

BSHS Newsletter – Term 4 - Issue 12 – 2017

From the Principal

Reports will be emailed to all parents during the last week of term. Bunbury Senior High School is committed to keeping parents informed throughout the school year on their child's progress and to improve the quality of the information you receive. There has been a change to the format of the end of semester report and this final report provides a grade for the learning area, a description of the content from which each grade is derived and a new set of seven attributes. These attributes give parents a good indication of their child's application to school work and the manner in which they go about work and interact with others. This is a summative report only and does not include the usual teacher comment. A complete guide to the report will be sent to all parents.

The change has been made because of the ongoing information that is easily accessible by parents, including new opportunities that will be introduced in 2018. This information keeps parents informed throughout the semester. It can include feedback on tests, assignments and any aspect of a subject that contributes to a final grade.

We are in the communication age and it is now easier than ever to access information on your child's progress at school. It is important that this is a two way process and parents actively seek the information and the school advises parents of its availability.

The school recently said goodbye to the Class of 2017 in a very fitting presentation attended by families, staff and local dignitaries. Just one week later we welcomed the 2018 Year 7 students for their traditional transition day at the school. The Year 7 group is the biggest for some years and may approach the 200 mark by the beginning of 2018.

In concluding my final message for 2017 I wish all students, staff and their families a wonderful festive season and I look forward to seeing everyone return safely in 2018.

We have an exciting start to the year with the school's 100 Year Celebration taking place in early March. This is a unique event in any school and I hope all families get behind the celebration.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

2017 Parent Survey

Each year the school is required to conduct a parent survey to inform reflection and planning. The survey takes approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete and is an opportunity for parents to provide valuable feedback to the school. The survey is confidential and can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/5XsZvnCY>

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice-Principal

All Students

Important change affecting all student Office 365 email accounts

Some necessary changes to student email accounts are planned over the summer holiday period. All student accounts have to be moved to take full advantage of the extensive collaboration features of Office 365. Unfortunately this requires accounts to be terminated in one place before they can be recreated in the new environment so that students can retain the same email addresses and login details.

This change will result in the loss of all stored data in current student online accounts including files, emails, attachments and contacts. Existing accounts will not be accessible over the summer holidays, starting from 16 December 2017. Please advise your students to back up any data they wish to keep, including contacts, emails and files from their Department student accounts before that date.

The new student email accounts will be available for student use at the start of the 2018 school year, with the existing account names, email addresses and passwords.

More information and links for instructions on how to save or transfer data can be found on our school website: <http://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au/latest-events.html>

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager School Operations

Community

City of Bunbury's Christmas in the City Event

This highly anticipated event combines the Festival, Street Parade and Carols Concert all into one big celebration on Sunday, 10 December from 3pm – 8.30pm. The event is free to attend, and we anticipate 15,000 patrons from the Bunbury-Geographe and wider South West Community to attend. The festival will host a number of different zones, which are free to the community and will include:

- Artificial Ice Skating Rink
- Christmas Cookie Decorating Workshops
- Rudolph's Barn – Petting Zoo
- Snow Land – Marquee with artificial snow
- Santa's Village – Where you can meet Santa & Mrs Clause

Food vendors and market stalls will also be at the event selling their products. The Street Parade begins at 5.30pm and travels through Bunbury's CBD. Spectators line the streets to watch the festively decorated floats, vehicles and groups as they pass by.

The Carols Concert commences at 7pm and features a line-up of local groups, choirs and individuals performing classic and modern Christmas themed songs and carols.

Communication

Correct Contact Details

It is important to keep the school updated with your current email address as student information is often distributed in this format. Please notify the school if you have changed your email or wish to identify another email address as your preferred point of contact.

Social Media

Bunbury SHS Facebook Page. Join us on Facebook! We regularly update our page with notifications of school and community news & events. www.facebook.com/BunburySHS/

We are also now on **Twitter** @BunburyShs

Student Achievement

We want to get to know our students and school community better and hear all about your life out of school. If you have been kicking goals out in the community - whether you've had sporting success, are volunteering somewhere fun, or have an interesting or unusual hobby we want to know about it. Email Kylie.ward3@education.wa.edu.au and you might be featured on our Facebook page in the near future.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager School Operations

Chaplain's Corner

I hope you had a good year this year. I trust you will have a good Christmas and New Year and stay safe if you are travelling on the roads in the school holidays. See you in 2018!!

Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

13 December 2017	Year 8, HASS Medieval Fair, Period 4 & 5
14 December 2017	Students last day
15 December 2017	School Development Day – Staff only
24 January 2018	School Office re-opens
29 January 2018	Teaching Staff resume
29 January 2018	Uniform Shop Open – 9.00am – 4.00pm
30 January 2018	Uniform Shop Open – 9.00am – 12.00pm
31 January 2018	Students commence
31 January 2018	Whole School Assembly – Period 1, Amphitheatre
31 January 2018	Uniform Shop Open – 11.00am – 2.00pm
1 February 2018	Uniform Shop Open – 11.00am – 2.00pm
2 February 2018	Uniform Shop Open – 11.00am – 2.00pm
11 February 2018	2019 GAT Applications close
2 March 2018	Bunbury High in Decades
3 March 2018	Bunbury Senior High School Open Day
3 March 2018	BSHS Centenary Dinner – Hotel Lord Forrest – 7pm
10 March 2018	Senior School Ball