

Issue 9 – Term 4, 2016

From the Principal

Exams seem to be the word of the month in education. Our Year 11 ATAR students have completed their exams and now the Year 12 ATAR students will commence their WACE and final set of exams for their high school life.

Whilst it is important that students are well prepared by focusing on skills such as their organisation, it is equally important that they eat well, drink plenty of water and get plenty of sleep. At this stage of preparation they must have the confidence that they are ready for the exams in an academic sense, and that their lifestyle during the exams is now an equally important factor in their preparation.

Much of the focus during this term is the preparation for 2017 and it is important that we can prepare by having accurate information on student intentions. This includes those who will start their high school career in Year 7 and those who may be leaving us for another school. I encourage all parents to let the school know if your child's circumstances will change in 2017.

Our school turns 100 years old in 2018 and planning has commenced in the way of making contact with former students and staff. The date and nature of celebrations are yet to be set but a start has been made on a hard cover history book of Bunbury High School. While the book will have many facts about the school's history, it will focus on the people who have been a part of the school over the past 100 years. Any former student or staff member who has not registered for our alumni can do so by going to the school website and under the 'Our School' tab, select 'Alumni'. You will then be able to complete a short survey to register your name with our official Alumni.

Year 10 students are preparing for the transition into senior school and it is important that the courses they have selected for 2017 are the ones that meet their academic ability and their interest. Changes are still possible but are obviously limited by the grid and the number of students already enrolled in classes. Parents who wish to consider changes or to be confident that their child is in the correct course should contact David Waddell at the school.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Lower School

Looking ahead to 2017, the current year 6 students, from a range of primary schools are preparing to enter into high school communities. While this can be a natural transition for some, other students may need more support. At Bunbury Senior High School we offer a Parent Information Night, a Transition Day for all students and extra transition dates are also offered to those who may need a little more assistance with the big changes when moving from Primary School to High School.

Key Dates are as follows:

Extra transition visits 10th and 24th November from 10am (by appointment)

Parent Information Night – Wednesday, 30 November starting at 6.30pm until 7.15pm.

Transition Day – Tuesday, 6 December.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Jamie Turnbull, Year 7/8 Co-ordinator

Senior School

Year 11 VET and PAIS

Reporting WPL closes 14 November 2016.

Workplace Learning is a fully accredited Endorsed Program for WACE. To gain the full benefit from hours in the workplace, students must submit a fully completed school log book. For every 55 hours a Skills Journal must also be completed. Accumulated hours will carry over to Year 12. Log Books and Journals are due for final reporting by 14 November but preferably earlier. Please contact the school if you need further information. Good luck to all students looking for employment.

Ms Liz Chambers, WPL Officer

All Students

The examination period can be a challenging time for students and some may feel their stress and anxiety levels increasing as a response. While this is a very normal reaction, excessive levels of stress and/or anxiety are not healthy, particularly if they persist. Our school's Student Services facility offers a range of support personnel who can help. I encourage any student who feels they might need some support to make contact through the Student Services front desk.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Department of Education Scholarships

The Department of Education manages a range of scholarships for students in public schools and parents are encouraged to explore these opportunities. Information can be accessed with an online search for "Department of Education WA Scholarships".

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Arts News

Our students' impressive art work has been chosen to receive the Gold Medal in the Young Australian Art Awards.

The finalists in individual categories from Bunbury Senior High School were:

- Cliona Houden
- Leon Abraham
- Jonalyn Janaban
- Madison King
- Rachel Bikim

Finalists in the Young Australian Indigenous Art awards were:

- Lauren Dye
- Kaysanna Elap

Special thanks to Mr Bikim for his tireless work in collating and submitting the 87 entries from across the school.

Congratulations and thank you to the students who had works selected in Iluka Visions this year.

Saorise Torr - Ceasless Sorrow 2016 (pencils, plain paper, eraser)

Morgan McLoughlin - Untitled 2016 (terracotta clay, glazes)

VASP Class - Class Project Signs - Signs 2016 (strawboard, newspaper, pva, acrylic paint, LED lights)

Tahlia Cross - Strawberry 2016 (pewter)

Rachel Bikim - Human Nature 2016 (watercolor, paint, pastels, sand, PVA glue, masking tape crepe)

Romminy O'Connor - Happy Birthday 2016 (acrylic paint on paper)

Romminy O'Connor - Yellow Shirt 2016 (acrylic)

Tia Warrilow - Cruelty Free 2015 (acrylic on board)

Hannah Yamauchi - Are you on Your... 2015 (acrylic on MDF)

Particular congratulations should go to students who won the following prizes:

- Year 9 Award – VASP Class, Class Project
- Framer's Choice Award – Rachel Bikim, Human Nature

Mr Paul Reynolds, Head of the Arts

Community

Swooping Magpie Season

It is not uncommon for magpies to defend their nests and young during Spring, by swooping intruders. Information from Department of Parks and Wildlife is attached.

Administration

Gifted and Talented

Applications for the Bunbury Senior High School Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program are now open. This program is designed to challenge children with exceptional academic ability to achieve at the highest level.

If you have a child entering Year 6 in 2017, applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2018. Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2018.

Applications close on Monday 6 February 2017. For more information and to apply, visit www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Chaplain's Corner

I have been hearing some of the great ideas that our Year 7 students have for their Humanities business projects and I look forward to seeing what they are going to sell on the Market Day at school on 10th November. It's going to be a fun day.

I also wish our Year 12 students all the best for their ATAR exams, and hope you can patiently wait for your ATAR results and not be too anxious in the meantime.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS