From the Principal

Dangerous situations have developed in the Cabramatta Road and Elizabeth Drive car parks – the situation is now beyond belief and I will lock both entrances to the school to prevent parents from entering the school car parks to pick up children. People have been very inconsiderate of others and are also not doing as asked. All parents should be collecting children either in the bus bay on Cabramatta Rd or the Aldi car park. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL.

I wish to thank all the parents for their patience when dealing with the new payments system the DEC has put in place. The new system is cumbersome and difficult and takes a lot longer to achieve a payment. The process is getting better but, again, thank you to everyone for their patience.

Congratulations to the following Zone Hockey players; William Doan, Nikeel Kumer, Anthony Clarke.

ANZAC 2015 Memorial – The school has submitted a funding grant application to create a memorial for the ‘100 year anniversary of Gallipoli’. If we are successful, I would like to employ school family members/relatives to do the construction. We will need brick/block layers, concreters and gardeners. If you have someone in the family that can do these jobs, please let me know at the school.

Upcoming event - FIFA tournament will be held 3rd May from 6pm till late at Neeta City Shopping Centre. The food court will remain open while the tournament takes place. There will also be a highway patrol car and two police officers attending. Prizes will be given to the winners of the event. First prize will be a Playstation 4; second and third are yet to be determined. More information will be available soon.

Kids and phone bills: How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Have you ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It’s called "bill shock", and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month.


Managing depression: One in four kids over the age of 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - If your child is currently in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9, they will sit for the NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Reminder: Attending non-core educational activities such as school camp. Bonnyrigg High, like most schools, has a policy of requiring parents to pay subject fees and contributions prior to students attending these activities. The fees are spent on your child in their activities at school. Parents are asked to please pay all school fees and contributions before sending in money for a camp, for example.

Until next time,

- MN Bryce - Principal
Staff Profile

Mr McTighe - Industrial Arts Head Teacher

Recently, I had a short trip to Narooma with three brothers to play golf and go fishing on a boat in the open waters. It made all realise the different things that we do now we are older and the impacts of education on our family.

I’m the only teacher among the boys, while the girls in the family are involved in education in some way as teachers. I never set out to be a teacher. I had hoped to study soils at New South Wales University back in 1997 in preparation to work in farming communities across New South Wales.

I haven’t regretted becoming a teacher after studying at Sydney Teachers College. My time has always been in public education, as I maintain the belief that public school students are more honest and rounded learners in the classroom. Industrial Arts is my preferred passion, but I have taught Stage 4 Visual Arts, Stage 4 Food and Textiles courses, Year 11 Marine Studies and competitive sport right up to managing Regional Athletics in the Sutherland zone.

I enjoy working in a diverse and responsive school like Bonnyrigg High School and have planned to implement substantial change in a faculty that presents many opportunities to engage and expand student experiences in engineering and trades. It’s my belief you need to step up and give things a real go – those who do, gain the rewards. Sometimes we slip and trip, but we get up and try again – it’s the only way to feel personally satisfied and challenged. After all, there will be plenty of time for me to sit in a chair at eighty years of age!

You have to be a doer!

Attendance

Congratulations to this week’s canteen voucher winner, Jasmine Duong in Year 9. She has been to school every day and always in uniform.

Bell Times for Bonnyrigg High School.

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Note: students should be at school every day before 8.42am.
Period 1 starts at 8.55 on Tuesdays.

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his or her academic success.

Great reasons to attend school:
Achievement: students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and mathematics assessments than students who don’t attend school regularly.

Opportunity: For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about university and scholarship opportunities, to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record and maximise their results.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately - even in other subjects!
Since arriving at Bonnyrigg High School in 2013 I have been reviewing some of the strengths in the faculty and areas that need improving. Clearly, the rooms within C Block have been neglected for some time. While the NSW DEC has prime responsibility for the maintenance and repairs of building equipment and resources, there are things that we, as Industrial Arts teachers, can do to improve the teaching and learning environment. So far, basic cleaning, wall display areas and simple arrangements of furniture within each classroom have been completed. 'The real work started at the beginning of this year'. Each room has been specifically targeted to have new tool racks, repairs to benches and signage around the classrooms to improve the safe working areas for students. This should last throughout the year.

We lost a valued member of the team, Mr Rodas, upon receiving a permanent appointment to an inner western Sydney school. He has contributed greatly to the faculty and broader extra curricular activities, particularly after-school sport and IFCS. However, we have a highly trained teacher to step in to fill the breach and his name in Mr Allen. His broad industrial experience will help us build on our physical resources in many classroom settings and the higher skills in engineering required in the classroom. Some of the images in this article will attest to his efforts in eight short weeks of work.

Some parents, students and members of the community, express lower expectations of children who choose some of our courses. While heavily practical style courses do suit slower learners, there are many wealthy business people in a number of engineering and construction fields across Australia. It is vital that students actively engage in these courses in a safe, steady and purposeful manner. Engineers, and in fact surgeons, can develop better eye-hand co-ordination by taking at least one Industrial Arts practical course.

I would also like to encourage students to think more broadly about the work undertaken in class, especially those in Preliminary and HSC courses where major projects are undertaken. Students need to set clear goals and record evidence on the work they undertake in the classroom. This has to be completed so a folio can be made as part of the project to be marked in assessments. It is also important to realise that a budget has to be set and money put aside so materials can be purchased early in the construction phase. Learning in an Industrial Arts classroom can be fun – especially when students connect with the learning experiences on offer.

On behalf of the faculty, we wish the students a fantastic year of learning and enjoyment in our classrooms.

Mr G. McTighe
Head Teacher - Industrial Arts

MEN’S TIES FOR SALE

Would you like a nice tie to give to your Dad, brother or male friend?

See Mrs Borg who has a huge range of ties for only $10 (rrp $25)

Made from 100% microfiber
Easy to clean!!

$2 of each sale will go to the school
You nominate where

Congratulations!!

The Learning Support team would love to congratulate all the students who have been attending the homework centre held daily in A4 at lunch times. This centre has been bustling and buzzing with busy students completing their homework and assessment tasks.

Seeing you, the students at Bonnyrigg High School, so hard at work, taking responsibility for your education and seeking help with your tasks, makes all of us in Learning Support really proud.

Choosing to come and use this fabulous resource shows great maturity and dedication to excellence. Some of you come in every day to chip away at your goals, such as to achieve a Bronze certificate in Mathletics, and some of you come in to ensure that your assessment tasks are in on time. Whatever the reason, we are always glad to see you in the homework centre and are happy to help you achieve your goals. It takes a lot of courage and dedication to be prepared to give up your lunch break. We applaud your work ethic and tenacity.

Congratulations, you are outstanding members of the school community and, by taking responsibility for your own education, you have become role models for your classmates.

(The homework centre is managed by Miss Miller - Numeracy Coordinator, and proudly staffed by members of the Learning Support faculty during their lunchtimes.)

Written by Mrs Danielle Reid - School Learning Support Officer
It is here!!.....Download Bonnyrigg High School’s Skoolbag App today!!.....It is free!!

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
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5. When installed click "Open"
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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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