

Issue 6 – Term 3, 2016

From the Principal

Term 3 is a particularly busy time of the year for staff who are planning for 2017 and for those students in Year 12 who are preparing for their final exams or their exit from secondary school education. Additionally, our Year 10 students are making pathway and course selections for their two years of Senior School. We believe this is an important enough event to make available the opportunity for every parent of a Year 10 child to visit the school and meet with a member of staff who can assist them with this decision making process.

On 26 and 27 July our school participated in a review by the Department of Education Services. This review occurs every three years and it examines the processes we use to make decisions on our direction in the future. The School Board and a small group of parents met the review team and gave feedback on their experiences with the school. This feedback was generally positive but there were some concerns with communications with parents.

Parents play a very important role in their child's secondary education and we often struggle to attract parents to information meetings, P&C meetings and teacher interviews. Each of these events is widely advertised, however that does not mean the message is being delivered. This will be an area the school will work on and input from parents will help us improve the situation.

Finally, I am on leave from 8 August to 12 September and Ian Lockhart will be in the Principal's chair in my absence. Ian is well known to many parents through his outstanding work in the BEST program and I am sure he will be equally capable in this new role.

Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Year 12 students are nearing the end of their schooling with Clearance Day and the Farewell Breakfast being held on 23 September 2016. All accounts must be finalised prior to this date.

To date the school has received approximately 60% of our expected voluntary contributions and charges for Year 7-12 students. Our capacity to continue to provide students with the consumables that enable us to present a quality curriculum is directly affected by parent's commitment to meeting these contributions and charges. Thank you to those parents who have already attended to this matter.

Enquiries should be directed to Manager Corporate Services or our Billing Officer on 9781 2500.

Kingia Magazine

2016 Kingia Magazine (Year Book)

Parents and students are reminded that Year Book orders will be placed for pre-paid books only.

Please make sure that you have paid for your book so you are not disappointed. Lists will be published over the next few weeks and will be placed in the Library, Student Services and through Home Room. Your child should make sure they have been included on these lists and refer any issues to Administration.

Lower School

NAPLAN Online Trial

By early next week parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 9 students should receive mail correspondence which outlines our school's involvement in a trial of the NAPLAN online testing platform and assessment materials. If you do not receive your letter, please contact me. Testing will occur in Weeks 5 and 6 of this term.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Senior School

Year 12 Workplace Learning

Year 12 General Workplace Learning is available between 15 and 26 August. All students have been notified. Thank you to parents supporting their child with this program. Enquiries can be made to Ms Chambers.

VET & PAIS Workplace Learning

VET and PAIS students can access school insurance for work experience up until the end of the school year. Work experience in the holidays for any student over 14 years of age can be insured by JSW Training for a small fee. Please contact the school for further information.

All Students

OLNA Testing

The second round of 2016 Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) will be held during Weeks 7 and 8 this term. Students in Years 10, 11 or 12 who are still working towards achievement of OLNA in Reading, Writing and/or Numeracy will be required to sit the test(s). If you require further details about your child's involvement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2016 Digital Technologies Competition

Five of our Year 10 students participated in the competition. They were assessed under examination conditions answering questions in various digital technologies topics.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

High Distinction

Rhys Mader and Euan Workman (both in the Top 1%)

Distinction

Cleye Jensen (Top 4%) and Ari Jenkinson (Top 11%)

Ms Ang, ICAS Digital Technologies Competition Coordinator

Debating Grand Final

Western Australian Debating League Grand Final

Wednesday 10 August

Edith Cowan University, Bunbury.

Building Six

5.30pm

The following teams are in the finals

BSHS Novice 1

BSHS Novice 2

BSHS Senior

Congratulations to all of the debating teams for their hard work. It has been a pleasure to watch the growth and development of these students.

Mark Woodland

Talented Young Writers' Program

Talented Young Writers' Program Term 3 Week 4

Youth Literature Day: Year 9-12

DATE: Wednesday 10 August:

VENUE: Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

Young Writers' Day: Year 7-8

DATE: Friday 12 August

VENUE: BSHS Library

Tracey Malone

Connect

It has been encouraging to see the recent response to the availability of Connect access for parents. Connect offers parents an opportunity to see the programs, learning resources and assessment materials that teachers make available to students. Connect is an online platform which requires an individual login. The procedure for enrolment in Connect is outlined on this website.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Community

Chaplain's Corner

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is on again from the 19th to 21st August 2016. If your child is interested in participating in the challenge please ask them to collect a parent permission note from the Chaplain. They can either go without food, or furniture, or technology for 40 hours, and experience what it would be like in third world countries where they go without these luxuries. Last year we had 52 students and 4 staff complete the challenge. Can we do even better this year?

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS