From the Principal

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding performances at the School and Zone Swimming Carnivals - 12 girls: Anamaria Strbac; 13 girls: Miki Ogden; 14 girls: Ameera Craig; 15 girls: Catherine Murphy; 16 girls: Elain Lewis; 12 boys: Justin Thai; 13 boys: Harrisson Pham; 14 boys: Jonathan Tran; 15 boys: Djuro Stojanovice; 16 boys: Benjamin Vo; 17+ boys: Danny Huynh. The students who achieved **age champions at the zone carnival** were: 12 girls: Anamaria Strbac; 14 girls: Ameera Craig; 15 girls: Catherine Murphy; 14 boys: Jonathan Tran 15 boys: Djuro Stojanovic. We also have 21 students who are going to the Regional Swimming Carnival. At the Zone Carnival we were pipped at the post for second place. Our small but strong team did the school extremely proud.

Congratulations to the following students on their selection into **Zone and Regional Sporting Squads**: Sebastian Panama, SSW Rugby Union. Ofisa Seufale, Nuk Aukstino and Aaron Faivakimoana Open Rugby League. Esafe Tamale, Pelili Tonga and Ben Seufale U15 Rugby League.

At the last Parent Forum, and in the newsletter, was information about a website to help parents in all aspects of their child’s school work, ‘schoolatoz’. Here are a few very useful sites to assist parents:

**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** - If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit 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. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan)

**Comprehension help at home** - Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. **Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.** Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can)


**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.

Dangerous situations have developed in the Cabramatta Rd and Elizabeth Drive carparks at the end of each school day. Some parents are not considerate of others and ignoring basic safety rules. While students are leaving, on foot, NO car should be driving out. We have had a number of near misses of late. As a result, the car parks are closed from 2:00pm to 3:30pm each day to prevent any further issues. Parents can arrange to pick up their children from the Aldi car park. The Elizabeth Drive carpark is much the same. Parents should park on the other side of Elizabeth Drive in Merinda Place. Both of these situations are much safer than what parents are currently doing.

Until next time,

MN Bryce - Principal
Staff Profile

Miss Trees - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Faculty

Hi, my name is Miss Trees, and I am happy to announce I have recently been appointed to Bonnyrigg High School as part of the PDHPE faculty.

I have always had a passion for physical education starting when I was young, participating in as many sporting teams as I could fit in a weekend and participating in school sporting teams with Netball and Basketball being favourites. I studied PDHPE and associated sporting subjects throughout my high school education. After the completion of my HSC I furthered my studies at the Australian College of Physical Education completing a Bachelor of Education – Physical Education. During my studies I also travelled numerous times to Cambodia to volunteer at a Non-Government Organisation working with underprivileged children. There I would run a 3 week sporting program allowing the children to participate in a variety of sports such as Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cricket, AFL, Ultimate Frisbee and Swimming. I was then offered a position with the organisation last year as their first appointed PDHPE teacher introducing physical activity into their organisations’ education curriculum. So, for the past year I have been living and working in Phnom Penh Cambodia. It was quite the experience and I hope I can pass on some of my experiences, knowledge and compassion to the students here at Bonnyrigg High School.

It has been my absolute pleasure to be part of the Bonnyrigg Community for the past 8 weeks and hope to continue teaching here for years to come!

Koori News

Year 7 students at Bonnyrigg High School started 2014 off with a difference this year.

Uncle Stephen Williams, Liverpool Council’s Citizen of the Year, was invited to perform a smoking ceremony to welcome these students to our school and to create a sense of ownership amongst the new arrivals.

The smoking ceremony is a purification ritual held to cleanse the area and to ward off bad spirits. As all Year 7 students participated in the ceremony they walked in a line through the smoke. They were told of the importance of respecting each other and their new school, which is now a part of their lives for the next 6 years.

Get to know your local Aboriginal Community
Curriculum
Home Economics & Hospitality Faculty

Term one has been a very busy time this year for the Home Economics & Hospitality faculty. The faculty welcomes Mr Ferguson to the staff. We have been enjoying his cheerful nature and, more importantly, the special skills and talents he brings to us. He is a very experienced Hospitality teacher and our Year 11 students are benefiting from this.

The new Year 11 Hospitality students have purchased their chef’s uniforms. They look very professional while they practise their knife skills. All other students are wearing their navy blue school aprons, which must be brought in with tea towels and containers for each practical lesson. They should always write a reminder in their diary so they will not forget equipment on the day. All students are expected to keep a diary to help them manage their time and assignment work. Year 7 fees include the blue apron and students in all years should have paid their course fees by now.

Year 12 Hospitality have their Extension class on Monday afternoons with Mrs Sharma. They have been producing and presenting excellent dishes, while they learn all of the varied skills in commercial cookery.

The Year 7 Technology classes will be studying Food Technology, Timber Technology and Computing Technology this year. They will learn the basic computing applications and how to use the computer network, as well as the use of their departmental portal. Students will not complete a Textiles unit until Year 8.

Mr Bryce has been alerting you to the fact that uniform is very important at Bonnyrigg High School and that enclosed leather shoes with firm uppers are a legal requirement. The Home Economics & Hospitality Department will inform parents when their student has not been allowed to take part in practical work. The students will not waste learning time, but will complete theory lessons while the class completes practical work so they are not at risk of an injury. Please ensure that your child gets the best educational opportunities by supplying them with the required shoes and equipment for Technology classes.

After such a busy start to 2014, we encourage students to focus on their theory and practical work in all Home Economics & Hospitality subjects. Each student needs to strive to achieve the best results possible, particularly our HSC students. Their results will go with them and be closely watched by future employers. Our best wishes go out to all students and their families for a fruitful 2014.

Mrs D Bond
Head Teacher - Home Economics & Hospitality

Attendance

Congratulations to this week’s raffle winners:
Anthony Chau and Vicky Thuong.
These students were in uniform and have been at school every day.
Well done!

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 her or his academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance:
By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and take quizzes and tests on time.
Curriculum

Creative and Performing Arts

The end of first term 2014 is looming! The CAPA faculty has been full steam ahead this year in both teaching and extracurricular events.

Music students have been practising and performing solidly in preparation for vocal assessments in Year 8 and HSC performance pieces for Year 12. Year 12 have also been working on Viva research and presentations based on the Concepts of Music. Year 7 have completed Instruments of the Orchestra and commenced a unit on Keyboard. Various exciting excursions have been planned, one of which was a visit to the Conservatorium of Music for senior students. Additionally, ‘The Lion King’ musical will hopefully be planned for juniors early next term. Look out for Bonnyrigg Live Concert COMING SOON!!!

We are very excited to see the 50th Anniversary “CHEER” mural finally up on the external brick wall of the library! Back in 2011 the idea was proposed to create a mural to commemorate Bonnyrigg High School’s 50th anniversary and complement the beautifully landscaped “CHEER” garden. The mural is composed of four hundred and twenty tiles which have been hand painted / glazed by our students and staff. The glazing began two years ago in March of 2012 with Year 7 Visual Arts classes and elective Visual Arts and Photography classes. The firing and glazing was finally completed last year during terms three and four, with Year 7 Visual Arts classes and elective Visual Arts and Photography classes. Each tile has a personalised design and text reflecting our core values of connection, honesty, empathy, excellence and respect. Please take a look and appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this massive project that spans over 16 metres in width!

CAPA Faculty

Thankyou!!

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Bakers Delight at Bonnyrigg
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Bonnyrigg High School’s P&C / Parent Forum
Wednesday 2nd April
6.00pm till 7.30pm
School Library
Interpreters available: Arabic, Khmer and Vietnamese
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