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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL

Bonnyrigg Matters

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Week 3 – 4 Term One 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3A
Monday 10th February
School Assembly
Yr 10 High Resolves
Tuesday 11th February
Wednesday 12th February
Yr 7 BBQ
Thursday 13th February
Friday 14th February
Yr 11 / 12 Dance Excursion
Yr 12 Cup Cakes for Valentines Day

WEEK 4B
Monday 17th February
Year Assemblies
Tuesday 18th February
Summer Grade Sport Competition
Wednesday 19th February
Yr 12 Geo Exc’n - Port Stephens
Thursday 20th February
Yr 8 High Resolves
Yr 12 Geo Exc’n - Port Stephens
Friday 21st February
Yr 8 High Resolves
Yr 12 Geo Exc’n - Port Stephens

From the Principal

Congratulations to Rebecca Gold, now in Year 11, for winning a prize in last year’s Liverpool Champion ‘Design an Ad’ Competition. Thank you to Ms Dang for organising her class to participate in the competition. This is the second year Ms Dang has produced a winner.

School uniform is important and while most students are able to meet the requirements, some students deliberately choose not to wear the correct uniform. We will be vigilant again this year, pushing full school uniform and that includes Sports/PE uniform. All students must be in the correct sports uniform when playing Sport or PE. Mrs Bond spoke to Years 9 and 10 concerning Sports uniform. Students must be in the correct uniform to play Sport.

We are looking at using an online App to contact parents. It is free to families and will allow families to read about what is happening at school, look at timetables, schedules and much more including the school newsletter. The App will also allow us to send messages to everyone concerning activities at the school. This technology will allow us to reduce our printing costs, especially the newsletter. Currently, we conservatively use 100,000 sheets of paper per annum on the newsletter alone. Printed back to back this adds up to 200,000 photocopy page charges to the school. We aim to have this new, friendly Phone App available before the middle of the year. All major announcements, such as the newsletter will be only available via the App on both Apple iTunes and Android.

Reminder: school fees need to be paid as soon as possible. The money you give us is used on your children in all the subjects. The school is not given enough funds to fully meet the needs of running the school. Without contributions, we could not provide the up-to-date library resources, textbooks for the new courses or the online learning programs the school subscribes. To provide the most up-to-date resources requires money, let alone meeting all the normal expenses a school encounters. Our school charges are at least 60% cheaper than other local schools. The money pays for the materials used in class, the paper for worksheets, new technology, and school updates. Without the subject contributions, our school would not be able to provide the high quality of education required for your children.

Cyber Safety - Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week. Find out what it is: http://www.schoolatoz. nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary?tw0F/5353/


Until next time,
MN Bryce - Principal

PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN. THERE ARE DROP OFF BAYS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL ON ELIZABETH DRIVE AND CABRAMATTA ROAD FROM WHERE YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN.

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Bonnyrigg High School's
Parent Forum
Wed 25th February
6.00pm till 7.00pm
School Library
Interpreters available:
Arabic, Khmer and Vietnamese

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**Staff Profile**

**Mr Ferguson - Hospitality and Food Technology Teacher**

Hi, my name is Mr Ferguson and I am very happy to have returned to teaching at Bonnyrigg High School, Term 1 this year, as a Hospitality and Food Technology teacher.

I have always liked cooking (oh, and eating is a plus too), so my first love was always with food. However, when at school, I also wanted to travel the world. My Food Technology teacher told me that the best industry to travel with was Hospitality.

After completing school, I worked at The Westin Sydney Hotel and gained lots of experience in many different areas of the hotel before deciding to travel overseas.

I lived in Canada for a year, on a working visa, and worked at Sunshine Village Ski Resort for a period of that time. I love to get outside and enjoy nature in many different ways from skiing, cycling (road and off-road), hiking and camping, to playing sports like Oztag, basketball, and squash. So that’s why the resort was great, as it allowed me to ski whenever there was a chance.

Now I live in South West Sydney with my family and am very excited to be working here with the Home Economics and Hospitality faculty. I am looking forward to teaching in the fantastic facilities of the ‘Trade Training Centre’ and with the great students here at Bonnyrigg.

**Library News**

Welcome Mrs Sander to the library this year. Mrs Sander brings with her over twenty years of library knowledge. We are very lucky to have her! Look out for her on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The PRC (Premier’s Reading Challenge) has begun and is open to all in Years 7, 8 and 9. PRC books have a yellow dot on their spine and we have literally hundreds from which to choose.

The library is open every day from 8.30 until 3.15pm. Students can borrow several books for two weeks.

We also have an E library (parents are most welcome to join) [http://bonnyrigghighschool.wheelers.co/](http://bonnyrigghighschool.wheelers.co/)

*Mrs Sander-Burns - Teacher / Librarian*

**Curriculum**

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**

We have had an exciting start to the term in the PDHPE faculty this year with some new members joining the PDHPE team in 2014, as well as some familiar favourites returning from leave. Welcome to Miss Trees, who was appointed as a permanent staff member to Bonnyrigg High School during the Christmas Holidays, and Miss Propst, who joins us in a temporary role teaching some PDHPE and junior History classes. Miss Seki and Miss Chambers are back on deck, 3 and 2 days respectively, and are enjoying seeing some old students as well as meeting new faces.

This year Mr Hanley will again coordinate Grade Sport on Tuesday afternoons. With so many talented sport students in Year 9 and 10, we are expecting excellent results in our grade sport teams. As a growing school, positions to represent the school at the Bernera Zone carnivals will be hotly contested. This will hopefully give us an excellent opportunity to perform well as a school group in all three disciplines.

As always State knockout competitions begin early in the year. Coaches have begun calling for students to trial for our CHS Knockout Teams. This year we have entered many competitions. Please ensure you listen to all messages read at roll call so you know when and where trials will be held. Competitions entered include: Rugby League, Soccer, Basketball, Netball, and Cricket.

The PDHPE staff are looking forward to another great year and with all the changes and new staff, I am sure it will be.

*Mr Avery - Head Teacher - PDHPE*
Happy New Year Bonnyrigg!... and welcome back to our returning students. We hope that you have had a very good break. A well deserved one as well!!! A special welcome and congratulations to our 2014 year 7 students who have entrusted Bonnyrigg High School with their secondary education. I make the same comment every year: “We commend you on your wise decision.”

A reflection on 2013
While 2013 was a very good year for our students in Mathematics, and it may be a good idea to mention some highlights, the more important task is to make plans for a better and bigger 2014. We are constantly undergoing change and our passion is to serve our students better.

This year we are trying to resource all our Mathematics students with the latest enhanced version of their text book, which are currently being issued. It is hoped that, to ensure the longevity of the textbooks, every student uses a plastic sleeve. We ask all our Mathematics students to make good use of this resource. Calculators are also compulsory. We do not expect any of our students to be without one, as this may interfere with proper learning. The office sells them for just over $20.

HSC results were nothing short of what was expected: 5 Band 6’s in Extension 2 and 3 Band 6’s in Extension 1. Extension 2 and Extension 1 results were respectively 2.17 and 1.79 points above the state average, however, General Mathematics was 3.58 points below the state average. The Numeracy component of the NAPLAN results was excellent last year. And needless to say that any outstanding results are a direct consequence of the culmination of hard work of students and teachers together. Those who are interested in knowing the finer details can contact the Head Teacher of Mathematics, Mr. Howard.

There have been some changes to the staffing in the Maths faculty in 2014. Mr Tran is back, refreshed and eager to contribute to the welfare of our students once again. We have been very fortunate to retain Mr Lin for another term. We look forward to their continuing contributions to the Maths faculty.

Students will be notified about our programs or any extra-curricular activities in due course. The Commonwealth Bank Mathematics competition is just one of them. This year we anticipate the competition will rise to even greater heights. We hope that all our selective and extension students take advantage of the competition. Last year Bonnyrigg achieved 22 distinctions, which is a little less than 10% of all who participated.

Class 9M1 will be accelerated into Year 10 Mathematics and will be doing HSC preliminary Mathematics in 2015. These students will have the opportunity to do their Year 10 ROSA this year. We will endeavour to support them in any way we can. In junior grades, students will be encouraged to learn combinations with increasing speed and accuracy. Hopefully, this will enable students to cope with tasks as they become more complex.

The e-learning tool, Mathletics, will again be offered free of charge to all our students; it has proven to be very popular. The faculty has other e-learning tools at its disposition; Brain Pop, Click View, e-text books, TaLe, Geogebra, etc., etc. I hasten to add that, though e-learning tools are valuable and imperative these days, nothing can replace the resourcefulness of the class teacher.

Yoga at Bonnyrigg: Mr Pacha is once again running the Yoga sessions after school. He is so keen to promote the benefits of Yoga that he will do it three times a week this year: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Talk to him if you wish to embrace the ancient art of self-healing and maintain correct body posture. And more, you will enjoy and appreciate the peace and harmony experienced by your body and mind together. The only cost is a Yoga mat and your time.

The Maths faculty takes this opportunity to remind all students of Mathematics that we are very much approachable in case of any problems in the subject. We would feel very satisfied that we were able to engage ourselves for the betterment of your education.

It has been a busy start to 2014, and we are endeavouring to make it an interesting one for all students.

Keep smiling!!

R. Singh - Maths Faculty

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**BHS Trivia Night**

**Fri 7th March**

**7.00pm start in the HALL**

**Teams of 10 welcome**