

BSHS Newsletter – Term 2 - Issue 6 – 2019

From the Principal

The end of Term 2 signals two major events in the school each year.... the issuing of Semester 1 student Reports to parents, and, Country Week.

By the time parents of Year 11 and 12 students receive this newsletter, it is likely that you will have read your child's Report. Lower school Reports will be emailed early in Week 10.

The achievement aspect of each Report, indicated by the Grades, is a summary of what you should already know from the Connect Marksbooks, available throughout the semester. A key feature of the Reports, however, is the additional information about each child's performance in the affective domain – their Attitude, Behaviour and Effort in each subject or course. They are vital ingredients for success in school and beyond; therefore I encourage parents to give them at least equal status alongside the Grades when you debrief the Semester 1 Report with your child and plan for any improvements in Semester 2.

More information on reports is included below.

The Country Week team was farewelled earlier today at a whole-school assembly. Bunbury High has a wonderful culture around Country Week and I know that the 146 students and 17 staff will do their best to ensure that we are again wonderfully represented in the 13 activities in which we compete. Many, many hours of preparation have gone into readying for the event and I thank everyone for his or her commitment. Our school has a mantra about competition that has its early origins in Country Week - 'Win with grace and lose with grace'. It gives me great confidence knowing that, whatever the result achieved by individual teams, or as a school overall, by enacting that mantra, our whole school community will be seen positively by the 3500 students and staff who attend the event from all over WA. I wish everyone the best for a successful week. Results for the competitions will be available on our Facebook page and on the School Sport WA website throughout the carnival.

Finally, I wish all of the students and staff (and any of the mums and dads lucky enough) a restful holiday. Students are due back on Tuesday 23 July for the start of Term 3

Ian Lockhart A/Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Reporting for Semester One

Teaching staff have been busy preparing reports for all of our students for the end of Semester 1. Senior School Reports were emailed out to parents earlier this week and Lower School Reports will be emailed early next week.

Reports are the formal sharing of student achievement. Our school aims to provide ongoing feedback about your child's achievement throughout the school semester. This feedback comes in a variety of ways, through our Connect portal, through letters and emails and through telephone conversations.

We welcome your suggestions about how we can communicate even more effectively as a school with our community.

We invite parents to make contact with teaching staff to discuss your child's Report. Teachers have indicated that they would like to have a meeting with the parent or guardian of some students. This is so that we can all work together to better support those students to achieve their personal best.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's progress at school, the first point of contact is the classroom teacher. If you have greater concerns that you feel require the attention of the Head of Learning, then you can make contact with them. They are as follows:

English – Mark Woodland
Mathematics – Sharna Mason
Science – Roxanne Snook
Humanities and Social Sciences and Languages – Kerry Kerr
Technologies – Craig Bourne
The Arts – Paul Reynolds
Health and Physical Education – Adam McGill
Career and Vocational Education – Gary Walker

You can also contact the Vice Principal, Kelly Anderson, regarding any issues with your child's report.

Kelly Anderson A / Vice Principal

Term 3 School Development Days

In addition to the usual School Development Day at the beginning of Term 3 (22 July), there will a School Development Day on Monday 26 August (start of Week 6, Term 3). Students do not attend on either of these days. As a result, there will not be a School Development Day to commence Term 4. Term 4 will begin for students on Monday October 14.

Lower Boulters Bicycle Racks

We have been advised that the bike racks at the bottom of Boulters Heights have been re-located to allow for greater passive surveillance.

One large rack is now located on the corner of Stephen St and Wittenoorn St, opposite the Police Station and the remaining racks are at the City of Bunbury Library.

Ian Lockhart

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10s may like to do work experience in the school holidays before transitioning to TAFE or the Trade Training Centre in 2020. Work experience will improve the application chances and give the student a better idea of their career pathway choice. Parents/guardians should seek insurance coverage from JSW Training for a small fee. JSWT can be contacted on 9721 5033 or please ring the school for more information.

Ms Liz Chambers, Work Place Learning Officer

BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION – Another Successful Year

In late May, 56 Year 7 to 10 GAT students tested their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by participating in the 2019 Big Science Competition.

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

Year 7

High Distinctions - Congratulations go to Year 7 students Daniella Adlam (25/30) and Arad Mohammadirad (26/30) who were both awarded High Distinctions.

Distinctions - Well done to Oisin Carrigan, Lucy Hope and Lilanie Preedy who were awarded Distinctions.

Credits - Another five Year 7 participants each received a Credit Award.

Year 8

Distinctions - Well done to Bella Brown, Macy Gardiner, Amelia Oddy and Ava Santella who were all awarded Distinctions.

Credits - Another six Year 8 students received Credit Awards.

Year 9

High Distinctions - Congratulations go to Year 9 students Jonah Golds, with an outstanding result of 29/30 and Adin Smith, who achieved an exceptional 28/30. Both students were awarded High Distinctions.

Distinctions - Well done to Mereki Morgan-Harvey, Timothy Pilbeam, Darcy Reid and Holly Van Herk who were awarded Distinctions.

Credits - Another six Year 9 participants each received a Credit Award.

Year 10

High Distinctions - Congratulations to Bronte Anderson, Annabelle Heyworth and Morgan Ursino who all achieved the same very high result of 26/30 and consequently were awarded High Distinctions.

Distinctions - Well done to Sienna Berry who was awarded a Distinction.

Credits - Another seven Year 10 students received Credit Awards.

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

Mr Gregory

Science

SENIOR SCHOOL

ALL STUDENTS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

It's nice to be back after being on long service leave for the first half of this term. I trust you are getting through this busy time of the year. We have lots of students preparing for Country Week and end of term tests happening in classes. I wish our Country Week competitors all the best and I hope they show good sportsmanship in all their games.

Also a reminder for any parents/guardians who would like to come to the Maggie Dent seminar "Real Kids in an Unreal World - Building Self Esteem in Today's Children" at BREC on 31st July 6 - 8pm. Maggie Dent is an amazing motivational speaker. It is a fundraiser for the Bunbury YouthCARE Council and there are still tickets available from BREC.

I trust you will have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break, ready for the second half of the school year.

All the best from Deon Throne (BSHS Chaplain)

Canteen

We would like to appeal any parents or grandparents. If you have any spare time we are in need of volunteers. Usually our volunteers come in between 10am -2pm.

We are happy for a couple of hours if that is all you have to spare. Please contact Debbie or Sharon 9781 2566 7am -2.15

IMPORTANT DATES

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

22 July 2019	Staff Development Day
23 July 2019	Students resume Year 12 Meeting Period 5
24 July 2019	ECU Year 12 ATAR English SWETA
26 July 2019	2020 Enrolments close
28 July 2019	Cultural Exchange Students Arrive from Japan
29 July 2019	Whole School Assembly Period 4 Champion School Soccer
30 July 2019	Year 11 meeting Period 3 Australian National Chemistry Quiz Year 10 Teen Mental Health Sessions
1 August 2019	Australian Mathematics Competition WADL Debating Round 5
5 August 2019	Champion School Soccer
6 August 2019	Interschool Cross Country
7 August 2019	Year 12 Meeting Period 1 Year 10 Teen Mental Health Sessions P & C Executive Meeting 6pm in the Library
8 August 2019	Youth Literature Day – BCGS Yr 9- 12 Senior Band Camp
9 August 2019	Youth Literature Day – BCGS Yr 7-8
13 August 2019	Year 11 Meeting Period 4
26 August 2019	School Development Day – Students do not attend school