

BSHS Newsletter – Term 2 - Issue 6 – 2018

From the Principal

Parents should have received their child's first semester report, and for the parents of Year 7 students this will be the first formal indication of how your child has progressed in high school. In previous newsletters I have promoted our new reporting format and encouraged parents to regularly be in contact with your child's teachers. The school has been proactive in providing information on progress through Connect, letters of commendation and concern, interviews, phone calls and the parent-teacher meetings in Term 1. This should mean that the report you see this semester, contains no surprises about your child's progress.

Last Sunday, the Country Week team travelled to Perth for the annual Country Week Carnival. Bunbury SHS has a very good history of achievement at this carnival and again we are hoping to prove ourselves as the Champion School. It is not necessarily our ability in the competition that has resulted in our success in previous years. Our culture of supporting each other, playing as a team and looking after ourselves post game, has been a major contributor to our success. I would like to wish all students and coaches the very best for the carnival.

Finally, with first semester concluding, I wish all students, staff and their families a restful two week break and look forward to a safe return for staff on 16 July and students the following day.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester 1 student reports were emailed to parents/carers over the past week. A hard copy of the report has been posted to families who have yet to provide an email address. Should you not receive your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Don't forget, student reports can also be accessed on the Connect site.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Grade Allocation for Student Reports

I have responded to a number of queries recently regarding the relationship between a student's final mark for a subject and the grade that they have been allocated. In almost all cases, the confusion relates to what happened 'in the old days' compared with what happens now.

In an earlier time students were ranked according to their total mark at the conclusion of an assessment program (end of the semester or year) and were allocated grades strictly according to their mark. In most learning areas 75%+ equated to an A grade, 65%+ earned a B grade etc.

Today, a student's grade is determined by comparing the quality of their total body of work for the semester/year with a range of reference materials provided by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. In lower school, these reference materials are called the Judging Standards and, in senior

school, the Grade Descriptions. Heads of Learning still rank students in this process and still apply cut-offs, however the cut-offs are determined by Judging Standards and Grade Descriptions, rather than a notional number.

While the process used currently is clear to teachers and helps to ensure consistency of grading across schools, it can sometimes lead to confusion for parents when grades appear inconsistent with known cut-off scores from a by-gone era, such as when a mark of 82% is awarded a B grade.

Hopefully this information helps to clarify how grading occurs. If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

2019 School Ball

Year 10 and Year 11 students were recently briefed on a number of changes to the arrangement of the annual School Ball, commencing in 2019. The changes, in response to a range of feedback, include the following:

- A new venue – the BREC Cube.
- Participants will be Year 12 students and their partners only.
- Arrival will be walk-in, rather than by car or limousine.

It is anticipated that the net result of the changes will make the senior school experience considerably cheaper for parents while ensuring that the School Ball remains special for the school's graduating class.

The 2019 Ball will be held on Saturday 9 March.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Lower School

Big Science Competition – Another successful year!

In May, 58 Year 7 to 10 GAT students tested their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by participating in the 2018 Big Science Competition.

Following on from a great effort in last year's competition, Bunbury Senior High School students were again very successful. Twelve of our students, whose scores put them into the top 5% of the nation, received High Distinction Awards. A further fifteen, with scores in the top 15%, were awarded Distinctions.

Year 7

High Distinctions: Amelia Oddy, Ava Santella, Byron Henderson, Cooper Hiscox and Jayme Clarke
Distinctions: Bella Brown, India Nixon, Lukas Murray, Melanie Hunter and Torren Wulff
Credits: Another two Year 7 participants each received a Credit Award.

Year 8

High Distinctions: Adin Smith, Annabelle Heyworth, Jonah Golds and Olivia Thomas

Distinctions: Darcy Reid, Liam Reid, Mereki Morgan-Harvey and Xavier Parker
Credits: Another three Year 8 students received Credit Awards.

Year 9

High Distinctions: Morgan Ursino and Sienna Berry
Distinctions: Kaitlyn Myles, Karrak Gregory, Nathan Edland, Norah Harkin, Sam Bateman and Saxon Oceans.
Credits: Another four Year 8 participants each received a Credit Award.

Year 10

High Distinctions: Hannah Thomas
Distinctions: None this year.
Credits: Another seven Year 10 students received Credit Awards.

Well done to all students - a great set of results!

Mr Phil Gregory, Teacher Science

Senior School

Year 12 ATAR English Seminar Day

All Year 12 ATAR students will be involved in the English SWETA ECU Seminar Day.
Wednesday 18 July 2018.
Meet at Edith Cowan University South West Campus Library before 8.45am.
Details are on Consent2Go.
Please pay \$15 to BSHS reception as soon as possible.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

All Students

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

Centenary Souvenirs

You can purchase centenary souvenirs from Administration.

Bunbury SHS Centenary Pen \$4

Bunbury SHS Centenary Key Ring \$8

Bunbury SHS Centenary Water Bottle \$10

A Century of Opportunities \$40

This book was researched and written by a local author, Graham Houghton.

Julius Caesar Excursion

Julius Caesar - A theatre production by Bell Shakespeare

Thursday 16 August 2018, 7pm (meet at 6.45pm)

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre

Student tickets are \$20

Parent and staff accompanying students also get discounted.

Call BREC to book your tickets.

1300 661 272

Ensure you tell them you are a student from Bunbury SHS.

<https://www.bunburyentertainment.com/whats-on/julius-caesar/>

If you are an ATAR or prospective ATAR student, you are advised to attend this production.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

Chaplain's Corner

Well done everyone for getting through the first half of the year. It has been a busy one!!

The 40 Hour Famine will be on in Term 3 (17th to 19th August) if you are up for the challenge. I will have more info in the Daily Notices closer to that time.

In the meantime, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

29 June 2018 Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

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

31 July 2018 Interschool Cross Country

2 August 2018 Bell Shakespeare Incursion, Pd 1 & Pd 4

6 -10 August 2018 Year 10 BEST – AIS Camp

6 -10 August 2018 Year 10 Sydney-Canberra Trip

8 August 2018 Year 9-12 Youth Literature Day, BCGS

9 August 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition

10 August 2018 Young Writers Day, BSHS Library

13-17 August 2018 Year 7-10, Mathematics – Have Sum Fun Online

13-17 August 2018 Year 12 VET General - WPL Catch up

15 August 2018 Interschool Surfing

23 August 2018 Year 7 & 8 Lightning Carnival

23 August 2018 Year 7-9 GAT Students – Junior Academy Conference

24-26 August 2018 Queens Cup

27 August – 7 September 2018 OLNA Testing

29 August 2018 Year 11 Human Biology Excursion, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

29 August 2018 P & C Meeting, 6pm

3–6 September 2018 YOHFEST Heats, Mandurah

5-7 September 2018 Music Camp

6 September 2018 Board Meeting, 5pm

10-12 September 2018 Year 11, Outdoor Education Mountain Biking Camp

12 September 2018 Whole School Assembly – P2

14 September 2018 ECU/SWIT Workshop Visual Arts

17-21 September 2018 Year 11 & 12 PAIS WPL General Catch up

19 September 2018 Year 9 & 10 Winter Carnival

21 September 2018 Year 12 Final Assembly, Pd 1

21 September 2018 Term 3 Ends