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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week was our first full week of school. Students are settling well to learning and their new classes. Kindergarten students are happily participating in school life, helped by last year’s transition program and the care of their class buddies and fellow students this year.

Early in the week, students practiced for the Swimming Carnival and then on Friday participated at the School Carnival with happy enthusiasm. Well done to all students for their behaviour and participation throughout the day. I would like to extend a huge thank you to parents for the assistance given on the day. Your help and being there to cheer on the children and join in the fun is very much appreciated.

Last Tuesday night was the first P&C meeting for 2016. It was a pleasure to begin the year with new and familiar faces attending. I look forward to working with P&C as we consult on aspects of school planning and confirm the priorities for 2016, and as they support our students in learning through fundraising and special events.
This Thursday, we will be inducting our school leaders at a special assembly. Students will pledge their commitment to the responsibilities they have in their roles as school captains, prefects, student representatives, house captains, house vice-captains or library monitors. We hope to see parents and families there.

A reminder that we run to NSW Department of Education weeks, so even though this is just our third week back at school, it is actually Week 4 for NSW schools.

**THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL**

We have a number of new students and fourteen Kindergarten students who started the year along with our returning students. As the days go by, consider the following points to help your child enjoy a smooth start to the year.

**Kindergarten and Younger Students**

For Kindergarten and younger students it is helpful to:
- remember students get tired by the end of the day.
- not plan too many after-school activities.
- make sure children have time to rest and for free play.
- have healthy snacks on hand for children to enjoy.
- plan for dinner to be before they get too tired to eat.
- be available to listen when they want to tell you about their day.
- make reading part of your daily routine.
- encourage children to talk to their teacher if they are worried about anything, or unsure of what to do.
- have children in bed so that they are well rested – try to stick to a bed time routine.

All students, including Kindergarten students are to attend school every day. Encouraging strong attendance habits is a priority from Day One. If your child is tired or struggling with the school routine, be sure to chat with the class teacher or Principal to discuss ways to support them.

For more practical ideas about how you can help your child at school, visit School A to Z http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

**OUR SCHOOL’S CORE VALUES**

All school staff members are focussed on making sure students are happy and comfortable at school, and ready to learn. Core school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Initiative** underpin all that happens at school. These values help to define the positive behaviours that are expected in all students so that they engage in effective learning and build healthy friendships.

Students begin the year learning about these core values, and what the values mean in the different settings at school, e.g. in the classroom, out playing, visiting the office or in the library.

More information about these values and the importance of positive behaviours for learning will be included in future newsletters.

**INDUCTION ASSEMBLY**

School Leaders, including School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and SRC members, will be inducted at a special assembly this **Thursday, 18th February, at 11.30am.**
Parents and school families and friends are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there to congratulate and encourage our School Leaders for 2016.

PLAY AREAS AT SCHOOL
Where students can play and areas they can access during the school day has been determined to allow effective supervision of all students by teachers on duty.

In the morning between 8.30am and 8.50am, students are in class reading or getting organised, before going out to play quietly under the shelter. A teacher is on duty from 8.30am.

Morning and Recess breaks will see all students seated under the shelter to eat. Students will then be released to play in areas north of the shelter only.

Library will now be open during second half lunch for three days of the week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Students are crossing roads before and after school, and could be engaging in learning on and beside the road at any time. Please take care and keep an eye out for our students and the Pre-schoolers. Remember to follow the speed signs on roads adjacent to schools.

Parents are reminded to use the marked school crossings at all times. Do not walk or call your child across the road from other points or from between parked cars.

Students using the school crossings are supervised at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to also set an example and use the crossing then and at any time during the day.

Students must wear a helmet if riding a bike or scooter to school. Bikes and scooters must be walked across the crossings at all times. Children not taking care to abide by these guidelines will be reminded of these safety rules, and will be asked not to ride their bike or scooter to school if such unsafe behaviour persists.

SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES
As the school year begins, parents and community are reminded to take care when driving in school zones.

School zones are in place to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

Students are reminded that hats are to be worn while outside at all times, including before school and at recess and lunch, and during outside learning, e.g. during garden lessons.
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
As was reported last week, Barham PS will be participating in the National School Chaplaincy Programme for 2016 - 2018. A Chaplain will be engaged to work in our school for 10 hours per week for the next three years. The position is currently being advertised and applications close this Thursday 11 February 2016.

The school is seeking a parent with an interest in School Chaplaincy to sit on the interview panel with the Principal and the regional Generate Chaplaincy Manager. P&C will be consulted for a parent representative. If you would like to register your interest, you may contact Mrs Peach at school.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Class teachers will be holding initial parent-teacher interviews next week. These interviews will give parents the opportunity to share relevant and important information about their children so that teachers are well informed to cater for individual student needs.

Class teachers will be available for these meetings between 3:15pm and 4.15pm on some of the days in Week 5. Parents and carers will receive information in the coming days about which days, and when and how they can make an appointment.

Parents can request an alternate appointment time on another day if the Week 5 timetable is not suitable.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Friday’s School Swimming Carnival was a great success. The weather was just right for swimming and students competed with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship all day.

There were some wonderful personal swims, and participation rates were high for both teams. All swimmers can be very proud of their efforts on the day. Well done students!

Novelty events were held throughout the day for those who didn’t swim in the official races. Thank you, Mrs Barker and helpers for running these events. The students certainly enjoyed their time in the water.

2016 School Swimming Age Champions
- Junior Boys Champion: Jye McGowan
  Runner up: Will Lake
- Junior Girls Champion: Ruby Lake
  Runner Up: Claire Telford
- 11 Yrs Boys Champion: Jack Lake
  Runner Up: Angus Laskowski
- 11 Yrs Girls Champion: Lily Molin
  Runner Up: Ella Lodge
- Senior Boys Champion: Ben Gorey
  Runner Up: Josh McMahon
- Senior Girls Champion: Kirby Bott
  Runner Up: Teesha Thompson
- Winning House: Team 2

Congratulations to the Age Champions and this year’s winning team. The point scores for a number of the championships and for the teams were very close, showing a great commitment from all swimmers to participate and do their best.

Our thanks go to:
- Mrs Rady for organising our carnival;
- Mr Marsh, our race starter;
- Mrs Disher and Mrs Mathers, our Recorders;
Mrs Barker, our supervisor and Novelty event organiser;
- parents and ex-students, who assisted with timekeeping throughout the day;
- Matt our life guard on the day who did a great job;
- family and friends and ex-students, who came along to say hello and cheer on the students.

It was great to combine as a school community to deliver a wonderful day of swimming for our students. Thank you everyone.

The next level of competition is at the **PSSA District Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill this Friday, 19th February**. Information and permission notes will be sent home today to those students who have qualified.

*Mrs Peach*
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items may be placed in the school newsletter for the information of students and their families.

Items for the newsletter need to be received at the school by 9.00am on Mondays.

GUN CLUB NEWS

On Sunday, we catered for the Barrook Gun Club shoot. There were 58 shooters. Thank you to Sandy, Emily and Max Patterson, Laursen family, Narelle Miller and Zavier Boyd for manning the canteen and BBQ. Thanks also to Debbie Bott for the coleslaw.

The roster for our next shoot on March 13th is

- 9.30am-12Noon: McMahon
- 11.00am-1.30pm: Frankling
- 12Noon-2.30pm: Horn

Cake – Moore
Slice – Laskowski
Coleslaw 4 litres – Wilson (L)

We encourage you to take your Year 3-6 students out there to assist.

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

Thanks
Alleena Burger 0428 278 277
SCHOOL BANKING

Our Student School Banking Day is Thursday.

For new accounts, please enquire at our front office. If you already have a Dollarmite Account, please drop your banking into the front office Thursday mornings.

REMOVING HEAD LICE AND NITS

The school has had several reports of Head Lice in the past week or so.

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous.

Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 26th February
Swan Hill Outdoor Pool
at 5.30pm

Try competitive swimming in a FUN and RELAXED atmosphere

This event is open to all full time students of Primary and Secondary Schools. Swimmers do not need to be registered with Swimming Victoria to take part.

Entry forms are available from our school’s front office.

Any questions can be directed to Entries Secretary, on 0428 594 025.

AFL COUNTRY VISIT

This year the Western Bulldogs Football Club, assisted by local students will provide an AFL country football clinic. The suggested target group is students in years 3-6.

Venue: Cohuna High School Football Ground
Date: Tuesday 1st March
Time: 1pm – 2.15pm

Notes and information regarding travel arrangements will be in next week’s newsletter.

Don't forget! Book Club orders are due: Friday 19th February
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 4th March till Sunday 6th March
Winners will be announced on the Friday Night
All entries will be on Display
For more information contact Julie Sleep 0408133410