

BSHS Newsletter – Term 3 - Issue 9 – 2019

From the Principal

Reporting a child's progress to their parents is an important strategy in improving the child's performance at school. This is not because it is an opportunity for the teacher to highlight any negative aspects of the child's work in class, but because it is usually a rewarding experience and one that both the parent and child can celebrate.

Reporting to parents takes on many forms and at Bunbury High we have tried to move away from the formal written report being the main focus of feedback after a semester's work. There are many opportunities for parents to receive feedback including our letters home to parents, phone contact, email, Connect and the parent interview afternoons held twice yearly. Our most recent parent interview afternoon was held this week and I trust that you used the time to celebrate your child's progress and to work with their teachers towards continual improvement.

During the week I wrote this message, I was located at the school's off-site 'office' at Maker & Co. for a few hours. This is a very new concept for our school and it is designed to improve the opportunity for parents to speak with me and to give feedback on how the school is doing. Although I didn't expect a great turn out on the first occasion, I will endeavour to do this on a regular basis and advertise well in advance.

Parents can turn up to speak with me without having to make an appointment and you can choose your topic. It might be something that is in the education news or it might be an issue you or your child has at the school. Those of you who are pressed for time can arrange a specific time to meet by contacting Megan at our front office on 97812500. The school office at Maker & Co is located on the first floor, upstairs as you enter the building.

Craige Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for Year 7 and Year 9 students were mailed to family homes at the start of this week. If you have not received your child's report, or you have any issues interpreting the data, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Term 4 Commencement

This is simply a reminder that the first day of Term 4 for students is Monday 14 October. There is not a School Development Day to start the term on this occasion.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

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 Workplace Learning Credit

The final date for submission of Year 12 Workplace Learning Logbooks and Skills Journals is 27 September 2019. WPL is a fully accredited Endorsed Program and all students involved, particularly PAIS students, should submit the hours achieved in the school red logbook together with completed skills journals in the book.

I take the opportunity to thank all students for their efforts and all parents and guardians who provided much needed transport and support. I'm sure the time spent in Workplace Learning has been meaningful and will assist students to gain employment. Any questions and all feedback is welcome.

Liz Chambers

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

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are getting through the coughs and colds and hay fever season ok.

We had 11 students from our school participate in the 40 Hour Famine this term. Some did the backpack challenge and others gave up food, furniture or technology for 40 hours.

The students participating were:

Yr 7: Jorja Wareham, Matthew Mulligan, Daytonna Longbottom, Dylan Silverwood

Yr 9: Jarod Meijer, Mary Salazar, Timothy Pilbeam, Ella Malone, Alyssa Newman

Yr 11: Katharine Mulligan, Hannah Thomas

As a group we raised \$736 for World Vision. Well done!!

And a big thank you to all the parents/carers, staff and students who gave donations to them.

I will be handing out certificates to these students during the next year assemblies.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable school holiday break and I wish our Year 12 ATAR students the best in their mock exams.

Deon Throne, 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

Tuesday 24 September	Year 11 Meeting Period 4
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 Year 12 Final Assembly Period 1, 8.45am. Year 12 VET and PAIS final day Last Day of School for Term 3
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 14 October	Students Resume for start of Term 4
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 their departure.
Tuesday 22 October	Interactive Media Showcase Library Conference Room
Wednesday 23 October	Last day for Year 12 ATAR students
Thursday 24 October	GAT Parent Information Night 6-7 pm Library
Wednesday 30 October	P & C Exec Meeting Library 6pm
Wednesday 30 October – Friday 22 November	WACE Written Examinations.
Monday 25 November	Compulsory student rehearsal 1.30pm Year 12 Presentation Night, 6.00pm for student arrival at Amphitheatre.