

## **BSHS Newsletter – Term 1 - Issue 2 – 2018**

### **From the Principal**

The Bunbury High Centenary celebrations that took place on 2 and 3 March were an outstanding success and a fabulous promotion for our school.

The two-day program commenced on Friday morning with a whole school assembly which included a number of speakers followed by some amazingly talented musicians who had many of the staff dancing in the aisles. Student 'voices from the past' gave the audience an insight to life at various times in the school's history and our Head Girl and Head Boy provided a very thoughtful introduction to the proceedings that followed the assembly.

The Open Day was attended by well over 1000 people, some of whom had attended the school in the 1930s. They were treated to tours of the school and the decade displays put together by our staff.

The celebration concluded on Saturday night with a formal dinner at the Lord Forrest Hotel. This was attended by over 120 guests, some of who had travelled from the eastern states to be here.

A highlight of the weekend was the launch of our history book "100 Years of Opportunities" which can be purchased at the school. It is an extremely interesting read and a quality hard cover production.

As I write this message, we are now all back doing what good schools do!

The School Board has the open meeting on 19 March at 6:30pm in the school library. Included in this meeting will be election of new members and consideration of amendments to our Terms of Reference. The proposed changes are related to a need to increase the number of parents on the board. Those changes can be viewed in this newsletter.

Nominations from interested parents is welcome and these can be submitted online using the link below.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about either of these items for the School Board.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

### **Administration**

#### **School Board Vacancies**

There are up to three vacancies for parents on the Bunbury Senior High School Board, each with a term of three (3) years.

You can find out more about the role of our Board on the school website.

If you wish to nominate for a position on the Board, you must complete the nomination form at: <https://bunburyshs.wufoo.eu/forms/phusz5o0rwtutz/> You may need to copy and paste the link into your web browser.

Enquiries can be made with Mr Craige Pettit, Principal on 97812500.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

### **Parent-Teacher Interview Afternoon**

On Wednesday 11 April (Week 11), classes will finish at 1.00pm and students will be dismissed. Starting at 1.30pm (and concluding at 5.30pm), teachers will be available to meet with parents to discuss individual student progress.

Students who are unable to make their way home at 1.00pm will be supervised at school until 3.00pm. The bus schedule will run as normal.

Details of how to access the online system to book interviews with your child's teachers will be forwarded to each family by post in Week 8.

Parent-teacher interview sessions are an important component in how secondary schools report student achievement information, therefore all parents are encouraged to be involved.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

### **Lower School**

#### **Bell Shakespeare – Shakespeare is Dead drama production**

Incursion - Bell Shakespeare - Shakespeare is Dead drama production.  
Thursday 2 August 2018, Period 1 only.  
Bunbury Senior High School Performing Arts Centre.  
Cost is \$11 per student.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

#### **Between the Lines Literature Festival**

Between the Lines Literature Festival details have changed.

Date: Wednesday 4 April 2018.

Venue: Bunbury Senior High School Library.

Periods 2-5.

Students participating attend their normal Period 1 class before moving to their allocated sessions Periods 2-5. A timetable will be provided to students closer to the event.

Students will attend four sessions with different authors exploring a wide range of different text types and topics.

Students are able to purchase books and get them signed on the day.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

## **Studiosity**

FREE study help, anywhere. Get live help online in Maths, English, Science and more.

All senior school students were given an activation card for Studiosity with instructions to activate your free account. If misplaced, a replacement card is available in Administration.

Studiosity is now also available on mobile.

This app can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play. Download the app so you can:

- Save a question for later
- Snap & upload a photo of a problem
- Get notifications and review your writing feedback
- Use voice to text
- Review past sessions

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

## **All Students**

### **House Athletics Carnival**

The annual House Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 26 March at the Bunbury Athletics Arena.

Students will have the opportunity to register for the various events during homeroom.

There will also be novelty events and fun activities to ensure all students are engaged in the carnival.

Mr Adam McGill, PC Health & Physical Education

### **WADL Debating Competition**

If you are interested in participating in an after-school debating competition, please register your interest with Mr Woodland in the English Learning Area.

Competition details.

Venue: Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School

Approximate times

Year 7/8: 4pm (arrive at 3.45pm)

Year 9/10: 4.30pm (arrive at 4.15pm)

Year 11/12: 5.00pm (arrive at 4.45pm)

Dates:

Round One: 10th of May

Round Two: 24th of May

Round Three: 7th of June

Round Four: 21st of June

Round Five: 26th of July

Semi-Finals: 9th of August

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

### **Homework Club 2018**

In order to support students' learning and to assist them to reach their potential we encourage all families to support our 'Homework Club' that operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3.00-4.15pm in our school library. Each day there will be a minimum of two teachers from the Humanities/English and Maths/Science areas who can help students with their homework or assessment tasks.

Please encourage your child to utilise this fantastic service and beautiful venue. The library is air conditioned and our staff are only too willing to help your child reach their full potential.

Ms Liz Poller & Mrs Leanne Risdon, Career and Vocational Education, and Mr Peter Barratt, Mathematics Teacher

### **Community**

#### **School Board Open Meeting**

The annual open meeting of our School Board will take place at 6:30pm in the school Library on Monday 19 March.

The following items of business are conducted at this open meeting;

Election of new members

Election of Chair

Confirmation of meeting days and times, and

Amendment to the Terms of Reference. (see below)

The proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference are as follows;

6.3 The number of members of the School Board will be fifteen (15) – Previously thirteen (13).

6.5

The composition of the Board will be:

iii. seven (7) parents. Previously five (5)

iv Delete the following item as it does not comply with Department policy.

"a member (either a parent or general community member) of the Bunbury Senior High School Parents and Citizens Association or another association of the school referred to in SEA s.149 in relation to the school or group of schools that the school belongs (SER r.107(1)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv))"

10.1

As the Board has 15 members, 9 members constitute a quorum. – Previously 7.

12.7

The explanation of an absolute majority is incorrect in the current document. It should read:

As the Board has 15 members, then an absolute majority is 8 votes.

If only 9 people attend a meeting, which constitutes a quorum, 8 votes are still required to form an absolute majority.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

## **P&C News**

The P&C recently held a successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings, raising money to help with the school's centenary celebrations. On the open day itself we ran a food and drink stall to provide refreshment for the many visitors to the school. We could not conduct these services without the tireless effort of our parent community and would like to sincerely thank the Bazeley, Williams, Ogden, Lewis, Bateman, Oddy, Myles, Mayne and Willis families as well as Athena Sofilas, Debbie McGinley, Marianne Bondarczuk, Tim Doig and Mary Noble. Thank you all so much for your generous support.

Upcoming dates to watch

21st March 7pm Cyber Safety workshop, presented by Nola Marino. Nola presents a passionate and informative seminar on this topic, outlining potential pitfalls in the way we use the internet and the ways in which our information can be used by others.

For those attending the Triple P workshop earlier in the evening and wishing to stay for the presentation, there will be a light supper offered between 6pm and 7pm in the school library conference room.

4th April 6pm Next General P&C meeting and the AGM in the school library.

Mr Geoff Ogden, P&C President

## **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/](http://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](mailto: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**

What an exciting term!! I really enjoyed Bunbury High's Centenary Celebrations. A huge thank you to all the staff who organised the event and to those who attended on the day.

I'm also looking forward to attending the Year 12 Ball soon and celebrating the special night with our Year 12 students.

I hope your year is going well so far.

Feel free to have a chat with me if I can be a support to you.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain



**Audience:** School Community  
**Location:** Bunbury Senior School Library  
**Date:** Tuesday, 27 March  
**Time:** 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Youth Focus, a leading service provider in youth mental health, has developed a mental health program in partnership with Black Dog Institute that is designed to 'Start the conversation' around mental health in schools and local communities.

An information session has been organised to increase awareness of common mental health issues that young people may face; particularly depression and anxiety.

The presentation is aimed at helping parents to understand more about mental health and mental illness in their children and other family members and assist them to find appropriate help. It also provides participants with the confidence to seek help if they are struggling with a mental illness.

Additionally, all Year 10 students will be participating in a mental health workshop on Tuesday 27 March and we will host the annual Hawaiian Ride for Youth tour on Friday 23 March.

An invitation is extended to all parents and guardians of students within our school community to attend this event.

Regards

**Tim Fry**  
Student Services Manager  
Year 9/10 Program Coordinator

7 March 2017

*Youth Focus is a unique not for profit WA organization that supports vulnerable young people and their families across Western Australia by offering free non time limited professional counselling in schools and offices throughout the state. Youth Focus's mission is to put a stop to youth suicide and a key strategy in this, is the provision of mental health training across the broad spectrum.*

*Youth Focus counsellors help young people build resilience and empower them with the tools to navigate periods of mental health issues now and in the future.*

For more information on Youth Focus' services, phone 6266 4333 or visit [youthfocus.com.au](http://youthfocus.com.au)

## IMPORTANT DATES

6-16 March 2018	OLNA Testing
10 March 2018	Senior School Ball
12 March 2018	School Photo Catch up Day
12-23 March 2018	Year 12, Workplace Learning
13-14 March 2018	Year 11, Outdoor Education Snorkelling
14 March 2018	Year 9-12, Youth Literature Day at BCGS
16 March 2018	Young Writer's Day, BSHS PAC
17 March 2018	GAT Testing
19 March 2018	2019 BEST/VASP Applications open
20 March 2018	Board Meeting, 5.30pm
23 March 2018	Hawaiian Ride for Youth
23 March 2018	Year 8 HASS Market Day
26 March 2018	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
27 March 2018	Youth Focus Presentation 6-7.30pm BSHS Library
30 March – 3 April 2018	Good Friday, Easter Monday & Tuesday
4 April 2018	P & C AGM 6pm General Meeting – followed by AGM 7pm
4 April 2018	Nola Marino visit - HaSS
5 April 2018	Between the Lines
9-10 April 2018	Year 7 GAT Camp
10 April 2018	Year 12 Sport & Rec Surfing Camp
11 April 2018	Parent Interview Afternoon & Evening
11 April 2018	Whole School Assembly
13 April 2018	Whole School Assembly – ANZAC Service – Pd4
14 April 2018	School Holidays commence