

From the Principal

I feel fortunate that I am regularly able to report on the successes that occur in our school. Two significant successes that have occurred since the last newsletter are our Champion School victory at County Week, and our progression to finalists in the WA Education Awards Secondary School of the Year.

Country Week is a major event on the annual school calendar for all regional high schools and it remains one of the highlights of schooling for many current and former students. This year we were represented by approximately 150 students and staff, who were involved in competitions across 13 sports and activities. We have been very successful at Country Week in the period since our first Champion School win in 2009 and this year's victory marked four in a row. It is an outstanding result, made more notable because we are far from the largest school competing. It is a testament to the wonderful culture we have in the school around Country Week, as well as the ongoing commitment from our students and dedicated staff.

Our selection as finalists in the Secondary School of the Year category of the WA Education Awards is a wonderful recognition for the school community. With 110-ish secondary public schools in WA, being named in the top four is an enormous achievement. The Awards consider all aspects of a school's performance. Therefore, while it is easy to point to our ATAR results, NAPLAN data and sporting successes as some clear indicators of achievement, the Awards look equally at the quality of teaching and leadership, the learning environment and support for disadvantaged groups, and connection with the community, as true indicators of a school's value. The winner is announced later in the year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the families, students and staff who have supported our current exchange students from Japan. It has been tremendous having these guests in the school, sharing their culture while experiencing ours, and adding to our already rich diversity. I trust that, for the families who have billeted students, it has been just as equally rewarding.

Craige Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

School Development Day

This is a reminder that the school will be closed for students on Monday 26 August (Week 6). Staff will be participating in a School Development Day. As a result, students will commence Term 4 on Monday 31 October. That is, there will not be a student-free day to commence Term 4.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Parent Interview Afternoon

A parent interview afternoon, open for parents of all students, will be held on Thursday 19 September (Week 9). It will be a normal school day and interviews will be held from 3.30 -5.30pm.

Information on how to make bookings with your child's teacher through Parent Teacher Online (PTO) will be forwarded in the next few weeks.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Lower Boulders Bicycle Racks

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

One large rack is now located on the corner of Stephen St and Wittenoom 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.

SENIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 20 August	Applying for Uni through TISC: information, handbooks and forms distributed period 3
Week beginning 2 September	Final OLNA round for Year 12 students.
Friday 13 September	Students who are seeking a reference need to return their completed 'Application for a reference' form to Danelle Field in Student Services.
Wednesday 25 September	VET and PAIS students are required to have their clearance forms signed and completed to ensure all Bunbury Senior High School resources are returned before their departure.
Friday 27 September	Year 12 Breakfast , 7.30am, BSHS
Friday 27 September	Year 12 Final Assembly Period 1, 8.45am.
Friday 27 September	Year 12 VET and PAIS final day
Monday 30 September	TISC applications must be completed by 11pm to avoid a late fee.

Monday 30 September – Friday 4 October	WACE Practical Examinations
Monday 7 – Friday 11 October	Year 12 Mock ATAR Examinations.
Monday 21 October	ATAR students are required to have their clearance forms signed and completed to ensure all Bunbury Senior High School resources are returned before departure.
Wednesday 23 October	Last day for Year 12 ATAR students.
Wednesday 30 October – Friday 22 November	WACE Written Examinations.
Monday 25 November	Year 12 Presentation Night, 6.00pm, Amphitheatre.

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

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

Chaplain's Corner

Well done to our Year 7 students who participated in the "6km Walk For Water" challenge. It was a sunny day and we walked around the whole inlet area to experience the long walk that some people in 3rd World World countries need to do each day to get water for their families.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who have donated to our cause for World Vision's work.

You can still give donations over the next 2 weeks at:

<https://6kforwater.everydayhero.com/au/BSHS>

And many thanks to Mrs Kerr and the Humanities staff for organising this event.

I trust you are having a good year so far.

Feel free to contact me at the school if I can be of assistance to you.

All the best from Deon Throne (BSHS Chaplain)

IMPORTANT DATES

13 August 2019	Year 11 Meeting Period 4
14 August 2019	Prefect Event – Pyjama Day – Foster Carers Day
	Interschool Surfing Competition
15 August 2019	Criminology Excursion Perth
	WADL Debating Semi Finals
16 August 2019	Artist residency incursion
19 August 2019	Year 11 HBY & BIO Spectacular Stem Cells Excursion
19 -23 August 2019	Year 10 BEST AIS Camp
22 August 2019	Year 7/8 Lightning Carnival
26 August 2019	School Development Day – Students do not attend school
27 August 2019	Year 11 meeting Pd 5
29 August 2019	Buchanan Hockey Cup
2- 4 September 2019	Yr 12 OED Hiking Camp
5 September 2019	Buchanan Hockey Cup
9-11 September 2019	Yr 11 OED Mountain Bike Camp
13 September 2019	Yr 11/12 PE Studies Prac Exams
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