

Issue 11 – Term 4, 2016

From the Principal

The Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was a fabulous event for the students, staff and parents. I was pleased that each student had their time to be recognised on stage and that the event focused mostly on their achievements throughout this year and their high school life. I'm sure those in attendance will have been very proud of their young person sitting on the stage area.

At the presentation ceremony I spoke briefly about a new school vision that is to be launched at our first assembly in 2017. Our vision statement 'Going Forward - Inspiring Self Belief' is representative of feedback from staff and students and is a powerful statement about our belief in the people in this school. I am looking forward to speaking at assemblies about this new direction.

Each year the school surveys parents on their opinion of the school and you can complete the 2016 survey by pasting this link into your browser. <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/G26at8nh>
Completing the survey is the easiest way for you to give us feedback on how we are going in respect to addressing the needs of your child.

One issue for the school is how we communicate with parents and there is a survey question that asks your preferred form of communication. The web page and email are currently the most used forms of communication, but without parents' email addresses, this is difficult. I urge all parents to assist by providing the school with your email address or updating your details if that address changes.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a safe and family focused summer break and a happy Christmas. I look forward to working with you in 2017.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Bus Stop Parking

City of Bunbury rangers have asked that parents be reminded not to park on the West side of Upper Esplanade opposite the bus stop. The presence of cars and buses, together with the movement of students creates a potentially dangerous situation. A more suitable arrangement is to collect students from Haig Crescent at the front of the school.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Lower School

Year 10 Minimum Standard Program

During Term 3, information was sent to parents of Year 10 students outlining the minimum standard of academic achievement expected in Semester 2. As previously explained, students who were unable to achieve the standard will be invited to a Year 11 preparation workshop to be held in late January, before school officially commences. Specific details of the workshop for those affected will be mailed in the last week of term.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

STEM Summer School

Year 10 student, Bradley Troode, has been selected to attend the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) for his outstanding achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Bradley is one of only 105 students from across Australia to be selected to attend one of the three summer schools which will take place during December /January. Bradley will attend the summer school in Newcastle in January 2017.

Congratulations Bradley!

Mr Phil Gregory, Science

Community

2016 Parent Opinion Survey

The 2016 parent Opinion Survey is now available for parents to complete.

Please paste the link below into your browser. <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/G26at8nh>

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Wednesday 14 December 2016	9am – 2pm
Monday 30 January 2017	10am – 4pm
Tuesday 31 January 2017	9am – 12pm
Wednesday 1 February – Friday 3 February	11am – 2pm

TransBunbury - Getting to School in 2017

TransBunbury has an extensive network of school special services using fully accessible air conditioned buses that operate to / from all the Australind, Eaton, Bunbury, Dalyellup and Gelorup senior high schools and colleges.

The School Special Timetable guide can be found at www.transregional.wa.gov.au . Once you find your timetable, simply open it up and all the information you need will be there, or simply call the Infoline on 13 62 13.

Printed timetables and information are also available from the Depot at 1 – 3 Allnut Court, Bunbury during business hours.

Why not give public transport a go? It will save you fuel, time and the environment.

Stirling Street Arts Summer School

Bunbury Summer School 2017 is a series of 100 workshops and activities for all ages from 5 upwards which runs out of the Stirling Street Arts Centre and other venues in Bunbury's CBD, over the school summer holidays, from 9-21 January 2017.

There are classes in categories ranging from Healthy Living, Drawing & Painting, Exploring Culture, Music, Dance & Performance, to Photo & Print, Pottery & Glass, Textiles & Fibres and Sculpture & Structure. Workshops and activities are all very reasonably priced and some are free.

For further information or bookings please call the Centre on 9791 1256.

City of Bunbury Unleashed Holiday Program

The City of Bunbury Unleashed program has a great range of fun, creative, adventurous and sporting activities this school holidays for 10-17 year olds. Featuring Beatbox and Rap Workshop, Youth Olympics, and an Adventure Day. Activities cost \$25 with lunch provided. Reservations are essential. Booking forms are available at Student Services until Thursday 15 December. Alternatively booking forms can be found at the City of Bunbury office, other local businesses and online www.bunbury.wa.gov.au.

Chaplain's Corner

Thank you to staff, students and parents/carers who donated food tins for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. I have handed over 3 large boxes to the Bunbury Salvation Army to distribute to families doing it tough at Christmas time.

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents/carers for getting through another busy school year. I trust you will have an enjoyable Christmas, New Year and school holidays. I trust everyone will stay safe on the roads if you are travelling.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS