

Issue 3 – Term 1, 2017

From the Principal

With the first school term of 2017 about to reach a close, I want to reflect on some of the significant events and issues that have presented since the students commenced in February.

The first of these is the almost seamless integration of our new Year 7 cohort into the school. The students have settled in wonderfully, as expected, and based on my conversations with them around the school, they are relishing the variety of learning programs and the teacher support that is available to them. The transition of students into the school is a process to which we devote considerable energy and I would like to acknowledge the key role of our Student Services team in this area.

A multitude of incursions and excursions have continued to provide excellent opportunities for students to extend their learning experiences and for teachers to enrich their classroom programs. Despite their unquestionable value, the process of providing incursions and excursions for students involves a considerable amount of paperwork by teachers and parents ahead of events. We will be attempting to minimise this by implementing a new online system, Connect2Go starting in Term 2, that will reduce the requirements for all involved.

Our success in interschool activities continued in Term 1. Teams representing the school in maths, swimming, cricket. Others found success in a range of competitions and matches. Congratulations to the students involved and my thanks to the staff who continue to give of their time willingly to allow these events to occur.

The annual open meeting of the School Board took place on 21 March. At that meeting Erin Van Noort was elected into the position of Board Chair, and two new Board members, Dr Steve Thomas and Geoff Upston were accepted as members on the board. In congratulating Erin on her new role, I wish to acknowledge Heather Percy for her dedicated work on the Board as a member and then as the Chair for the past three years. Heather was very busy behind the scene promoting our school and lobbying for the upgrades and maintenance needed at our school. Steve and Geoff come to the Board with significant experience in similar roles and I believe they will also make a fantastic contribution to the school.

Carl Beyboer was on the Board for five years and he also made an outstanding contribution to the school not just as a Board member but also as a parent with a great deal of interest in the school. I sincerely thank Heather and Carl for their contribution to Bunbury High.

Our School Officers have been busy conducting a data cleansing process this term – essentially updating and/or verifying the data relating to student information. I appreciate the cooperation offered by parents and carers to ensure that we have current information and that any changes since enrolment have been identified. One of the most significant outcomes of this process is that we have gathered reliable email information for the vast majority of our families. This should enable faster and more reliable communication going forward, while also reducing paper usage and reducing mailing costs.

Thank you to all staff, parents and students for a very successful commencement to Term 1. Have a safe and relaxing vacation.

Mr Craig Pettit, Principal

Administration

Secondary Assistance Scheme

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.

Parent or guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Applications close 7 April 2017.

Application forms are available from the school administration or from the school website.

Mrs Glenda Smith, Manager Corporate Services

Senior School

Year 11 Workplace Learning

Dates: 29 May to 9 June.

Students in the VET pathway for Year 11 will undertake a two week work placement in Term 2. Planning for this should be well underway. The support of parents in preparing and transporting their child to work placement is much appreciated. Enquiries can be made by contacting the school.

Ms Liz Chambers, WPL Officer

Community

Dracula – A play at BREC

Dracula

Friday 23 June

7.30pm

\$20 (concession is normally \$48).

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC)

Book directly by phone or in person at BREC and tell them you are a student at Bunbury SHS.

BREC: 1300 661 272

<http://www.bunburyentertainment.com/view/show-brec-presents/show-brec-present-dracula>

BREC has worked closely with Bunbury Senior High School to offer this special price. Please inform Ms Barrett when you have made a booking so that we can monitor numbers attending.

Mr Mark Woodland, Head of English

The Merchant of Venice

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A Shakespearean play performed by Bell Shakespeare

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC)

Saturday 5 August

7.30pm

\$30 per student (General public \$49)

Book directly by phone or in person at BREC and tell them you are a student at Bunbury SHS.

BREC: 1300 661 272

Your ticket also gets you free entry to a 75 minute Regional Access Workshop delivered by the Bell Shakespeare Company at BREC Monday 19 June, 3.30pm.

It is highly recommended that all Year 11 and 12 ATAR Literature, English and Drama students attend the play and workshop to support their understanding of drama.

BREC has worked closely with Bunbury Senior High School to offer this special price and combined workshop. Please inform Ms Barrett when you have made a booking so that we can monitor numbers attending.

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Advanced Reader Program

Is your child interested in reading books before they are released to the public? An opportunity exists for students to read and review books before they are released. They may even get to keep some of the books. Please contact Mr Woodland for more details.

Mr Mark Woodland, Head of English

Debating Competition

Debating dates:

Round One - Thursday May 4th (Week 2)
Round Two - Thursday May 11th (Week 3)
Round Three - Thursday May 25th (Week 5)
Round Four - Thursday June 8th (Week 7)
Round Five - Thursday June 22nd (Week 9)
Semi-Final - Thursday July 20th (Week 1)
Grand Final - Monday August 3rd (Week 3)

Debating occurs at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Year 7 Building.

Times:

Novices (Year 7 and 8 teams) 4:00- 4:30pm
Junior (Year 9 and 10 team) 4:30- 5:00pm
Senior (Year 11 and 12 team) 5:00-6:00pm

Debating Training:

Monday Lunch 1, Room 5.
Thursday Lunch 1, Room 5.

Mr Woodland, Head of English

Kingia Bunbury Senior High School Alumni

Bunbury Senior High School is working to establish the Kingia Alumni and encourages all former students and staff to register their interest in becoming a member.

In 2018 the school will celebrate its centenary, its history and traditions, our loyal and supportive community and the many outstanding students and teachers who have been part of its rich history.

We hope to build an alumni that fosters and facilitates connections amongst former students, staff and the community, and an alumni that will celebrate with us in 2018.

Please register and provide your contact details in the Alumni area of the school's website. You can contact us and visit us via Facebook at "Kingia Bunbury Senior High School Alumni" or alumni.bunburyshs@education.wa.ed.au. Alternatively call the office on 9781 2500.

Mrs Tyril Houghton

Bicycle Helmets

This term Penny the Nurse has seen 4 children for concussion related to falling off a bike or scooter. Only one of those pupils was wearing a helmet. If you sustain a serious brain injury, this could leave you seriously disabled, potentially for the rest of your life. In 1991, Australia was the first country to make it a law to wear a helmet while riding a bike.

Why Is Bicycle Safety So Important?

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

A Helmet How-To

Your helmet should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Wear a bike helmet EVERY TIME YOU RIDE, even if you are going for a short ride. Your bike helmet should fit you properly. You don't want it too small or too big. Never wear a hat under your bike helmet. If you're unsure if your helmet fits you well, ask someone at a bike store. Once you have the right helmet, you need to wear it the right way so it will protect you. It should be worn level and cover your forehead. Don't tip it back so your forehead is showing. The straps should always be fastened. If the straps are flying, it's likely to fall off your head when you need it most. Make sure the straps are adjusted so they're snug enough that you can't pull or twist the helmet around on your head.

Take care of your bike helmet and don't throw it around. That could damage the helmet and it won't protect you as well when you really need it. If you do fall down and put your helmet to the test, be sure to get a new one. They don't work as well after a major crash.

Penny Thornton, School Nurse

School Holiday Writing Courses

Due to the success of last year's initiative, Fremantle Speech Pathology Services is conducting school holiday writing courses once again in April. This course is great preparation for NAPLAN. Sessions for Years 5, 6, 7 and Years 7, 8 & 9 students will run during the school holidays. There are different times for the different years, which are outlined on the registration forms.

Week One:

Monday 10th April

Tuesday 11th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April

Week Two:

Tuesday 18th April

Wednesday 19th April

Thursday 20th April

Friday 21st April

The courses will be taught by an experienced Speech Pathologist in small groups of no more than 5 students. The cost is \$70 per two hour session. (\$280 in total)

The four days will be divided into:

1. Writing Narratives - this part of the course is designed to teach students about the elements of narrative construction, with a focus on design as well as content and grammar.
2. Writing to Persuade - this part of the course is designed to teach students about writing persuasive essays, with a focus on planning the argument and employing effective techniques.

All sessions will be conducted at the clinic – Unit 1 / 14 Cockburn Road, Hamilton Hill

For more information contact Jasmine Powell on 9433 4595 or email freospeech@westnet.com.au for further information regarding the groups.

Chaplain's Corner

I hope you have had a good term. A reminder the annual Rotary "Give a Damn, Give a Can" appeal will be on in Term 2. If you would like to participate we will have collection boxes in Student Services and the Staff Room from Week 2 to Week 4. Non-perishable items like cans of spaghetti, tinned fruit/vegies and pasta packs can be brought in and will be distributed to the In Town Lunch Centre, Vinnies, and the Salvation Army.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS