

BSHS Newsletter – Term 2 - Issue 4 – 2019

From the Principal

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN got underway this week and I wish all those students well for these tests. While the data is widely used to compare States, school and students, at Bunbury High it is of most value when we analyse the results of individual students or groups within the school and check the progress they have made since the previous test.

Comparing the current Year 9 cohort with the results they achieved in Year 7 is one of the best indicators of progress, and feedback from the past is that our students make very good progress from Year 7 to Year 9. One of the big areas of improvement has been in the Literacy aspects of NAPLAN and, while this is a whole school issue, there is no doubting that much of the improvement is accredited to our specialist Literacy teacher and EAs, and the English and HaSS learning areas.

Term 2 for Year 10 students is a particularly important time because they are becoming involved in their course selection for 2020. Year 10 students are already hearing about course options for Year 11 through their Career Education classes and their English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science class.

In 2020, Year 10 students have the option of three main pathways in the school. These are the ATAR pathway, the General pathway or the Vocational Education pathway. Each is very different so it is important for students to enquire into the pathway that is most relevant for them based on their academic history and interest areas.

Parents play an important role in this process so I urge all parents of Year 10 to attend any information sessions offered by the school. There are changes to the WA Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements for current Year 10 students. If you are a parent of a child who has been through, or is in, Senior School, then you should also attend these sessions to become familiar with the changes.

Finally, I have mentioned in previous newsletters that the school has funding for new buildings which include a long awaited cafeteria. At an assembly this term, I told the school that this process has been delayed and is now not likely to commence until at least the end of 2019. I can however, confirm that we will still be getting a new cafeteria before the end of 2020.

The School Board has a special meeting in Week 3 of this term to consider the options for moving forward on the project.

Mr Craig Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

New Payment Option

We now have the facility to make payments using BPay. Future contributions and charges notifications will identify the schools BPay information.

BPay Biller Code: 300355

Customer Reference: student number

BPAY NOTE: If you choose to make a payment from your Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard), you will incur a Cash Advance Fee. To avoid being charged a Cash Advance Fee, please ensure payment is made from one of the listed Debit Account types, not a Credit Card.

LOWER SCHOOL

OLNA Results

Students who were required to complete the March round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment will receive their results as part of the normal end-of-semester reporting processes. The small number of Year 11 and 12 students who have yet to successfully complete an aspect of OLNA have been mailed diagnostic data from the March round, which indicates their specific areas of challenge. A range of support mechanisms are available in the school to assist these students.

Parents who would like to know their child's status in relation to OLNA ahead of the Semester 1 Reports, should email me at ian.lockhart@education.wa.edu.au

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

YEAR 10 SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Each year 10 student would have already received an immunisation consent pack from the school to take home to their parent or guardian.

This pack contains information about the diseases protected against and a consent form.

Parents must read the information carefully and return the completed form to school, even if they choose not to have their child immunised.

Only students with a signed, completed form will be immunised. Parents may be contacted by the nurse to clarify information provided.

Immunisations will be taking place on Wednesday, 29 May.

For more information on school-based programs contact your school nurse, local government, community health immunisation clinic or your [public health unit](#).

If your child misses their second dose at school, visit your GP, Aboriginal Medical Service or community immunisation clinic (consultation fees may apply).

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

ALL STUDENTS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Host Families – Japanese Cultural Exchange

Bunbury Senior High School is hosting Japanese high school students on 28 July - 13 August 2019 and we are looking for families within the school community who are willing to give our exchange students a taste of our "Aussie" culture! 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 for hosting a student.

If you want to know the secret to hosting, watch the video and hear what a host family had to say: <https://www.facebook.com/goldil.com.au/videos/2420868314896602/>. Please contact Gold Intercultural Learning @goldil.com.au, email at homestay@goldil.com.au or or phone on 08 9444 7687 or if you are interested!

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

Deon is on Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of Term 2. In his absence Paul Reynolds (PC The Arts) is keeping the Breakfast Club going and our support workers will order the food from Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for their help.

Bunbury YouthCARE have organised a Maggie Dent seminar on 31 July on "Real Kids in an Unreal World: Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today's Children". It will be held at BREC and tickets are available from BREC.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

14 -23 May 2019	NAPLAN – Year 7 & 9 students
20 May 2019	2020 General Enrolments Open
21 May 2019	Year 12 Meeting Period 1
23 May 2019	WADL Debating Round 2
20 -29 May 2019	Year 7-10 GAT Big Science Competition Online
20 - 31 May 2019	Year 11, Work Place Learning
23 May 2019	Board Meeting, 5pm
28 May 2019	Digital Thumb Print e-safety workshops
29 May 2019	Year 9 – 12 AIME Excursion
27 May – 5 June 2019	Year 11 & 12 ATAR Exams
29 May 2019	Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation
29 May 2019	Year 9-12 AIME Excursion
30 May – 5 June 2019	Jazz Festival, Port Macquarie
31 May 2019	2020 BEST & VASP APPLICATIONS CLOSE
3 June 2019	WA Day – Public Holiday
4 June 2019	Year 12 Meeting Period 2
5 June 2019	Australian History Comp GAT and selected students
6 June 2019	WADL Debating Round 3
	Year 10 Presentation of Year 11 courses Period 3
	Prefect Event – Breast Cancer Fundraiser
7 June 2019	Year 7 VASP BRAG
12 June 2019	P & C Meeting 6pm in Library
	Year 11 OED Canoe Excursion
17 June 2019	Year 12 Meeting Period 5
	BEST Testing for 2020
18 June 2019	VASP Testing for 2020
	Year 12 OED Orienteering Excursion
	Year 9 -12 AIME Excursion
	ATAR Symposium for PAL and Economics Year 11 – Perth
19 June 2019	Careers Excursion Year 11 Students
20 June 2019	Youth Literature Day at BCGS Year 9 -12
24 June 2019	SWHS Netball Cup
28 June 2019	Prefect Event – Environmental Awareness – Clean Up
	Whole School Assembly- Country Week – Period
1-5 July 2019	Country Week
1-5 July 2019	Year 11 & 12 Work Place Learning
5 July 2019	Last day of school for Term 2

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS