

BSHS Newsletter – Term 3 - Issue 7 – 2018

From the Principal

In previous newsletters I have discussed the provision of Information Technology (IT) devices and a 'bring your own model' for Bunbury High.

Planning for IT is never straight forward and in this instance, the two major issues are selection of a suitable device and the number of families who have the capacity to engage with the program. A significant amount of work has been carried out by the IT Committee in the school and a number of individuals with responsibility in this area.

The outcome is that a BYOD model will go ahead in 2019 and the preferred device is an Apple iPad. There are a number of reasons for selecting this device, one being the affordability for families in the school. More information will be sent to all families in the near future but I can say at the moment that there will be an online portal for purchasing a device at a very competitive price. Leasing options will also be available. Bunbury High will communicate with local primary schools with the view of aligning our selection of devices so that there is an easy transition from primary to high school. A document with a link to the online portal and a list of frequently asked questions will be sent to parents this term.

At the last school assembly we focused on recognising academic achievement from Semester 1 and the school's third consecutive Champion School Shield at the annual Country Week competition.

83 students across the school were eligible for academic awards and the top five were presented at assembly. Congratulations to all students who received the awards including those presented at the Year assemblies during the week and thank you to those parents who were present to witness their child being presented the award.

The result from the Country Week team was impressive and has placed Bunbury High as one of the most successful schools ever at this carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated and to all coaches and managers for their efforts during the week and in preparation for the event.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Parent Afternoon

The next parent-teacher interview afternoon will be held on Thursday 13 September (Week 9) starting at 3.30pm. Information about how to make bookings with your child's teachers will be emailed towards the middle of the term.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Consent 2Go

Are you using a free web based email service?

For parents using a free web based email service such as Hotmail, Gmail and Yahoo, please add admin@mcbschools.com to contacts to ensure emails are accepted into your email inbox and not the junk or promotional folders.

Hotmail—Add to People

Gmail—Add to Contacts

Yahoo—Add to Contacts

If an email has been sent, please search for admin@mcbschools.com, click on the sender and locate the Add to Contact option.

Consent2Go is happy to offer further assistance if required.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

SENIOR SCHOOL

OLNA

Some students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are about to sit the OLNA. You may have heard about it, but are not sure what it means for your child.

OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. In order to demonstrate the required literacy and numeracy standards for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), some students are expected to sit this assessment. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (Authority) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au.

Some students prequalify for the literacy and numeracy requirement through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. We will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA, which is held in March and September each year, starting in Year 10. This means students will have up to six opportunities before the end of Year 12 to meet the requirement.

The OLNA has three components—reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing. The table below provides an overview of the components.

To prepare our students for the types of questions they can expect and to familiarise them with the online assessment platform, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority provide access to practice and example tests on a secure website. The link to the secure website for the practice and example tests is available on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au under Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA > Practice and Example Tests.

Students who do not demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard by the time they exit senior secondary schooling can apply to the Authority to re-sit the OLNA at any age. If you want to know more, go to the Authority's website and look under Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA. There you will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

ALL STUDENTS

WADL Debating

Debating Students

Please be aware that the semi-finals will be on Thursday 9 August at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School from 3.45pm until 7pm. Finals will be Thursday 23 August at Edith Cowan University, Building 6. Times to follow shortly.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

British Parliamentary Debating

2018 British Parliamentary Debating will occur at Edith Cowan University, South West Campus.

Friday 31 August.

8.45am-3.30pm.

Teams of 2. \$60 per team (\$30 per student).

See Mr Woodland if you would like attend.

For those who have already registered your interest please:

1. Complete the Consent2Go documentation.
2. Complete the WADL online registration form.
3. Pay your \$30 to BSHS reception.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

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

Zero Waste Classroom

It is with great pride that I can share with you the Year 10 PBL class in the Activity Room in the Kingia Building has been a zero waste classroom since the beginning of Term 1 and is still going strong!!! We removed the rubbish bin and introduced a single use plastic bin (which gets taken to Coles recycle every 2 weeks) an organics bin (which gets taken to our compost bin next to our veggie patch every couple of days) and the Oscar bin (which must be treated like any recycle bin adding milk cartons and aluminium cans, as well as paper and cardboard and anything you would put in your recycle bin at home). Batteries and plastic bottle tops can be deposited in collection points in Student Services.

Anything else is just a short walk down the corridor to be placed in the rubbish bin in the Kingia Building.

Congratulations to everyone involved and keep up the great work.

Ms Sarah O'Reilly, Education Assistant

Book Week – Find Your Treasure

Book Week is 18-24 August.

This year's theme is, Find Your Treasure.

There will be activities held at BSHS.

Mr Mark Woodland, PC English

Online safety – Free Event

eSafety is important for every child from **ages 1 to 18**. Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on empowering young people, parents and carers to manage online issues. Commit to your child's online safety by attending this presentation from one of Australia's leading online safety experts.

Children are exposed to online content in their preschool years. Behaviours like cyberbullying begin at primary school. Peer pressure can cause poor online decisions for many teenagers.

Learn how to:

- Reduce accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Initiate conversations about online stranger danger
- Identify age appropriate apps and websites
- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Support your child using online safety resources
- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand

Date: Tuesday 28 August, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Venue: Newton Moore SHS, Performing Arts Centre, Hotchin St, Bunbury

Register attendance at -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--bunbury-wa/e-safety>

Ms Kelly Anderson, Deputy Principal

Chaplain's Corner

I hope your year is going well so far. It seems to be going very quickly with lots happening.

40 Hour Famine - is on again from 8pm on Friday 17 August to midday on Sunday 19 August.

World Vision are encouraging us to take the "Backpack Challenge" - to live out of what's in our backpack for 40 hours like the refugees who left their homes with just a backpack.

The traditional challenges of going without either Food, Furniture or Technology are also still options.

If your child would like to join in this appeal there are permission forms in Student Services to be signed first before they sign up online with World Vision. Please give me a call if you have any questions about it.

I'm hoping this year we can break our record from 2014 - when we had 71 students and 2 staff raise just over \$7,000.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

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
8 August 2018	Health Promotion Officer's – Fundraising Cake Stall
8 August 2018	Chemistry Olympiad
9 August 2018	Australian Mathematics Competition
9 August 2018	Board Meeting, 5pm
10 August 2018	Young Writers Day, BSHS Library
10 August 2018	Earth & Environmental Science Olympiad
13-17 August 2018	Year 7-10, Mathematics – Have Sum Fun Online
13 August 2018	Biology Olympiad
13-17 August 2018	Year 12 VET General - WPL Catch up
15 August 2018	Interschool Surfing
17 August 2018	Year 10 PBL Group, Port Authority Excursion
17 - 19 August 2018	40 Hour Famine
20 August 2018	Year 12 students, TISC Visit, Period 3
20 August 2018	David Bell Cup
20 August 2018	Buchanan Cup
21-22 August 2018	Criminology Police Station Excursion
23 August 2018	Year 7 & 8 Lightning Carnival
23 August 2018	Year 7-9 GAT Students – Junior Academy Conference
23 August 2018	Cinefest Oz, Year 11 & 12 General English Students
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
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