

BSHS Newsletter – Term 1 - Issue 1 – 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I understand that many of you will be anxiously awaiting Craige Pettit's permanent replacement. Craige was an exceptional, caring leader whose legacy is embedded in the history and future of this school. "Secondary School of the Year 2019" was a fabulous reward for him and the school's community.

The selection process for the new Principal is still being finalised. Interviews have finished and your new leader will arrive at the beginning of second term. In the meantime, I will do my best to support the continued smooth operations of the school. It may take me some time to get to know everyone so please introduce yourself.

The departure of Craige and the genuinely respected and appreciated Vice Principal, Ian Lockhart, for whom I had the greatest respect, has increased the challenges for the school's leadership team to maintain the standards that he set. Having said that, I am confident that Kelly Anderson (Vice Principal) and Adam McGill (Deputy Principal) have the professional skills and enthusiasm to provide the same level of service to which you are accustomed.

To those of you who do not know me, I was Principal at Australind SHS for thirteen years. I loved almost every moment of my time there.

The danger for me and I suspect the school community is that I operate as a minder during term one. Let me assure you that I see my role very clearly, and I intend to be the Principal here until the end of term and enact those responsibilities expected of me. I have a keen interest in school performance and, in particular, the audit and review of student performance.

I am sure that you will find me, approachable, supportive and professional. This is a great school clearly treasured by those of us lucky enough to be here.

Greg Slavin, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

BYOD

At Bunbury SHS we have a Bring Your Own Device program. Students use their iPads in their classes on a regular basis and teachers utilise the technology to provide engaging learning opportunities. They use literacy and numeracy apps for those with learning difficulties, programs like Minecraft Education in HASS, English and Mathematics, Google Earth in HASS to learn about geography, recording physical actions in sport to play back and analyse and many other ways.

Technology has moved beyond word processing. If your student doesn't currently have a device, we will provide them in class where possible. If you would like to purchase one through our supplier, please go to the [link](#) and use the password **Kingia**. A parent information session about our BYOD program will be held soon, keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.

If you have any questions about the BYOD program, please contact Ms Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal, on kelly.anderson@education.wa.edu.au

Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal

Parent Survey

Each year we conduct a survey to gather data about how we are going and to highlight areas of success and areas needing development. We hope that you will take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#) . Your feedback helps us to continue to provide a quality education for your children.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ms Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal, on kelly.anderson@education.wa.edu.au

Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal

Contributions and Charges

The 2020 Contributions and Charges, are available on the [Bunbury SHS website](#).

The booklet outlines the costs associated with sending your child to Bunbury SHS. We have continued our commitment to keep costs to a minimum while maintaining an interesting and engaging curriculum. All costs outlined in the booklet have been endorsed by the School Board in accordance with the Education Act 1999.

Itemised invoices will be posted out in Week 4 & 5 once subject selections have been finalised. We encourage early payment and accept various forms of payment detailed below.

There are several available payment options :

BPay: **Biller code 300335 (reference # quoted on statement)**

Direct Deposit: **BSB: 016560 Ac# 340825826**

Credit Card: by phone **9781 2500** or in person

Cash payable at Administration

If you wish to discuss alternative payment options or set up a payment plan, please contact the Accounts Officer on 9781 2500.

[2020 Secondary Assistance \(SAS\) Application Form](#) - The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family. Forms need to be submitted by **Thursday 9 April 2020**.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Sue Gledhill, Manager Corporate Services

LOWER SCHOOL

Year 7 & 8 Twilight Picnic and Movie Night

Bunbury SHS in conjunction with our P&C will be hosting a Year 7 & 8 Twilight Picnic followed by a movie night on Friday 13 March commencing from 5pm. Families can bring their own food or buy a sausage sizzle from the P&C.

There will be activities and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you there.

Further details will be posted on Facebook.

Year 7 Immunisation

Year Immunisation for HPV Dose 1 & booster of dTpa will be given in Week 9, Thursday 2 April. Please return your permission forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

The Little Hoo Haa

Year 7 Students have an opportunity to participate in an improvised drama production on Friday, 27 March in Periods 2 and 3. Detailed information will be distributed through Consent2Go.

Mark Woodland, PC English

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 12 Ball

Bunbury SHS The Great Gatsby Year 12 Ball will be held at BREC on Saturday 7 March 2020. The Ball is by invitation only and outside partner forms have now closed. Permission slips need to be returned with payment of \$135 per ticket, to the front office from Monday 24 February 2020 until Monday 2 March 2020.

Sarah Barrett & Danelle Field, Ball Coordinators

ALL STUDENTS

Homework Club Resumes for 2020

Bunbury Senior High School 'Homework Club' operates in our school library from 3.00-4.15pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each day there will be a minimum of one teacher from the Humanities, Maths and Science areas that can help students with their homework or assessment tasks.

Please encourage your child/ren to utilise this fantastic service in our beautiful air conditioned venue. Our staff are only too willing to help your child reach their full potential.

Leanne Risdon, Elizabeth Poller and Peter Barratt

Between the Lines Festival

Between the Lines Literature Festival will take place at Bunbury Senior High School and the City of Bunbury Library on Wednesday 1 April. Students have an opportunity to work with Australian authors and explore a range of topics.

Detailed information is being distributed through Consent2Go.

Cinefest Oz Film Master Class

Open to all Year 10-12 students - the aim of the Masterclass is to upskill students interested in filmmaking and creating digital content, and inspire all looking to enter the Cinesnaps Short Film Competition. It will be held at Bunbury Senior High School on Wednesday, 18 March, and students will have an opportunity to work with Myles Pollard.

Mark Woodland, PC English

COMMUNITY

School Photo Day

This is a friendly reminder that School Photo Day is Tuesday, 25 February. Please remind your student/s to bring their envelope to school on Tuesday, even if you do not wish to purchase photo packages. If you are purchasing photos you must include your payment details on the envelope and students will give the envelope directly to the photographer on the day. **No** payments are collected at the school level.

OLNA

Some students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be required to sit the OLNA commencing in Week 5 through until the end of Week 6. OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. In order to demonstrate the required literacy and numeracy standards for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), some students are expected to sit this assessment.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find out more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au.

Students who are required to sit OLNA will be advised and a schedule provided. Catch up sessions will also be made available should a student be absent on day of their scheduled testing. Students will have the opportunity of practice sessions in Week 5.

Host Families Needed

Bunbury Senior High School is hosting a group of Japanese high school students from 26 March – 3 April and we are looking for families within the school community who are willing to host. Hosting gives your family a wonderful opportunity to make an international friendship and integrate a new family member into your daily routine. You will also receive a payment of \$405 for hosting a student. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gold Intercultural Learning by email homestay@goldil.com.au or 0438 871 451.

Adam McGill, Deputy Principal

SCHOOLTV ME

It's never been more challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children. Like never before, parents need to be informed with clear, fact-based information on the many challenges faced by today's youth. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many others need clear explanation and guidance.

SchoolTV is a new ongoing resource that is now available to our parents. Each edition will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more. SchoolTV aggregates information from many great resources such as BeyondBlue and ReachOut, amongst others. SchoolTV provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents time and confusion of searching online across multiple sites for information. You can access the SchoolTV archive here: <https://bunburyshs.wa.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>

Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

House Point Application

Many students at Bunbury Senior High School are selected to represent their region, WA or Australia in various fields of endeavour, or they participate in significant competitions/events out of school. The school seeks to acknowledge these achievements within our House System through awarding of House Points.

The specific categories are as follows:

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing Australia in an International Competition.

STATE REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing an organisation at a State competition.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing Western Australia at a National level.

OUT OF SCHOOL EVENT

Representing Western Australia at a National level.

Significant representation/participation in a non-school organised competition/event.

In order to be awarded House Points, students can apply for recognition by completing and submitting an online form (available on our website). Please attach evidence to support your application. Points gained by students, contribute to the totals of their respective House.

The House Application is available on our website:

<https://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au/policies-publications.html>

COMMUNICATION

Correct Contact Details

It is important to keep the school updated with your current email address as student information is generally 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. We are also now on [Twitter @BunburyShs](#)

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/

Parents of students in Specialist & GAT Programs, we now have a Facebook page for each of these programs:

- VASP - [Bunbury SHS VASP Program](#)
- BEST - [Bunbury SHS Best Program](#)
- GAT - [Bunbury SHS Gifted & Talented Program](#)

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.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to a new school year. I have been going down to the beach with a few Phys Ed classes as an extra helper. It has been a good way to get to know students in these classes and to be a support to the teacher as an extra staff member supervising at the beach.

This term I'm looking forward to joining in with the Year 12 Ball, Year 8 Market Day and the P&C Movie Night just to name a few.

If I can be a support to you or your child at the school, please contact me at the school or leave a message for me at Student Services.

Deon Throne, YouthCARE Chaplain

Canteen

We have added some exciting new items to our Canteen menu including Chia puddings and half salad wraps and roles at Lunch 1. Students can check the Menu board as we are introducing new lines on the lunch Menu.

We are always looking for extra volunteers to help out on our roster. If you have some spare time from 10am- 2pm we will make you most welcome. Phone 9781 2566 from 6am-2.15pm to advise your availability. Thank you.

Debbie, Sharon and Louise

IMPORTANT DATES

25 February 2020	School Photo Day
25 February 2020	Zoo Psychology Excursion P2-3 Year 12, ECU Bunbury
25 February 2020	SW Debating Development Day
25 February 2020	Interschool Cricket
25 February 2020	Year 5 Parent, SIM Info Meeting
26 -28 February 2020	Year 7 BEST Camp
26 February 2020	Interschool Cricket
27 February 2020	Year 10 Road Trauma Expo, SHED & PBL groups
27 February 2020	Board Meeting, 5pm Board Room
2 March 2020	Labour Day Public Holiday
3-13 March 2020	OLNA
4 March 2020	No Homework Club – Staff Meeting
4-5 March 2020	Year 9 Science, Dolphin Discovery Excursion
5 March 2020	Interschool Cricket
7 March 2020	Year 12 School Ball
9 March 2020	Prefects Leadership Conference, Perth
9 March 2020	Interschool Swimming Trials, Period 4&5
10 March 2020	Year 8 HASS Market Day
10 March 2020	School Photo Catch up Day
10 -13 March 2020	Year 7 GAT IMMC Collaborative activity
11 March 2020	Interschool Cricket
11-12 March 2020	Year 9 VASP Fremantle Camp
11-12 March 2020	Criminology Excursion, in class time
13 March 2020	World Maths Day
13 March 2020	South West Debating Development Day
13 March 2020	Have Sum Fun Maths Senior School (after school)
13 March 2020	Year 7/8 Twilight Picnic & P&C Movie Night
14 March 2020	GAT Application Testing