

Issue 2 – Term 1, 2017

From the Principal

The annual open meeting of the School Board will take place on Tuesday 21 March in the school Library at 5:00pm. The meeting will include reports from the Board Chair and Principal, tabling of the School Annual Report and the new Business Plan. Other important business is the election of new parent representatives and the Board Chair.

There are two vacancies for parent representatives and the vacancies are for a period of three years. Parents who have been on school boards in the past or parents who are interested in having input to the direction of the school are encouraged to nominate. To find out more about the important role of the Board, parents can contact Craige Pettit, Principal at the school on 9781 2500.

Nominations can be made online by following this link <https://bunburyshs.wufoo.com/forms/r13q5czz0rmj2n9/> . Nominations close on 14 March 2017.

OLNA testing has been taking place in the school this week and will continue into Week 7. Students who have not achieved the required level in Year 9 NAPLAN are required to pass the OLNA in order to meet the minimum literacy and numeracy standard to achieve the WA Certificate of Education. Parents are encouraged to stress the importance of this test to their children.

Bunbury High is investigating a number of changes to the way in which we communicate with parents. A part of this process is 'cleaning' the school data base that contains parent mobile numbers and email addresses. Parents may have received contact from the school regarding this and I thank those parents for their support.

Immediate changes will be seen in communication regarding excursions and this will enable teachers to email parents directly with information on an upcoming excursion. Parents will then be able to respond via email. All of the changes are designed to improve the success rate in delivery of information but this will only be successful when our data is accurate.

Information on the new excursion process will be sent to parents in the very near future.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Parent Teacher Interview Afternoon

Information relating to our Parent - Teacher Interview afternoon on Wednesday 29 March has been posted. Enclosed with the letter is a personal login to Parent Teacher Online (PTO), which needs to be used to make bookings. The link to PTO is on the Bunbury SHS homepage. Please don't use a search facility (eg Google) to access PTO directly, as the parent login needs to be linked to the school. If you have any problems, please contact reception on 9781 2500.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Senior School

Parents as Partners – Year 11 ATAR

Parents of Year 11 students studying ATAR courses are invited to a presentation in our school Library on 15th March from 6-7pm. The purpose of this presentation is to provide parents with information about how the ATAR may impact their teen, and give useful strategies for supporting them through the last years of their secondary schooling. We hope you can join us.

Kelly Anderson, Deputy Principal

Secondary Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for Secondary Assistance if you hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Please see our website for further information and application form.

<https://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au/> - Applications close 7 April 2017.

Lower School

Year 8 Immunisations, Thursday 16 March

Kylie Ward, HR & Operations Co-ordinator

Community

Western Australian Debating League Competition

Any student interested in participating in the WADL debating competition, please contact your English teacher or Mr Woodland. We are seeking Novice (Year 7 & 8), Junior (Year 9 & 10) and Senior (Year 11 and 12) teams.

Debates are after school.

Round One April 27th

Round Two May 11th

Round Three May 25th

Round Four June 8th

Round Five June 22nd

Semi-Final July 20th

Grand Final August 3rd

Mr Woodland, Head of English

Uniform Shop

Open Every Week on Wednesday 1-2pm

Additional Opening Time on Wednesday 29 March 12.30pm – 4.00pm

P & C Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

## Rotary Youth Exchange Programme

Applications are now open for 2018 Long Term Exchange. Applications close 31 March 2017 and District 9465 Selections will be held on Sunday 4 June 2017. To be eligible, students must be over 15 and less than or just turned 18 years of age at the time of departure in January 2018.

For more information: <http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au> , District 9465 Rotary Youth Exchange Facebook Page, or contact District Secretary Linda Bilney on 0427 341 022 or [yepsec9465@gmail.com](mailto:yepsec9465@gmail.com) .

## Bunbury Junior Badminton Registration and Have a Try Evenings

Location - Badminton Centre, Rotary Drive, Bunbury, which is located next door to the South West Sports Centre.

Wednesday 29 March 5.30 – 7.00pm

Wednesday 5 April 5.30 – 7.00pm

Ages 7-17

Sub Juniors/Beginners – Tuesdays

Juniors - Wednesday s

Terms 2 & 3

Racquets provided.

Contact Donna Senbergs on 0447 958 322 for further information

## Chaplain's Corner

I hope you are going well and enjoying the year so far. It seems to be going so quickly with lots happening in our school. I am here as a support to students, staff and parents/carers.

Feel free to call me at the school if I can be of support to you or your child.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS