

BSHS Newsletter – Term 3 - Issue 7 – 2017

From the Principal

Approximately 95% of all Year 10 students and their parents have attended meetings in the school to assist them with the process of selecting their courses for 2018. This is an outstanding response to the service provided at the school and will contribute significantly to reducing course changes during the two years of senior school. The mentor teachers are mostly volunteer and I would like to acknowledge the time they have put into this process.

A recent review of data on course selections and changes indicates that those who make the least amount of change seem to achieve the highest in either their ATAR or Vocational courses. The best strategy to reduce the amount of change of courses is to ensure you are well informed at the beginning.

Although the selections are now in the system there is still opportunity to make adjustments. Any student who does need to reconsider their selection should see Ms Anderson for ATAR and Mr Walker for Vocational programs. The senior school timetable is almost completed and students will have confirmation of their selections later in the year.

Students in Years 8 and 9 will be receiving their elective information for 2018 before the end of this term. For Year 8 students, this will be the first opportunity to select their preferred electives and an opportunity to move into areas that are of most interest. I have previewed the options for students and I am impressed with the range of choices and the innovation that is now being offered. I'm sure the large majority of students will find choices closely aligned to their respective interests.

Feedback on the school's new website has been very positive. Those who have been onto the new site will see that there is also a link to the school Facebook page @BunburySHS, which is now the place to go for up to date news on what is happening in the school. The Facebook page is advertising coming events as well as highlighting some of the fantastic things happening in the school. Please have a look at this page and 'like' what you see. Those people who use Twitter will also notice there has been some recent tweets from the school. This will be in more regular use and people can follow us on Twitter @BunburyShs.

We wish all of the Year 12 students the very best for their last full term.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

Senior School

Meningococcal Immunisation

WA Health will conduct a school-based meningococcal vaccination program for students in Years 10, 11 & 12. The vaccine protects against 4 strains of meningococcal disease, including the particularly concerning 'W' strain. A single dose of vaccine will be given to students at the school who have returned their permission slips.

This immunisation program will be held on Tuesday, 22 August and students will be advised of their schedule via Daily Notices in homeroom.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Community

Your Tutor Program

Your Tutor, our free online tutorial program, sponsored by Edith Cowan University, is available to all students and continues to be well used. This year we have utilised over 5000 minutes of support time (most of it between 6.30pm and 9.30pm Monday to Thursday, and on Sundays). Students who are looking for out-of-hours assistance with their homework are encouraged to take advantage of the program if they have yet to do so. Details of Your Tutor are on the school website under the Student Support tab. Login cards are available from the Front Office.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Administration

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our next Parent-Teacher Interview afternoon will be held on Thursday 24 August from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Specific information about the event, including how to make bookings, will be posted home in Week 4.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

School Communication

Email Communication – Our Preferred Method of Contact with Parents

Have you provided us with a current email address? Bunbury SHS communicates primarily with parents and carers via email, this being a much more cost effective option, as well as ensuring that parents are kept up-to-date with important information in a timely manner.

Invitations and approvals for excursions/incursions are managed and emailed via our online excursion package Consent 2 Go. The online approval process allows you to update your child's most recent medical details as well as other personal details.

Please do not hesitate to contact administration staff on 9781 2500 to update your email address at any time.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

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/

We are also now on Twitter **@BunburyShs**

Student Achievements

Has your child achieved success outside of school i.e. sports, hobbies or in any other area? If so, we would love to hear from you and share with our school community on our Facebook page.

Please contact Kylie Ward on 9781 2500 or email details to kylie.ward3@education.wa.edu.au

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Board Member Profiles

SONIA JONES (Parent Representative)

I am a mother of three children of which two are B.S.H.S students. They are the third generation in my family to attend the school.

Professionally as a teacher for nearly two decades I have worked within the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education. I am currently employed at a local primary school where I have previously been a School Board member in a staff representative role.

In addition to promoting a healthy mind set I am committed to promote a "joy for learning" and in doing so securing a bright future for our students.

I am delighted to be a parent representative on the school board and hope to add support to the existing strengths of this team.

SHARNA DALLYWATER (Staff Representative)

I am a staff representative on the School Board. As a Department of Education employee, I will bring my educational expertise, as well as innovative ideas and fresh energy, to School Board meetings.

MR TODD BROWN (Parent Representative)

As a parent I am greatly appreciative of the privilege of having a great education system in WA. To show my family's appreciation of this I offer my time to help the school by serving on the School Board as a parent representative. I was previously a member and Chair of the Bunbury Primary School Board and felt we made a difference.

I was born and raised in Bunbury and have run my own local business. I have a Bachelor of Business majoring in Economics and Finance and have worked for Federal, State and Local governments.

I believe in a "fair go" for everyone and treat everyone with tolerance and respect. I am a good listener and have the patience not to jump to hasty decisions.

Hopefully I add to the already impressive collective expertise of my fellow board members with my skill set and life experience.

Chaplain's Corner

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is happening again from 11th to 13th August. This year the progress is inviting students to live out of a Backpack for 40 hours to experience what refugees leaving Syria and South Sudan are facing and raising funds for them. I will give an update in the next newsletter of how much we raised for this appeal.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your children.

Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

8 August 2017	Board Meeting, 5pm
9 August 2017	Youth Literature Day, BCGS
9 August 2017	Interschool Surfing
9 August 2017	Physics Olympiad, Year 10 GAT
11 August 2017	Young Writer's Day, BSHS
14 – 18 August 2017	Year 12, WPL - VET General Catch up
14 August 2017	Homeroom Quiz
17 August 2017	Michael J School Concerts Tour in Oz
18 August 2017	Year 12 High Achiever Luncheon
21 August 2017	Year 11/12 House Comp
22 August 2017	Year 10,11,12 Meningococcal W Immunisation
23 August 2017	Year 9/10 Winter Carnival
24 August 2017	Parent Night 3.30pm – 5.30pm
24 August 2017	Buchanan Cup – CW Hockey teams to attend
28-30 August 2017	Outdoor Rec Hiking Camp
30 August 2017	P & C Meeting, Library 6pm
31 August 2017	Debating: British Parliamentary
31 August – 1 Sept 2017	Questacon Smart Skills – Yr 8
1 September 2017	Queens Cup Music Competition
1 September 2017	Staff v Student Leaders Basketball, Lunch 2, Gym
4 – 15 September 2017	OLNA Testing
4 September 2017	Student Leaders Challenge 2, 12.30pm -2.45pm
5 September 2017	Board Meeting, 5pm
7 September 2017	AIME ECU Excursion, Year 9/10
13 September 2017	Music Showcase
13 September 2017	Whole School Assembly, P2
14 September 2017	YOH Fest
18 – 22 September 2017	Year 11&12 WPL, PAiS catch up
21 September 2017	Year 7/8 Lightning Carnival
22 September 2017	Year 12 VET/PAiS last day
22 September 2017	Year 12 Final Assembly, P1
22 September 2017	P.A.R.T.Y. Excursion
22 September 2017	Last day of Term 3
25 – 29 September 2017	WACE Practical Exams
2 – 10 October 2017	Year 12 Mock Exams
9 October 2017	Term 4 - School Development Day – Staff only
10 October 2017	Term 4 – Students resume