

BSHS Newsletter – Term 4 - Issue 11 – 2017

From the Principal

The past few weeks have been busy with the WACE External Exams, Year 11 Exams and the Year 10 Exams will be held in Week 7. Whilst these assessments are essential components of the teaching and learning program, there is some disruption to the school routine to enable us to adhere to the conditions that are essential for exams, particularly the WACE.

The Leadership Team have recently reviewed the Year 10 Exams for second semester 2018 and a decision has been made that these exams should only be compulsory for those students in ATAR preparation classes or those who wish to do an ATAR program the following year. Parents will be formally advised of this change next year.

Our Year 12s have completed the WACE External Exams and they now have the presentation ceremony as their next and final appointment as a student at Bunbury SHS. The ceremony is to be held in our school gymnasium on November 27 commencing at 6:30pm. A number of community members and local members of parliament will be in attendance and we will welcome Dr Rose Devereaux back to the school as the special guest speaker. I would like to thank all those staff who have been involved in the organisation of this evening and wish all Year 12s the very best for their future.

Early in December, families will receive information from the school in relation to contributions and charges for 2018. Whilst some of the costs are of a voluntary nature, the School Board has the expectation that all families will make every effort to meet the costs involved in their child's education. Bunbury SHS makes every effort to keep costs to a minimum so children have equal access to a range of learning opportunities. When parents pay their share of the costs then that enables the school to improve on a quality program.

All costs for courses and additional costs associated with attending the school, are approved by the School Board. Parents who are struggling to meet the costs are encouraged to speak with Glenda Smith, Manager Corporate Services to negotiate a payment plan.

Finally, congratulations to all students in Year 7 for the very successful HaSS Market Day. Feedback from students, teachers and the community has been extremely positive and focused on the value of such a practical learning experience and the innovation by students. Congratulations to Ms Kerr and her helpers for another wonderful Market Day.

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

Student Reports

Final reports for Year 11 students will be emailed on Friday, 24 November (Week 7). Families without a current email address will receive the reports by post shortly afterwards.

The process for finalising the Year 7 - 10 reports will occur in the next few weeks. As was outlined in the previous newsletter, the lower school reports will feature new Attribute statements as well as subject-specific generic information which describe student's curriculum experiences. While the reports will be somewhat different to the outgoing version, they remain rich in information for parents and carers.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Lower School

NAPLAN Online

Bunbury SHS has recently been confirmed as one of a limited number of schools which will move fully online for NAPLAN assessments in 2018. The use of online capabilities will support contemporary assessment methodologies, including flexible responses to student's answers during assessments. The data resulting from online assessment will be more fine-grained and will be available at the school level for diagnostic purposes considerably faster than can occur with pen and paper testing. More information will be provided for parents/carers early in 2018.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice-Principal

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 6 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 has been sent via Consent2Go, as per normal excursion policy, to parents/carers of Year 10 students who have enrolled in ATAR courses in 2018. Could you please respond to this email if you haven't already done so, as soon as possible.

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 and 12 students applying for work, apprenticeships, traineeships, TAFE or other training are encouraged to collect the workplace learning logbook and employer assessment sheet. This is evidence of work experience and can make students more competitive.

Ms Liz Chambers, WPL Coordinator

All Students

ATAR Head Start Courses

Start the new school year with confidence! Enrolments are currently open for Year 11 & 12 ATAR Head Start courses during the January Summer holidays with Academic Task Force at Churchlands Senior High School and Rossmoyne Senior High School. Their Premium Head Start Program will provide an overview of the syllabus for your courses. You will receive expert teaching, preview important concepts and get an academic boost for the year ahead. To enrol visit the Academic Task Force website at www.academictaskforce.com.au

Ms Kelly Anderson, Deputy Principal

Community

2018 STEAM Visual Arts Project

Wanted, any old battery operated or wind-up toys for a STEAM focused visual arts project in 2018. Even if they are not working any longer they will be given new life in 2018. Please deliver to the Art rooms or front office to Mr Reynolds.

Mr Paul Reynolds, HoLA The Arts

Bailey Hill – Shave for a Cure

One of our 2017 prefects, Bailey Hill shaved his dreadies off at school last term to raise funds for Cancer research through the Shave for a Cure initiative. He has added up his tally and he raised \$1,205.00 that has been donated to this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who supported Bailey with this fundraising venture.

Ms Kelly Anderson, Deputy Principal

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

P&C Cyber Safety Presentation

The P&C recently hosted Nola Marino's presentation on cyber safety. We'd like to thank all the parents who attended. It was a very interesting evening with some eye-opening information about our children's and our own use of the internet. If you missed this one, we are looking at holding another presentation on this topic early next year. Thank you to Nola for her time and passion on this issue.

Jeannie Lewis, P&C Secretary

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

Chaplain's Corner

Salvo's Christmas Appeal

I would like to invite all students, staff and parents/carers to join in our collection of non-perishable items that would bring joy to someone who has very little at Christmas. I will deliver the items to the Salvation Army in Bunbury. Collection boxes will be in Student Services and the Staff Room until the end of Week 9.

Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

1 - 21 November 2017	WACE Exams
20-24 November 2017	Year 10 Exams
23 November 2017	SHED, Maiden's Excursion
24 November 2017	T20 Cricket Blast Carnival
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	Year 10 ATAR Pathway Elevate Seminars, Period 4 & 5
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
5 December 2017	Uniform Shop, Additional hours: 8am -4pm
5-6 December 2017	Year 8 BEST Camp
6 December 2017	Year 10 ATAR Pathway Students, Uni Visit
6-7 December 2017	Year 10 Criminology Excursion, Bunbury Courthouse
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
24 January 2018	School Office re-opens
29 January 2018	Teaching Staff resume
31 January 2018	Students commence