PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Another school year has almost concluded and it is time to reflect on all the wonderful things we have accomplished. Enormous thanks must go to the Barham High School learning community for all the support, help and assistance throughout the year.

I would very much like to thank Mr McConnell for taking on the Deputy role so capably and diligently whilst I have been sitting in the Principal’s chair. Many thanks also go to Miss Sullivan for filling the vacant Head Teacher role so adeptly.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Lisa Radley on her transfer to Kyogle High School in the north of the state. She will be sorely missed and we thank her most sincerely for her many years of service to the students of Barham High School. We are all so much the richer for the influence her skill, dedication, and devotion has had on all those she has worked or interacted with.

End of Year Activities
As I alluded to in the previous newsletter, the end of the year has continued at the same frenetic pace as the rest of the school year. It was great to see the staff and students return from their massive seven day ride on the Great Victorian Bike Ride. 540km is a great effort and many thanks must go to Mr Yu and Miss Radley for their organisation and moral support.

I had the privilege of attending the Proud and Deadly Indigenous Awards in Deniliquin where Wesley Clark received an Excellence in Sports award, Des’Lea Baxter-Jukes received an Academic Excellence award and Bruce Baxter-Jukes received an Academic Encouragement award.

Our Semester two Merit Assembly was another success with a huge number of students being recognised with Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. The sheer volume of students eligible for these awards is a measure of the high regard our students have for themselves and their education.

Congratulations to Miss Sullivan who again hosted a most successful BHS showcase. Her legion of helpers (as well as wonderful caterers under the expert direction of Mrs Trott) all combined to create marvellous displays of the various creative projects throughout the year.

Our student Performing Arts Day is being eagerly anticipated and will be hosted at the School of Arts Hall next Monday, followed by our BHS Presentation Evening on Tuesday. This ceremony will be hosted again in the main auditorium at cluBarham, commencing at 7:30pm.
Holidays and the New Year
I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive period. Take the time to immerse yourself in the company of loved ones as you reflect on the year that was and prepare for the year to come. I look forward to the 2016 school year and to welcoming the students back to school on Thursday 4th of February.

Glenn Buchanan
Relieving Principal

When preparing for the new school year, please clearly label your child’s uniform and possessions. If they are named we can return any “lost” items to their rightful owner.

Reminder to ALL students that it is a WHS requirement that they wear enclosed leather footwear (including the tongue). Please see photos below for suggestions of appropriate footwear styles.
SRC report

Below is a summary of WEEK GR8 – What an amazing week!!

We:

- Made about 40 milkshakes & muffins
- Cooked 90 sausages & 90 hamburgers
- Gave away about 450 gifts to staff and students
- Sold about 60 bags of popcorn and a bucket load of lollies & chocolates
- Entertained about 100 people with a very enjoyable movie on the oval, on a REALLY big inflatable screen
- Enjoyed some laughter and art therapy
- Gave prizes that were donated to 49 of our students for being ‘kind’
- Acknowledged a total of 97 of our students for ‘Random acts of Kindness’
- Congratulate Year 8 for winning the Tug-o-war, Ashleigh for tearing the Minties wrapper into the longest piece, Abbey and Leonard for fitting a ridiculous amount of marshmallows in their mouths and the number of stage 4 students who participated in the wacky games
- Thank Tammika, Montanna, Jacob, Harry, Haylee, Ashleigh, Wes, Mr McConnell and Miss Dennis for getting into the spirit of things and wearing the ‘wackiest’ addition to their uniform
- Provided students with a ‘Warm Fuzzy’ envelope that hopefully highlighted to them their strengths
- Were treated to a visit from Penny Scanlan from Gannawarra Shire Youth Council, which we appreciated

A massive thank you must go to the SASS staff, Sonia and the students of BHS for being a part of our first Week GR8 - we look forward to the next one being bigger and better! If you have any suggestions/improvements please let a SRC rep know.

An even bigger thank you must go to the following businesses who donated prizes for the ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ raffle, paid for a ‘pre-show’ advertisement or helped us order our supplies: Thule Trading, Mack & Mills, The girls from Barham Medical Clinic, Barham Newsagency, Riveredge Embroidery, Cooke’s, Boyd’s Plumbing & Supplies, Barham Avocados, O’Briens Sawmill, Murray River Accounting, Northern Tree Fellas, The Wetlander, Murray River Meats, Barham Foodworks and Barham IGA.
Clockwise from the top: Random Acts of Kindness raffle winners, frantically making milkshakes, Tucker Tuesday, Tug-O-War (Year 8 were the winners)
Gannawarra Shire Council presents

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**6.00pm**
**17 January 2016**
**Gates open from 5pm**

**Apex Park**
**Koondrook VIC**

**ADULTS $30**  **CONCESSION/STUDENTS $20**

Parental guidance recommended for children under 12 years

Tickets on sale at:  Gannawarra Shire Council customer service centres • Kerang • Cohuna • Gateway to Gannawarra • Trybooking.com • at the gate in Koondrook and Barham • at: Long Paddock Food Store • Rest Down Wines • My World Travel

No BYO alcohol allowed

Join us for an evening of theatre, food, wine and friendships
A true Murray River experience

with thanks to our community partners
Showcase

The annual Showcase was held on Tuesday night the 8th of December. We had a good turn out to see all of the amazing work that the students produced in Mandatory Art, elective Visual Arts, Photographic and Digital Media, Textiles and HSC Visual Arts. Thanks go to Mrs Trott for her lovely catering, to Mr Buchanan and Mr McConnell for their support, to Miss Dennis and Mrs Farrant for their help and support on the night. Thanks also go to all of the students who produced the excellent artworks and to Stage 5 Visual Arts and Photographic and Digital Media students who set up the hall.

Jody Sullivan

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday season.

Students return on Thursday, 4th February, 2016