

Issue 10 – Term 4, 2016

From the Principal

With just four weeks of the school year remaining there are a lot of events and programs to take place before we 'sign off' on 2016.

The school's biggest event of the year is the 2016 Presentation Ceremony. This event recognises all those Year 12 students who have completed their studies at this school. In doing so, we also acknowledge the highest achievers in each course along with a range of citizenship and sporting awards. The local community is represented by our parliamentary representatives, Mayor of the City of Bunbury and a range of businesses who have supported the school throughout the year. The event takes place on the evening of Monday 28 November and Year 12 students are reminded of the need to be at rehearsal on that afternoon.

Our Humanities teachers led by Mrs Kerr undertook a market day for two of the lower school year groups just recently. This was a huge logistical operation attended by many parents of the students. Our front 'yard' was transformed into a small market place with a range of stores selling a variety of foods, trinkets and personal gifts. Congratulations to Mrs Kerr and her team for this wonderful event.

Student attendance will be an ongoing focus for us in 2017, with the view that it is not appropriate to miss any days of school without a reasonable excuse. Reducing absences is a community issue and not just something the school needs to be concerned about and for that reason we will be engaging the assistance of parents in all cases of poor student attendance. I encourage all parents to support the school with this focus.

Finally, Year 10 students should now be fully aware of their courses for 2017. During the final weeks of the year they have a chance to make changes based on feedback from teachers and from their own career research, but they must do this sooner rather than later. Some prospective ATAR students will be invited back to the school in the weeks prior to 2017 commencing to participate in a 'bridging' program that is designed to assist them with their studies in 2017 and 2018. I encourage parents to support their child's participation in this program.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Senior School

University Visit

As part of the academic program for Year 10 students enrolled in ATAR courses next year, an excursion to Perth has been planned for Thursday 8 December. Students will undertake brief tours of the University of WA and Curtin University.

The cost of this excursion will be funded by the school and students will be provided with lunch at UWA.

The consent forms have been posted home and need to be completed and returned to the Front Office by Wednesday 30th November. Spare copies of the consent forms can be collected from the School.

Mrs Louise Carr

Workplace Learning

Parents are invited to contact Ms Liz Chambers at the school to discuss their student's workplace learning program.

Ms Liz Chambers, Work Placement Officer

Lower School

Semester 2 examinations for Year 10 students will be held in Week 8. All students in Year 10 will be involved. The normal timetable will run at times other than when exams are scheduled. Following exams, classes will continue until Thursday 15 December 2016.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Community

Art News

We are pleased to announce that six of our students, Saorise Torr, Cliona Houden, Leon Abraham, Jonalyn Janaban, Madison King and Rachel Bikim were selected as finalists in the 2016 Young Australian Art Awards. They were all just 1 point from winning in each of their sections and they will receive a Gold Medal Award for being the runner up.

We also had 2 finalists in the Young Australian Indigenous Art Awards. Kaysanna Elap's art work entitled "Peace and Freedom" has been selected as one of the winners earning her a trip to Melbourne to accept her award.

Lauren Dye's art work entitled "Life Under the Water" has been selected as one of the winners in the 2016 Young Australian Art Awards Regional awards.

Mr Paul Reynolds, HoLA The Arts

Chaplain's Corner

I'm looking forward to meeting the year 6s on Orientation Day and any parents coming along to the Year 7 Parent Information Evening.

Thank you to parents, staff and students who brought in tins and food items for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. I will forward these on to the local Salvation Army office. I'm sure it will help others in our community to have an enjoyable Christmas.

I hope you are travelling well during this busy time of year.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS