

Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Co-operative
30 October 2015

From the Principal

Final Examinations Years 7-10

Examinations for Years 9 and 10 occur in Week 5. Examinations for Years 7 and 8 will occur in Week 6. Students can collect examination timetables from their Year Person. A timetable will also be attached to this edition of the Barrier Blast.

Outstanding Year 10 student N award warnings.

It is that time of year when students need to make sure that all of their assignments are up to date and outstanding N award warnings have been resolved. Mr Webb will be interviewing selected students in Year 10 with Mr Devoy to indicate if students can proceed to Year 11 or if they will need to repeat Year 10. Please check with your student if they have resolved the notifications. If you have a concern please contact the school.

BHHS Student and Parent Portal!! This internet web page will give parent and students of BHHS an amazing method of communicating with the school. Students can already access the portal using their school username and password. Please contact Mr Jason Bradley if you have any concerns.

Some of the features include:

Parents and Students

- Viewing student timetables.
- Downloading important school documents, including the Barrier Blast.
- Receiving messages from class room teachers with assessment tasks attached.
- Homework and assessment task dates on a timeline.
- Checking student attendance.
- A tally of how many B'Hillians a student has received.
- Seeing class marks for tasks if published by a teacher.

Parents

- Provide reasons for student absences from school.
- Download previous student Half Yearly and Yearly reports.
- Book and manage bookings for Parent Teacher Afternoons.

Students

- Daily journal for use in classes. Go to the school website <http://www.brokenhill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> and click the Student & Parent Portal link near the top of the page.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about their child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

At the end of term 3, students from the Support Unit were busy working to get their entries ready for the Silver City Show. Some students worked on their artistic skills, using paper and canvas to display their talents. Winning entries included:

Painting & Drawing Patrick Roberts – 2nd,



Jack Pellizzer - 3rd third



Collage Silhouettes Michael Twigg - 2nd, Wyatt Houseman – 3rd

Cake Decorating –Michael Twigg – 1st

Michael Twigg was very excited about his cake that he decorated during Year 9 Food Technology. As the theme this year was Halloween, Michael cut out a skull for the top of his cake.



Congratulations, Michael

Assessments Due



All assessment tasks will be posted through the parent portal by their classroom teacher. If there are any concerns or enquiries please contact Mr Gauci at school.

Please submit your assessment tasks as due to your teacher by 9:00 am on the above due date(s).

The Homework Centre is still open for 2015 every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30-pm in the Library. Come and work on your homework, assessment tasks or any general interest projects that you have. It's a quiet place to study and you can access the Internet and printer. Afternoon tea is provided and you can bring your own laptops/lpads/tablets if you wish. Staff from different faculties will be assisting in the homework centre each week so that you can access help from your teachers. There will be work for ALL SUBJECTS and ALL YEAR GROUPS. All students should make use of this fantastic facility, especially seniors. Please see Miss Perry in the HSIE staffroom if you have any questions.

EXPAND YOUR WORLD — WITHOUT AN AIR-TICKET

Capture the spirit of fun and friendship in your own backyard!

Department of Education-registered Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (since 1983) wants to provide your family with a different educational and cultural experience. Your children will also have an invaluable opportunity to improve their foreign language ATAR score by living a few months with a native speaker at home as a 'sibling'.

If you have a spare room and a place at the family table, why not begin next year with a new mission? Introduce a wonderful 15-17 year-old exchange student as a member of your family, and appreciate how your family sees the world, and each other, in a new light.

Enjoy sharing cultures with your exchange student from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Canada or the USA for 3, 5, or 10 months. Call S.C.C.E. now on 1800 500 501 or email scceaustr@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au and ask for a selection of profiles of incoming exchange students.



Their faces say it all: these exchange students have successfully completed their exchange programs and have returned to their home country with a better understanding about Australian culture, all thanks to their fantastic volunteer host families.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

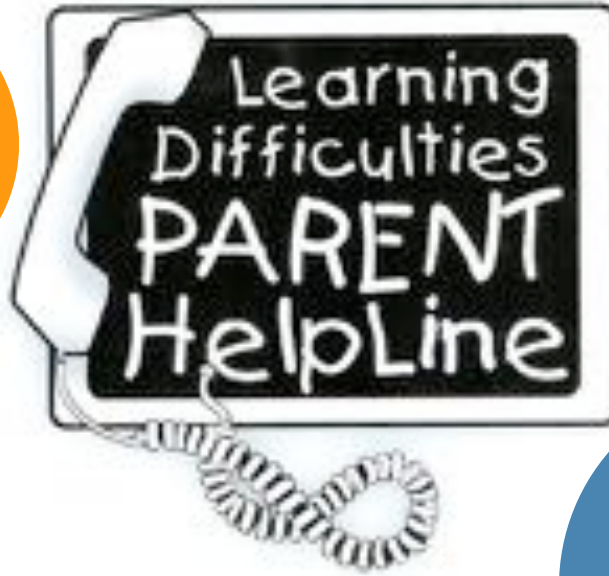
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

Telephone
helpline for
parents &
teachers



Open
school
days during
school
hours

Info on:
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support, resources,
websites, booklists,
fact sheets, and
more.

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*Ride for Sick Kids
presents...*

A HALLOWEEN CABARET

ft. TJ the King of Pop
(a tribute to Michael Jackson)

Join us for a huge night of live
entertainment at the Broken Hill
Entertainment Centre to raise funds
for a very worthy cause.

Saturday 31st of October

Come dressed in your best Halloween
Costume (or smart casual if preferred).

Tickets \$80 p/p
Tables of 10 preferred for bookings.



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TRIVIA NIGHT

The Broken Hill PCYC will be holding a Fundraiser
Trivia Night on Saturday the 28th November
at 6.30pm 58 Gypsum Street

Maximum of 8 people per table/team

Great for an end of year function!

PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAMS!!

Cost is \$20 p/p and will include supper!

Bar & Canteen Facilities are available

Come dressed in your best (or worst)

Christmas Attire!!

Team registrations and payment must be made by
25th November. For more information call the
PCYC on 80873723 or Email
rmarks@pcycnsw.org.au