

Issue 6 – Term 3, 2016

From the Principal

It is a rare event when we have our whole school staff together with parent representatives from the School Board and a number of students in one room talking about the same thing. This occurred on the first school development day of the term, when we took time to re-visit our school's vision and values. It has been ten years since we established the '6 Rs' values and the current vision of 'going forward together to broad horizons'. In that time, much has changed about our school, about education generally and about our students, who are now younger when they start and older when they leave. It is essential, therefore, that we remain contemporary in our views and define our organisation in such a way that it reflects the Bunbury SHS community of today and into the foreseeable future. A second planning session is scheduled for later this term and another for the first school development day of Term 3. The outcome of the process will undoubtedly shape our school practices well into the future, as well as having a key role in the direction of our Business Plan for 2017 and beyond.

All of the Year 10 students have now completed pathway and course selections ahead of Year 11, 2017. The process to support students' decisions at Bunbury SHS is one which the school invests considerable energy. Every family has had access to a counselling meeting, which were generously supported by staff before school, after school and over a number of weekends. These meetings followed on from Career Education classes for students in Semester 1 and a parent briefing session in Term 2. I am confident that this comprehensive approach assists students and their families to feel informed and empowered about senior school in 2017 and 2018.

Ian Lockhart, Acting Principal

Administration

OLNA – Week 7

Want to know about the OLNA? Some students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are about to sit the OLNA. You may have heard about it, but are not sure what it means to your child.

OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, which some students will use to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (Authority) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au.

Some students prequalify for the literacy and numeracy requirement through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. We will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA in week 7. The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing.

Students who are required to sit the OLNA next week will be given the opportunity to sit some practice tests on Monday, 29 August.

Kylie Ward, Education Services Manager

Regularly updated Information about recent events, results and additional information can be located on the website and Facebook page.

Website: www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BunburySHS/

Lower School

Later this week, students in Year 8 and Year 9 will be issued their elective selection forms for 2017. Information about elective courses is contained in the 2017 Lower School Curriculum booklet which will be uploaded to our website this week. Families who are unable to access an electronic copy of the booklet should contact the school.

Mark Woodland, Deputy Principal

Senior School

Year 12 Important Dates

Friday 26 August TISC information, handbooks and forms distributed.

Monday 29 August –
Thursday 1 September Final OLNA round for Year 12s.

Friday 16 September Musical Showcase Farewell to Year 12s – 6.30 – 8.30pm BSHS PAC.

Friday 9 September Students are required to have their clearance forms signed and completed to ensure all Bunbury Senior High School resources are returned before their departure.

Friday 23 September Year 12 Farewell Breakfast, Lighthouse Beach Resort, 7.00 – 8.00am.

Friday 23 September Year 12 Final Assembly Period 1.

Friday 23 September Year 12 VET final day (if not returning to complete course requirements).

Friday 30 September TISC applications must be completed to avoid a late fee.

Monday 3 October –
Friday 7 October Year 12 Mock Examinations.

Friday 21 October Last day for Year 12 ATAR students.

Monday 28 November Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Gym.

David Waddell, Senior School Manager

All Students

Changes to all Bus Timetables commencing 16th October. Please visit <http://www.pta.wa.gov.au/our-services/transregional#Bunbury-consultation-52> to view changes that will affect your students or call Transperth Info Line 13 62 13.

Kylie Ward, Education Services Manager

The Great Book Swap

In the last week of this term Bunbury Senior High is participating in the Great Book Swap. This is a national program which is aimed at people sharing their love of books and, in the process, raising money for remote community schools.

The idea is that the students and staff from the school donate books from home to the cause. These books are then sold to other staff and students for a gold coin donation. All money raised from this is then donated to students in schools in remote communities for the purchase of resources.

So, start bringing in your book donations now! Donate them direct to the library, or give them to your homeroom teacher.

The last Tuesday of this term is the big swap day, where you can purchase these books, or simply donate money to this worthy cause.

Inga McQueen

Community

Chaplain's Corner

Congratulations to the 16 students and 2 staff who participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. I'm still following up on the donations, but it looks like we raised around \$2,000 in the appeal, which is a fantastic effort. It really makes a difference in helping World Vision's work in third world countries.

I know there were some students who were unable to participate due to work, study or family commitments, but you are welcome to join in the appeal next year. Many thanks once again.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS