

BSHS Newsletter – Term 2 - Issue 5 – 2018

From the Principal

At this time of semester, teachers are entering reporting data for the Semester 1 reports. The new reporting process, adopted in Semester 2, 2017, does not include teacher comments but instead, there is a generic comment on the work that has been covered this semester.

There were a number of reasons for changing our process and one of the positives that has come from the change is the focus on communicating with parents early in the semester when there are performance issues for your child. Communication may come in the form of letters of commendation or concern, telephone contact from the teacher (or from the parent), formal and informal teacher/parent meetings and Connect. A significant reason behind the change was the need to communicate earlier rather than later in the term, because that is when the opportunity to change or improve is going to be most beneficial. Ideally, your child's report should not be a surprise.

May has been the month of tests and exams. We commenced with the Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN Online, followed by the Year 12 then the Year 11 exams. Bunbury SHS is a NAPLAN Online trial school and our preparation with the IT and logistics ensured the testing went as smoothly as could be expected. The Year 7 and Year 9 students adapted extremely well to this format and they competently dispelled some of the 'myths' around issues they were likely to experience. A major bonus of NAPLAN Online is the early availability of results which are expected at the school level before the end of semester.

We are fully into planning for 2019 and all Year 10 students should have submitted their initial course preferences for Year 11. These preferences are used to create a grid from which students will finalise their six courses. Students and parents who require support with the process are encouraged to make appointments with Ms Anderson (ATAR) and Mr Walker (VET). This is one of the most important tasks students will have in high school and the involvement of parents is critical to supporting informed decisions.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Lower School

Sydney-Canberra Trip

Parents and students are reminded that the Sydney and Canberra Trip 2018 paperwork is due in to the Front Office by Friday 15 June. Please make sure you have updated any contact and medical information and advised us of your travel insurance details. If you haven't received your information pack, students should see Ms Paterson in Room 23. Not long to go now!

Ms Paterson, Trip Teacher in Charge

Senior School

Week 9, Term 2

During Week 9 of this term (the final week of term) a large number of senior school students will be participating in the annual Country Week carnival in Perth. As a result of this, normal Year 11 and 12 classes will be collapsed and those students remaining at school will work together in the library.

Teachers will provide work for students to complete and the students will be fully supervised and supported. Country Week participants will be expected to complete the same work during their July study break. Normal attendance requirements and procedures will operate throughout Week 9.

Should you have any questions about this arrangement, please contact Mr Gary Walker (VET/PAiS) or Ms Kelly Anderson (ATAR).

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Reporting Workplace Learning

All Workplace Learning students should submit the Logbook and Skills Journal to enable Semester 1 Reporting by 8 June. Thank you for your efforts so far this year, let's make sure your school report reflects your hard work.

Ms Liz Chambers, WPL Co-ordinator

All Students

AMC - The Mathematics in STEM

If your son/daughter is up for a challenge and mathematically able, please consider having them participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition which this year is on Thursday, 9 August.

This mathematics competition contains 25 multiple choice problems and five questions requiring a number answer. There are three secondary divisions, with 75 minutes allowed for completion of the relevant paper. Students are assessed only against other students in the same school and country or Australian State so age and curriculum differences between students are irrelevant.

The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they provide a challenge to the most gifted students. Students of all standards will find a point of challenge. As a result this is a very good way to help students develop the necessary resilience for future success.

This competition has been run every year since 1978 and is a significant international event, involving students from Australia and neighbouring countries. All students receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics. Prizes are awarded to the top students. Unlike formal mathematics testing, many of the problems are set in situations to which students can relate, showing the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

Further details will be available on how to register for this competition through Mathematics teachers.

Mrs Sharna Mason, Teacher Mathematics

UniChoice – Pathways to Enterprise Program

A group of Year 10 VASP students from Bunbury Senior High School have been selected to participate in the inaugural UniChoice - Pathways to Enterprise program. This tailored and targeted program focuses on pathways into careers in the visual arts via higher education and enterprise development.

Main features of the Pathways to Enterprise Term 2 Program are:

- Students will engage in activities designed by BSHS and ECU staff alongside the creative team at CBD Learning Hub, Maker + Co. Activities are designed to extend the learning opportunity beyond the standard courses ECU offers in Bunbury.
- Mentors, SW creatives and ECU staff will guide students as they explore pathways into the creative industries via higher education and enterprise development.
- Students will be exposed to cutting edge mediums and techniques and will explore their application in the creative industries.
- practical instruction and Q & A sessions with artists and designers will be delivered alongside university style education at the ECU SW campus.

Aligning with the three phase 'Art Making Process' curriculum activities, students will research and develop a product and will be provided with an exclusive opportunity to sell their product in a premium CBD retail space: The Maker + Co Collective.

On June 25, students, their families and school support staff will be invited to come together in celebration of the achievements of our young students in their first university experience!

Mr Paul Reynolds, Program Co-ordinator, The Arts

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.

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](#)

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.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

School Community

Year 10 Vaccination Program

The Department of Health is offering a free, one dose, Meningococcal ACWY immunisation program for Year 10 students in 2018. Students in Year 10 would have received an information pack in Term 1 containing details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents should have signed and returned the consent form for their child to participate in this free program.

Year 10 students who have returned the consent form will receive this free vaccine on Thursday, 14 June. For more information about the vaccination program please visit:

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Chaplain's Corner

Many thanks to the students, staff and parents/carers who gave items for the "Give A Damn, Give a Can" appeal. We handed over 11 boxes to Rotary when they came to collect them, which was fantastic!!

There is lots of training and preparation going on for Country Week at the moment. I wish all our teams well for Country Week and I trust there will be great sportsmanship shown by our students.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

11 June 2018	BEST Testing
11 June 2018	Year 10 VASP - Pathways to Enterprise, ECU (9am-12.30pm)
12 June 2018	VASP Testing
13 June 2018	P & C Meeting, 6pm
14 June 2018	Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation, Pd 1 & 2
14 June 2018	Jazz Music Excursion, ASHS
14 June 2018	WADL, Round 4
15 June 2018	Year 10, PBL Excursion Perth
18 June 2018	SWHS Netball Cup
18 June 2018	Year 10 VASP - Pathways to Enterprise, ECU (9am-12.30pm)
21 June 2018	Board Meeting, 5.30pm
21 June 2018	Musical Showcase
21 June 2018	WADL, Round 5
22 June 2018	ECU Workshop, Visual Arts
22 June 2018	LGBT Youth Advisory Committee Meeting - Pd4 & Lunch 2
22 June 2018	Whole School Country Week Assembly
25 – 29 June 2018	Country Week
25 June 2018	Year 10 VASP - Pathways to Enterprise, ECU (9am-12.30pm)
26 June 2018	2019 Year 7 Parent Information Session, 5.30pm, Library
27 June 2018	Trees4Change – Year 9 & 10 students – Tree planting day
29 June 2018	Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. Excursion
29 June 2018	Last Day of Term 2
30 June – 16 July 2018	School Holidays
16 July 2018	Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS
17 July 2018	Term 3 – Students Resume
18 July 2018	SWETA ECU Year 12 English Seminar Day
23 July 2018	Year 12 PE Studies Practical Exam
24 July 2018	Whole School Assembly – Pd 2