IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3A
Monday 12th May
School Assembly
Yr 11 Excursion / Assessment Free
Boys/Girls State Knockout Hockey
Tuesday 13th May
Yr 10 High Resolves
Yr 9/10(1) L2L Girls COPE
Yr 11 Excursion / Assessment Free
Wednesday 14th May
Yr 7/9 NAPLAN
Yr 11 Excursion/assessment free
Yr 9/10 Various Dance/Music Performances at the Community Services Expo Mounties

THURSDAY 15th May
Yr 10(4) L2L TAFE Hospitality

Friday 16th May
Yr 11 Exams

WEEK 4B
Monday 19th May
Year Assemblies
Yr 8 High Resolves
Yr 9/10(1) L2L Girls COPE
Yr 11 Exams

Tuesday 20th May
Yr 7/9 NAPLAN
Yr 11 Excursion/assessment free
Yr 12 Drama - The Laramie Project
Yr 8 / 10 Various Dance/Music Performances at the Community Services Expo Mounties

Centrelink Program POSCO 3.0. Bonnyrigg High School is participating in the Centrelink Program POSCO 3.0. The contact is 8:15am - 9:15am and 10:50am - 11:50am daily. Park in the car park only at the given time.

Thursday 22nd May
Yr 9 High Resolves
Yr 9/10(1) L2L Girls COPE
Yr 11 Exams

Friday 23rd May
Yr 7-2 Big Science Competition 9 - 11am
Yr 11 Exams
Yr 11 Boys Immunisation
Yr 9/10(1) L2L Boys TAFE Auto
Yr 10(4) L2L TAFE Hospitality

Future Dates
Next PARENT FORUM - Wed 28th May

From the Principal

We had a very successful Year 10 into 11 Subject Information Evening. The process is a little different this year and will be the last where the school prints booklets. In future, information will be on the school website and School App.

Congratulations to Stacey Whittard, Touch Football, and Zane Droscher, Waterpolo, for making the respective zone and regional teams.

Upgrades at Bonnyrigg High: 1. Installation of the new School Electronic Sign has commenced, positioned on Cabramatta Road and faced on an angle toward Tarlton Road. The sign will allow not only words but colour pictures of people and events happening in the school. The old signs will be relocated and used for special events only. The old signs couldn’t be seen as a result of the security fence installation.

2. The new Dance Studio has been installed. The dance classes will move in over the next week and have a more permanent home.

3. The installation of the new Industrial Arts demountable will commence in the next few days. The building will increase our capacity for wood work and add to the learning opportunities for students. It will be placed beside the current Industrial Arts Block.

5. The new flooring for all Visual Arts and Textiles rooms was completed during the school holidays. In June the remainder of the areas will be completed. Once this work is completed all learning spaces will have had new floor covering in the last 4 years. We will begin the next cycle. In 2014 the school will spend $77,000 on improving the floor coverings in the school.

Computer network or LAN is currently under a rebuild all across the school. We are installing new fibre cables, computer switches and servers to increase the capacity for all users and more importantly the speed of the system. This is partly funded by the DEC but mostly by our school. This is what we are using the computer levy to achieve. Just to run the new fibre optic cable from the administration area to G block, to enhance the network there, is $5500. This does not include any other computer work needed. The total cost will be in the vicinity of $25000. 7. We are undergoing a program of refurbishing the classrooms with basics, such as blinds on windows. Over the next term, the school will ensure these are installed, especially in the new demountable classrooms.

Kids, social media and privacy: Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research: 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow. It starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram. A quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years; more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram; young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media. 2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time enables them to fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmrQz8

Until next time,
MN Bryce - Principal
Staff Profile

Mr Brown - History Teacher

Hello Bonnyrigg.
This is my second time round at doing a profile for Bonnyrigg Matters but I guess the last time was a few years ago. How time flies. It has been 10 years since I first started working here at Bonnyrigg and I have seen so many students pass through our school over that time.

I am a History teacher here at Bonnyrigg and my passion and specialty is teaching Ancient, particularly Roman, history. I also have a degree in Archaeology and this has enabled me to work in Italy as an archaeologist. For the last 6 years I have been part of a team of archaeologists working in Pompeii. There, I volunteer my time to a US university working on site. I have been able to take students from Bonnyrigg to Italy to visit where I work, most recently in the holidays just gone, and I look forward to being able to do that again. The group of students, parents and teachers that only just came back from Italy had a fantastic time.

In my spare time I follow soccer, particularly Manchester United and Sydney FC and love being at a game as well as watching on TV. My 3 kids keep me busy particularly with sport as I travel all over Sydney and other parts of NSW for soccer.

Curriculum

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Welcome back to term 2. It may only be 9 weeks but there is no shortage of events and activities happening. A number of teams are still alive in sport knockout competitions and we look forward to hearing about the progress of the Girls Open Volleyball and Boys Bill Turner Cup teams. After impressive wins to date, both sides are demonstrating excellent teamwork and really look like they are enjoying playing together and representing Bonnyrigg HS.

After a washout late last term, the School Cross Country was held during week 1 in sensational weather that proved ideal for running. Mr Leslie and Mr Hanley did a great job organising the day and would like to praise all students who competed. The top 8 students will compete in the Bernara Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 30th May (week 5). Good luck to all who have qualified.

As usual the School and Zone Athletics Carnivals will be held during Term 2. On Monday 26th May (week 5), all Bonnyrigg students will be required to attend the School Athletics Carnival at Dwyer Oval, Warwick Farm. Information with more details will be sent home to parents shortly.

Finally a huge congratulations to Zane in Year 8 who has successfully made the Sydney South West Open Boys’ Water Polo Team. An outstanding effort! He will compete in the State Championships in Tamworth later in the year.

Mr D Avery
Head Teacher - PDHPE

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY

What is my responsibility as a parent/caregiver?

Make sure your child:
- attends school on ALL school days and is on time every day

Make sure you:
- provide the school with an explanation if your child is away and contact the school if your child does not want to go to school
- arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your son/daughter or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.

Is regular attendance at school important?
Yes – from the first day.
- If your child misses school they can experience difficulties with their learning
- Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future
- Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.
Welcome back Bonnyrigg. It is Term 2 and we are entering into a period which demands consistent hard work, and perseverance, is the call of the day. We are, of course, nearing the end of Semester 1 and Half Yearly Examinations are quick on approach. This will be our Year 7’s first major assessment at Bonnyrigg High so we encourage all students in Year 7 (and other years as well) to be precisely clear of the topics to be assessed. It is always good practice to look at model solutions of prior assessments to avoid any dilemmas later. Ask your Mathematics teacher if in doubt. It is also your personal responsibility to bring all equipment needed on the examination day, not forgetting a scientific calculator. The Mathematics staff is always keen to support.

The closing date for The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Commonwealth Bank Awards was Friday 2nd May. The entry fee is $6. This has to be paid to the front office. This year we are anticipating an excess of 300 students across all divisions to participate; a healthy increase over the past year. The competition has previously helped to enhance problem solving skills and intellectually challenge our students; again something we would like to continue doing especially when the new Australian Mathematics curriculum advocates the same. If nothing else, it should elevate the engagement level of students in Mathematics. We are confident that this competition will help build a portfolio for future employment prospects as well. Ask Mr Ta, the competition manager, or your Mathematics teacher, for a practice paper.

It is pleasing to see that the ‘The Mathletics Program’ is continuing well with all students (Year 7 - 12) being registered. This is an outstanding learning tool and has proven to be quite popular with staff and students; it has an in-built rewards program as well. It has course outcomes for all levels. Senior students can access the package through Miss Miller. Years 7 and 8 are assigned tasks that are mandatory. Due dates must be met for them. Any student who has difficulty accessing their account at home are welcome to use A4 in their lunch time. Of course, prior arrangement must be made with Miss Miller or your Mathematics teacher.

All students are encouraged to purchase a red textbook cover from the front office (if not already bought) for the hardcopy of their textbook, a resource we are fortunate to be able to secure for the majority. Your last year’s one will also do. Years 7 and 9 who were issued with the new Australian curriculum Signpost 7 and 9 textbook, cannot be without the protective cover, as the original cover wouldn’t last the term!!

We have tried our level best to provide all our students with ample exposure to Mathematical techniques and styles of testing, be it calculator or non-calculator, whole of last term. We hope that all these may translate into some good results in the Numeracy component of NAPLAN which will be administered on Thursday in week 3. Miss Miller must be given credit for the enormous amount of work she put into the preparation of practice tests. All students require a scientific Board of Studies approved calculator to attempt the calculator component of the test. Under NO circumstances are mobile phones or borrowing allowed. This year Bonnyrigg is striving to further extend its achievements in NAPLAN to a new high with the help of ‘Mathletics’. This is not an easy task we have taken upon ourselves but one we know in good time will also help to promote more students into learning and developing their Mathematics as a life skill.

Year 10 students are encouraged to choose the Mathematics course they wish to pursue in Year 11 realistically, a course which is reflective of their aptitude and interests. Remember you do not have to do what your friends are thinking of doing. Seek advice, if unsure, from your Mathematics teacher. The accelerated Year 10 students will be sitting their HSC Mathematics next year, that is, at the end of Year 11. A lot of work has been put in to make this possible, especially the tutorials before and after school, which show that consistent hard work eventually pays off.

Year 12 will soon get a chance to discuss their Semester 1 progress report with their parents/caregivers and respective teacher on Parent / Teacher Interviews Evening on Wednesday 21st May. We urge all Year 12 to take good advantage of this opportunity since this may be their last chance to work out the finer details that need to be pursued with diligence for a good trial examination. Skills acquired thus far can be further developed and polished, with a resolve to heighten standards. It is imperative that you act on your teacher’s advice. There will be tutorials in the first week of the Term 2 break. These tutorials will cater for all levels of Mathematics, with a focus towards examination techniques. Keep an eye on the notice board for more details later.

Happy studying and keep smiling, Bonnyrigg!!!

Mr Singh
Mathematics Faculty
Year 9 and 10 Chinese Excursion

Dragon Boat Training at Pyrmont Bay, Sydney

Row .... row ....... row your boat!

On 10th March, 2014 our Year 9 and 10 Chinese classes were fortunate enough to attend Dragon Boat training in Pyrmont Bay. They were coached by Mary Weaver, the Junior Team Training Coach of the NSW Dragon Boating Association.

About Dragon Boat racing: Dragon Boat racing is a long standing Chinese Tradition that has developed into a fast and furious water sport around the world. In Australia, it is the fastest growing water sport with 22 people required to propel a boat from start to finish. Its origins stem back 2000 years to the rivers of Southern China as a fertility rite to ensure plentiful crops. The race was traditionally held on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month of the Chinese Calendar to encourage rains for prosperity. The dragon, the symbol of water, was their object of worship.

It is my hope for Bonnyrigg to have a dragon boat racing team one day.

The following are three student accounts of the day:

“Mary taught us the three important factors that make a Dragon Boat Team successful. She called them the 3Ts, which stood for Timing, Technique and the most important aspect of the dragon boat, which is Teamwork. This was a great experience and we had a lot of fun, so we highly recommend everyone try it. Besides experiencing Dragon Boat training, we also learnt about some cultural events that led to the development of Dragon Boat Racing. Through our first-hand Dragon Boating experience, we discovered that it was very exhausting. Although the Bonnyrigg High team performed to the best of our abilities, the fastest we could row was at a mere fifty five strokes per minute. Regardless, it was a good day.

Some fascinating facts:
1. Dragon Boats weigh 250 kilograms.
2. The Dragon Boat was designed like a dragon because the dragon was known as the spirit of the water.
3. The world’s number one dragon boat racing champion is the Philippines. They can row over 120 strokes per minute which make them the record holders for the highest speed.

By: Ms M Ellis, Derry Kim, Sherily Li and Aimee Huynh

To find out more about introducing Dragon Boat Racing into your school visit http://www.dbnsw.org.au/

List of current schools that participate:
- Snowy Mountain Grammar School - Jindabyne
- Marist Sister's College - Woolwich
- Danebank Anglican School for Girls - Hurstville
- Kelso High School - Bathurst
- Kinross Wolario School - Orange
- Orange High School - Orange
- Macquarie Grammar School - Dubbo
- Abbotsleigh -Wahroonga
- Jindabyne Central School
- St Patricks - Jindabyne
- Monaro High School
- Albion Park High School
- Corpus Christie
- Illawarra Christian School
- St Mary's by the Sea
- Edmund Rice College
- Chatham High School, Taree
- Wingham High School
- International Grammar School
- Domremy School
- Knox Grammar School
- Centennial Park School
- James Sheehan High
- St Scholastic College
- Scotts College
- The Kings School
Parent News

**EXAMS and ASSESSMENTS**

- **Year 11 Exams**  
  Mon 19\(^{th}\) - Fri 23\(^{rd}\) May
- **Year 10 Exams**  
  Mon 26\(^{th}\) - Fri 30\(^{th}\) May
- **Year 7 - 9 Assessment Period**  
  Mon 26\(^{th}\) May - Fri 6\(^{th}\) June

**“NAPLAN” Testing for Year 7 & 9**  
Tues 13\(^{th}\) - Thurs 15\(^{th}\) May

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

- **Year 12**  
  Wednesday 21\(^{st}\) May  
  4pm - 6pm
- **Year 10 & 11**  
  Wednesday 25\(^{th}\) June  
  4pm - 7pm
- **Year 7, 8, & 9**  
  Tuesday 24\(^{th}\) July  
  4pm - 7pm

Interpreters available:  
Arabic, Khmer and Vietnamese

**Be Informed ~ Make Decisions**  
**No Fund Raising ~ Supper Provided**

**BHS Table Tennis Squad**

**Wednesday Afternoons**  
starting at  
2.30pm till 4.30pm
at the bottom of G Block

**Interested Students should see Mrs Borg for more details**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Do you have school uniform that you have grown out of but too good to throw away??

The school is happy to take them off your hands!!

Just drop it off to the front office and it will go to a good home.

**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

**MEN’S SUITS FOR SALE**

Great for Year 12 Formals or for your Dad, brother or male friend?

See Mrs Borg who will arrange a fitting for you

100% Pure Wool

$100

$20 of each sale will go to the school  
You nominate where

Looking for students who have an interested in learning the Spanish Language and / or the Spanish Salsa.

Lessons can be available to suit you

See Mrs Borg in D Block or phone 9823-1186 or visit the NSW SLASA Office at Bonnyrigg Plaza
Community News

St Vincent de Paul Society, Fairfield City Council and NSW SLASA invite you to participate in the...

**COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO**

**Wednesday 14 May 2014**

10am - 2pm

Mounties, 101 Meadows Rd, Mt Pritchard

An opportunity for local service providers, government and non-government departments to promote & share information on services provided to migrants and asylum seeker operating in the Fairfield Area on the same day in the same place!

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Multicultural Performers
- Entertainment

For more information please contact NSW SLASA on 96100268

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**Families Together**

Invites mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to a free seminar

**RAISING KIDS THAT COPE**

BUILDING AN OPTIMISTIC MINDSET IN CHILDREN

**DATE:** Thursday 19 June 2014

**TIME:** 6.30 - 8.30pm

**LOCATION:** Edensor Room, St Johns Park Bowling Club, 3 Edensor Road, St Johns Park

**CONTACT:** Families Together 0407 708 626.

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers of children up to 12 years living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool & Bankstown

**COST - Free No childminding available.**

(Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place)

About the presenter …

Cay Camden has an extensive background across a range of health and welfare areas and with Education Offices in the NSW school system. Cay has presented workshops to staff, education professionals, parents and community members around Australia and loves sharing practical strategies and useful tips for parents and carers.

Find out more about Cay on our website www.thefamiliesedgeworks.com.au

*Families Together is funded by Department of Education and Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.

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**IT’S DARK OUTSIDE**

Friday 30 May 7pm

Saturday 31 May 7pm

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Mayor Neil McLean and Counsellors welcome you br

You are invited to attend the

**2014 Community Services Expo**

**held on**

**Wednesday 14 May**

**10:00am to 2:00pm**

Mounties Club – 101 Meadows Road, Mt Pritchard

The 2014 Community Services Expo is a St Vincent de Paul and NSW SLASA initiative proudly supported by Fairfield City Council. It provides an opportunity for local services providers, as well as for the general community to access information on services operating in the Fairfield Local Government Area, on the same day and in the same place!

Information will be available on Age Care, Disability, Education, Employment, Health Services, Children/Families, Women, Migrant / Refugee, Community & Neighbourhood Centre, Youth, Housing, and Legal services.

Access current information and assistance face to face for agencies such as: TAFE, Centrecare, and Legal Aid.

On the day, enjoy music and dances from around the world.

Information is the key that opens or closes doors in our lives!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

For further information please contact Sara on 9715 0702 or Tricia on 9823 1014