

BSHS Newsletter – Term 4 - Issue 10 – 2017

From the Principal

We recently held a Farewell Dinner for the Year 12 group which was attended by the majority of the students and approximately 25 staff. This was a new event in the Year 12 calendar replacing the farewell breakfast traditionally held on the last day of Term 3.

Congratulations to all the students who attended. They displayed a very mature manner and this contributes to the positive relationships they have with their teachers and the regard in which they are held by all staff. It seems that this will be an ongoing event for Year 12 in the future.

This week, the Year 11s commenced their final exams for the year and when these are finished, it is time for the Year 12 ATAR group to sit their final exams. On behalf of all staff I would like to wish the 12s the very best for their exams. I look forward to when we gather with this group for the final time at the Presentation Ceremony on 27 November in the Gymnasium.

Congratulations to Todd Brown who is a member of our School Board, and now a City of Bunbury Councillor. Todd has been a most valuable and respected member of the Board and we all congratulate him on his recent election.

Attendance is an area that our school is keen to improve and this can only be done with the cooperation of the school and all parents. While I understand the advantages of removing students from school for family holidays, this is not a practice that can be condoned and as such these absences are recorded as unauthorised.

Teachers at Bunbury High have a genuine concern when students in their classes miss school for any reason and they will make every effort to assist a student to catch up when they return. This, however, is not the expectation when a student is absent for a family holiday and I ask all parents to respect the school's position on this.

Finally, the first meeting with the architect of the building upgrade has taken place and over the next few months we will be negotiating the scope of the build from the school perspective. There is a reasonable amount of flexibility in what the building offers the school and it will be important to consider current and future needs so that we get best value for money.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Reporting

Parents of students in Years 7 – 10 will receive their child's end-of-semester report in Week 10 of this term. The Semester 2 reports will feature an improved set of seven *Attitude, Behaviour* and *Effort* statements (up from five statements previously), aimed at better identifying each student's strengths and challenges within their various class learning environments.

Individual subject comments for each student will be replaced with a generic subject statement, which will outline the learning program that was covered during the semester. Together with

achievement grades at the strand and/or subject level, this information will ensure that the new reports remain rich in information, while reducing the time pressure involved in their production. Ultimately, this will allow teachers more time to plan and prepare, and enable teaching programs to continue further into the term.

During 2018, a number of new initiatives will be introduced to ensure that parents have access to even more information about their child's achievements, including real-time assessment data.

If you have any questions about reporting of student achievement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Lower School

Year 8 Immunisation

Year 8 Students are scheduled for Immunisation on Thursday, 16th November.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager School Operations

Year 10 University Visit

As part of the academic program for current Year 10 students enrolled in ATAR courses in 2018, an excursion to Perth has been planned in which students will undertake brief tours of the University of WA and Curtin University.

Our aim is to have students gain an introductory understanding of tertiary opportunities available post-school, as well as the range of academic and recreational facilities available at a tertiary institution. It is hoped that the experience will help each student to set appropriate school-related achievement goals throughout Year 11 and Year 12.

Date: Wednesday 6th December (Week 9)

Cost: Funded by the school.

Attendance: Compulsory.

Time: 7.30am departure from the front lawn. Arrival back at school will be approximately 5.30pm.

Lunch: Will be provided

Additional items required: water bottle, snacks and other personal items as necessary. School uniform is compulsory.

An invitation will be sent via Consent2Go, as per normal excursion policy, to parents/carers of Year 10 students who have enrolled in ATAR courses in 2018.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the event organiser, Mrs Louise Carr, on 9781 2500.

Mrs Lou Carr, Science Teacher

Senior School

Year 11 Workplace Learning Reporting

Year 11 Workplace Learning (WPL) reporting closes on 6 November 2017. All students have been advised to submit logbook hours and skills journals before that date to allow processing time.

All students who have completed the WPL program should submit logbooks now.

I take this opportunity to thank all students for their efforts, and parents for supporting the program, and I hope many of you achieve the apprenticeship, traineeship or position you are after.

Take care 'til we meet again.

Ms Liz Chambers, WPL Co-ordinator

All Students

Iluka Visions Winners

Congratulations to our ILUKA Visions winners listed below with the accompanying judges' comments.

Winner Year 7 : Adin Smith

Self Portrait, pencil on paper.

Hauntingly beautiful, a work which really captures the soul of the person. Outstanding work for a Year 7, with incredible perspective.

Winner Year 9 : Saoirse Torr

Claustrophobia, charcoal and pastels.

A very expressive work with lots of depth. It has a wonderful moodiness which generates real feelings of discomfit, and captures the experience of claustrophobia perfectly.

Winner Year 10 : Tameka Armstrong,

Ugly World, white paper clay, wire and glaze.

Uncomfortably beautiful, challenging and thought provoking with a delicate colour palette.

Conceptually strong, and the judges could see the artist challenging her own understanding of her subject matter.

Mr Paul Reynolds, HOLA The Arts

Community

Canteen News

Make sure you come and see our lovely new items on the summer menu.

- Granola Summer Cup (yoghurt, fresh Berries and Granola)
- Pulled pork and slaw Roll
- BBQ Chicken Caesar Salad, just to name a few.

This time of the year we are in great need of volunteers. If you have any time to spare please call Debbie McGinley (Manager) 9781 2566 or email Debbie.mcginley@education.wa.edu.au . We look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie McGinley, Canteen Manager

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.

Kylie Ward, Manager School Operations

Cyber Safety Presentation

This term the P&C are hosting a presentation on Cyber Safety to be delivered by Nola Marino on Wednesday, 8 November. A General P&C meeting will be held from 6 – 6.45pm and the presentation will follow and finish at 8.30pm.

All are welcome to this free event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Emotional Intelligence Workshops

Last month your P&C hosted an introductory workshop titled 'Developing Emotional Intelligence in Your Teen'. The response was amazing and we would like to thank all the parents and students who attended this event. The P&C are planning an extended program on this topic to be presented by Parenting Connections W.A. which will be run over four weeks in 2018.

The course involves 4 x 3 hour workshops to be held in the school library each Tuesday evening, from the 8th -29th of May.

Jeannie Lewis, P&C Secretary

Chaplain's Corner

I hope you are coping well through this busy time of year. I wish the Year 12's all the best for their ATAR exams and I hope they achieve what they had planned. Please call me at the school if I can be a support to you or your child.

I also have Scripture Union (SU) Camp forms for the summer holidays if any students are interested.

Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

23 – 31 October 2017	Year 11 Exams
28 October 2017	WA Junior Maths Olympiad
30 October 2017	Hackathon, Selected Year 10s, Civics Excursion
31 October 2017	Board Meeting, 5.30pm
1 November 2017	Year 11 Exams catch up day
1 November 2017	Performing Arts Night, PAC, 5.30pm
1 - 21 November 2017	WACE Exams
3 November 2017	Year 11, Last day for PAIS Students
6-10 November 2017	Year 11, SIDE Exams
6 November 2017	Year 11, ATAR students return
6 November 2017	Home Room Quiz
7 November 2017	Year 7, HASS Market Day, Lunch 1 & 2
7 November 2017	T20 Cricket Blast Carnival
8 November 2017	P & C Meeting, Cyber Safety Presentation, 6pm
8 -10 November 2017	Year 9 BEST Camp
9 November 2017	Year 10, Scitech Criminology, Period 3 & 4
10 November 2017	Staff v Student Frisbee Challenge, Lunch 2 Oval
13 -14 November 2017	Year 9 Geography Field Work
16 November 2017	Year 8 Immunisation
16 November 2017	Music Showcase Evening
20-24 November 2017	Year 10 Exams
23 November 2017	French & Indonesian Excursion, Perth Zoo
23 November 2017	SHED, Maiden's Excursion
24 November 2017	Year 11, Last day for ATAR students
27 November 2017	Year 12 Presentation Ceremony, Gym, 6.30pm
28 November 2017	Whole School Assembly, Period 1
28 November 2017	Board Meeting, 5.30pm
29-30 November 2017	Year 10 Criminology Excursion, Bunbury Courthouse
4-8 December 2017	VASP Melbourne Trip
5 December 2017	Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day
6 December 2017	Year 10 ATAR Pathway Students, Uni Visit
6-7 December 2017	Year 10 Criminology Excursion, Bunbury Courthouse
6-7 December 2017	Year 8 BEST Camp
7 December 2017	SHED, Amazing Race
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