included and respond as requested and where necessary.
While parents will have already given a number of permissions for students when they enrolled, the Department requires that some information and permissions are updated each year.

Your child’s safety is our priority. Please check the permission and information documents, and complete where necessary and return to the school by Monday 15th February.

STUDENTS’ END-OF-DAY ROUTINES
It is important that the school knows where students need to be when they are dismissed from school. Knowing these normal routines helps staff to manage students safely at the end of the day.

There are of course times when family arrangements need to change, and parents are reminded to advise the school of any variations to the normal routines in place for their children - via a written note or by telephoning the school office.

It is advisable for parents to inform children of changes to their routine as well, where possible. This helps to minimise distress and confusion.

Students need to be at school unless they are sick, injured, there is a special religious ceremony or there is a serious family incident.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, the correct procedure is to write a note to the teacher letting him or her know the reason for the absence as soon as the child returns to school. A phone call is acceptable if necessary. Arrival at school after 10am requires explanation. An explanation for absence needs to be provided within the next 3 days.

If your child arrives late to school (after 8.50am) or you are collecting your child before the end of the school day (prior to 3.00pm), you must call to the office and explain the reason for lateness or leaving. These details will be entered in the official attendance records. You will be issued with a late arrival/ early dismissal slip to hand to the teacher.

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES
The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of six and seventeen years of age (or the age at which the child completes Year 10 and goes on to participate in approved education, training and/or paid work) are required to attend school regularly. (Education Reform Act 1990)

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day.

Students need to be at school unless they are sick, injured, there is a special religious ceremony or there is a serious family incident.
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As students may be involved in a range of activities at different locations throughout the school, prior notice where possible to the teacher of your child having to leave or miss out on sessions at any time is appreciated.

The school records attendance and absences, and will monitor attendance regularly. Parents and carers will be contacted if absences are unexplained or in instances of frequent full day or partial day absences, including children being regularly late to school.

The school also has a duty to manage frequent absences due to illness. Strategies will be developed to ensure regular attendance at school of students with health conditions or wellbeing issues as they arise. Parents or caregivers will be contacted so that an appropriate Health Care and Learning Plan can be devised that will ensure the ongoing growth in learning of the child.

Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility. Regular attendance is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. School will look to work in partnership with parents to address any attendance issues. Please contact the Principal, Catherine Peach to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about your child’s attendance.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

As a school, we manage a number of different health needs through school processes and individual care plans.

All school families are asked to remind children that they are only to eat the food you pack or order for them. With the prevalence of food allergies, children eating food not prepared or intended for them can have serious health consequences.

Teachers do monitor students at school while they eat, but we ask that families also teach this important health and safety message.

Please speak to your child’s teacher or the Principal with any health concerns you may have for your child.

STUDENT HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Students with specific health care needs (e.g. Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, etc.) are required to supply the school with an updated management plan and details of medication each year.

Parents will be contacted to devise a Health Care Plan if required for a student at school. Please make sure any medication sent to school as part of a Health Care Plan is ‘in date’ and that the school has prescription administration and Emergency Response details.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

This year we have 14 Kindergarten students beginning school. Well done to them all on a great start. They are keen and happy to be at school, and have enjoyed some fun learning activities in their first two days last week.

Welcome to our Kindergarten students!
SWIMMING PRACTICE FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in swimming practice today and tomorrow at the Koondrook Pool. This practice allows students to re-visit the pool, practice their technique and try out the distance in preparation for the events at Friday’s Swimming Carnival.

Information and permission notes went home on Friday of last week. It is a fast turn-around with permission and payment with the very short week last week. Thank you for your cooperation in promptly returning notes and money.

We will appreciate any time parents can volunteer to assist with these sessions. Let the school know if you can help. Thank you in anticipation!

As discussed at P&C last year, the school is looking to trial two sports houses in 2016 as the size of our school does not support the current team structure. This will be explained further at P&C meeting tomorrow night. We will finalise details with students on Wednesday so that we can proceed with the new arrangements at the Swimming carnival. Parents will receive further details before Friday’s carnival.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday, 12th February at the Koondrook Pool. It will commence at 9.30am.

Students are to arrive at school as normal on the day. The class rolls will be marked before catching the buses to the pool.

All students from Years 2 to 6 are to attend the school carnival. The Year 2 students will have their own 33m race on the day. However, they do not qualify for the District Swimming Carnival to be held at Swan Hill, on Friday, 19th February, 2016.

Novelty events will be held throughout the day in the middle sized pool for those who do not swim in the official races.

Students need to bring swimmers, a towel and hat for the carnival, and their own water bottles and lunch. Students will be able to buy snacks, drinks etc. from the pool canteen but there will be no school Canteen operating on the day.

It will be school as normal for students in Kinder and Year 1.

Please let the school or Mrs Rady know if you are able to assist with the running of the Carnival on Friday. Your help will be very much appreciated and will assist staff to ensure the carnival runs smoothly and safely.

P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 9th February
(this Tuesday)
7.30pm
(in classroom next to the office)

School families and interested community members are invited to attend.
**GUN CLUB NEWS**

Welcome to a new school year. We have changed the canteen shifts to only 3 families pre-shoot.

The roster for the next shoot on February 14th (this Sunday) is:

9.30am-12Noon Paterson (D&S)
11.00am-1.30pm Laursen
12Noon-2.30pm Miller/Boyd

**Cake/ Slice** - Ryan
**Salad items (6 tomatoes and ½ lettuce)** - He
**Coleslaw 4 litres** - Bott

I look forward to working with you all again this year. Please ring if you have any questions regarding our gun club catering. A full roster will be in the next few newsletter.

If you cannot do a duty, please let me know a.s.a.p.

Thanks
Alleena Burger 0428 278 277

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**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN POSITION**

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain for 10 hours per week at

**Barham Public School**

Generate School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care in NSW Government School communities.

Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing School Chaplains in NSW state schools. All Generate employees must adhere to the Generate Statements of Belief and Code of Conduct.

More details and application process can be found at [www.mychaplain.org.au](http://www.mychaplain.org.au)

Applications close 11th February, 2016. For further information contact Janice Mitchell, Regional Chaplaincy Manager on 0408686165.

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**P&C NEWS**

We would like to invite you to be a part of the Barham Public School P&C. We are an active group of parents working to improve the learning opportunities for the students at our school. Your involvement can vary from joining our committee, to simply being on our contact list and contributing food or assistance at school events when asked.

P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, and you are welcome to attend. Please join our contact list by providing your name and phone number to Jenny at the school office, or email to:

Kerry Stirling lodgey65@bigpond.com
Kelly Membrey membrey@bigpond.net.au
RAIDERS U/13 and U/15 NETBALLERS

Training commences Thursday 18th February @5pm, at the netball courts.

All players welcome.

Any enquiries, please call Tania Peters, Netball manager, on 5453 9230.

Barham Public School P & C Art Competition

Purchase a canvas from Barham Public School Office.

The cost includes entry into competition
- Adult $20
- High School $10
- Primary School $8

You can then paint or sketch your work on them

Theme for Art Work
- Harvest & Grain
- Local Area
- Cartoon

Categories
- Professionals
- Adult
- High School
- Year 4 - Year 6
- Kinder - Year 3

All entries need to be back to school by 29th Feb 2016

Great Prizes for Winners

All work will be on display at School of Arts Hall from Friday 3rd March till Sunday 5th March

Winners will be announced on the Friday Night

All entries will be on Display
For more information contact Julie Sleep 0408133410
Canteen Menu for BPS
Term 1 – 2016

SPECIALS:

Monday – Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap $3.50
Tuesday – Focaccias (Ham & Cheese/Chicken & Cheese) with full salad $4.00
Wednesday – Wonderful Wraps. $3.50
Thursday – Chilli Tender Wrap (Sour Cream Lettuce Cheese Chilli Sauce $3.50)
Friday – Chicken Burger $3.50

SLUSHIES ON FRIDAYS $2.00

HOT FOOD:

Chicken Nuggets - 50 cents ea / 4 for $2.00. (maximum 8)
Hot Rolls-Chicken & Mayo or Cheese Sunny (ham, cheese, pine), C.H (cheese & ham)

$3.50
Sausage Rolls $3.00
Pizza $3.00
Pizza Rounds $3.00
Sauce $0.20

ROLLS (White or MultiGrain) OR WRAPS:

Chicken & Salad $3.50
Ham & Salad $3.50
Plain Salad $3.00
Plain Chicken $2.50
Plain Ham $2.50
Cheese & Vegemite $2.50
Buttered Roll $1.00

SALAD BOX –
CHICK OR HAM & SALAD $3.50
PLAIN SALAD WITH EGG $3.50

SANDWICHES:
Meat & Salad or Plain Salad $3.50
ANY with up to 3 fillings $3.00

Filling Suggestions:
Ham & Cheese, Chicken, Ham, Ham and Tomato, Banana, Egg, Egg & Lettuce, Cheese, Vegemite, Tomato, Ham and Cheese and Pineapple,

(Total price $3.50)

TREATS
20gm chips $1.20
(original, chicken/honey soy, sour cream, BBQ)

JJ’s $1.20
(Chicken / Salt & Vin /)

Cheese sticks $0.70

DRINKS
Large Flavoured Milk $3.00
(choc, strawberry)
Small Flavoured Milk $2.00
(choc, strawberry, )

350ml Juice $3.00
(Apple, Orange, )

Plain Water Pop Top (750ml) $3.00
500ml Water $1.50
Flavoured Water Pop Top (750ml) $3.00
(Berri)

Pineapple Cups $0.50

Paddle Pop Icy Twist (Lemonade) $1.20
Strawberry Frozen yoghurt $2.00
Vanilla Cup – Lite Ice Cream $1.50
Paddle Pop (Choc / Banana / Rainbow) $1.50.

EVERY DAY MEAL DEAL:

Daily Special OR Salad Roll OR Wrap
PLUS
Small Milk OR Frozen Yoghurt
OR Vanilla Cup OR Slushie(Friday Only)
PLUS Chips or JJ’s
$6.00

If you are unable to attend on the date nominated, PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE, or ring the Canteen on (03) 54532321.
Barham Public School was successful in their application for a Federal Government funded chaplain to be in the school for 10 hours a week for the next three years.

Generate are pleased be engaged by the school as the chaplaincy provider. Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing approximately 150 School Chaplains in NSW state schools. School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care to students and staff.

What is a Chaplain?

A Chaplain is an additional support for school communities to assist with the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of members of school communities.

Chaplains are able to run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as grief and loss, resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff. Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

What kind of activities can a Chaplain do?

- Work with Learning Support or Welfare Team to facilitate student wellbeing
- Provide pastoral care for students, staff and the wider school community
- Facilitate small group programs and one-on-one meetings with students
- Facilitate lunch time activities to assist students in building healthy relationships
- Network with welfare services, local churches and other agencies in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school
- Facilitate groups, events and activities to support spiritual wellbeing with voluntary student participation
- Build mentoring relationships and assist students with goal setting
- Support staff at school camps, excursions and other activities as required

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MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Cohuna: Tuesday 9th February, 9am – 4pm, in front of the Visitors Centre, King George Street

Kerang: Wednesday 10th February, 9am – 3.30pm, behind the Memorial Hall/RSL Clubrooms, Wellington Street.
**CANTEEN ANNUAL UPDATE.**

We welcome newcomers to Barham High & Primary Schools, and are also aware that people’s circumstances change each year and we are seeking your responses to successfully fill our canteen roster each term for 2016.

The canteen is owned and run by the High School P & C committee and a canteen subcommittee and the profits are distributed for the betterment of both the High and Primary Schools. It employs a fulltime coordinator, Sonya Harrison, an assistant coordinator, Kaylene Wren on a one day per fortnight rotation and relies on volunteers for the rest of its duties. It is very important that parents/carers from both the High and Primary Schools assist. 9.00 AM till 11 AM is preparation time and after this, duties can involve serving students at recess and lunch.

1. Were you on the canteen roster as a helper in 2015, your circumstances have not changed and you wish to continue as previously advised?
   
   YES / NO

   **If you answered Yes, please proceed to the bottom of the form and complete your details.**
   **If No and you can help please continue and circle the appropriate answers.**
   **If No and you wish to help by donating money or goods please proceed to question 11.**

2. Are you available to collect orders at BPS & deliver to canteen?
   
   YES / NO.
   
   (8.30 AM to 9.00 AM)

3. Available for food preparation 9.30 AM or
   
   YES / NO

4. As above and stay at canteen till 1PM and deliver lunches to BPS.
   
   YES / NO

5. Come in at 11.30 AM and serve at BHS then take orders to BPS at 1PM
   
   YES / NO.

6. Please circle days you are available.
   
   All days Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday.

7. How many days are you prepared to do each term? 1 2 3 4 5 more

8. Unfortunately I am unable to help at the canteen, but I would like to contribute towards obtaining private agreement volunteers and the running of the canteen.
   
   Please find attached my donation of $………….OR you may prefer to donate home grown goods such as eggs, fresh vegetables or fruit please contact Sonya (54532321) to advise.

Other Comments:

NAME:......................................................… Students names and years……………………………

PHONE:...................................MOBILE………………………………Email:...........................................

Thank you for your contribution of time, money or goods and making our job easier by returning this form to the High or Primary School office by **Friday 27th February 2016.**

P & C and Canteen Committee.

Phone Sonya at the Canteen 54532321 if you require more information.