## Important Dates

### Week 5A
- **Monday 26th May**
  - School Assembly
  - School Athletics Carnival
  - Yr 7-9 Assessment Week
  - Yr 12 English STD – Shoe-Hom Sanata
- **Tuesday 27th May**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr9(4)/Yr10(1) Links to Learning – Girls COPE
  - Yr 10 Exams
- **Wednesday 28th May**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr 9/10 Australian History Competition
  - Yr 10 Exams
  - Parent Forum - 6pm in the Library
- **Thursday 29th May**
  - Yr 10 Exams
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr9(1)/Yr10(4) Links to Learning – TAFE Auto
  - Yr10(4) Links to Learning - TAFE Hospitality
- **Friday 30th May**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr 10 Exams

### Week 6B
- **Monday 2nd June**
  - School Assembly
  - Yr 10 Science Half Yearly periods 3/4
- **Tuesday 3rd June**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr9(4)/Yr10(1) Links to Learning – COPE
- **Wednesday 4th June**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr 11 ASPIRATIONS - ABCN launch - Hall
- **Thursday 5th June**
  - Yr 5 HeadStart - Edensor Park
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr 10 High Resolves
  - Yr9(1)/Yr10(4) Links to Learning – TAFE Auto
  - Yr10(4) Links to Learning - TAFE Hospitality
- **Friday 6th June**
  - Yr 7-9 Assessments
  - Yr 9 GOALS - ABCN Launch - Hall
  - Yr 12 English 1 to Pygmalion
  - Yr 11 Acc / Yr12 Chemistry Excursion

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**Bonnyrigg Matters**

### From the Principal

Firstly, **congratulations** to a former student, Harry Pitt, recently announced **Australian winner of the NAIDOC Design competition**. Harry’s work will be displayed all over Australia and his talents were developed here by our Visual Art staff.

**Thank you** to Thomas Antcliff (Yr10), Jason Sagredo (Yr10) and Sahil Kapoor (Yr11), led by Andrew Tran, former student and officer in charge of our **St John Cadet Division**, on officiating at the recent Cabramatta HS carnival. Our cadets complete many hours of community service, volunteering their time to help others. On a sad note, Mr James Chandler, State Officer Cadets, will be leaving his current post for a much higher position. Mr Chandler has been with our cadets since the beginning. Mr Chandler has been made a Commander of the Order of St John, after 32 years of dedicated service, and now takes up another position. Our Cadet Division wishes him well.

Do you know someone that has not downloaded the Bonnyrigg School Bag App? Then please tell them to do so. It’s easily found in the ‘free’ app stores for iPhone and Android.

**New School Electronic Sign is operating!** The sign is in the location of the previous signs on Cabramatta Road. It is very modern and colourful. We will be able to promote our school to a far wider audience than was previously possible. Have a look driving east along Cabramatta Road and I’m happy to hear suggestions on how we can improve the look of the notices.

**Parent Forum** is on next week, **Wednesday 28th May**, please come along. It is important parents hear what is happening in their school. Over the next few meetings we will have guest speakers and experts on a wide range of topics, including; **Teenagers Seeking More Independence**. Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they are your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The ‘Raising Children Network’ website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article, ‘Shifting Responsibility To Your Child’, worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

**Study Help For High School** - It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (“Don’t feel bad. Teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing!”) [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is an excellent, not-for-profit website, which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

**Too sick for school?** As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell, you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Until next time,

**MN Bryce - Principal**
Overseas Excursion

Memories of a lost world found! BHS April 2014 Italy Excursion

Da Vinci brilliance before his time!

The model Galileo fought against!

Future thinkers in Florence!

Roman Fair Maidens!

Peek-a-boo in Pompeii!

Real-life statues!

Mt Etna, a volcanic adventure. Love the pose Miss Jekki!!

Mt Etna - three personalities - look closely and you will see!

Sicily

Incredible history!

Beautiful sights!

Lovely people!

Amazing food!
Curriculum

History and LOTE

Bonnyrigg High School commemorated the 99th Anniversary of the landing of the ANZAC troops on the Gallipoli Peninsular at the end of first term. Guest speaker Colin Doust, from the Vietnam Veterans’ Association of Australia, gave an address on the personal significance of Gallipoli. Colin’s father was a Gallipoli veteran and Colin recently attended the dawn service there.

Jenny Nguyen and Isabelle Doan spoke about the 100th Anniversary of the start of WW1 and looking towards 2015, the centenary of Gallipoli. The flag bearers: Caitlyn Casha, Najifa Rahman and Chistina Le also did a sterling job in the rain, ably supported by two students from the St John’s Ambulance Brigade, Michael Mansor and Madasyn Baldassare. The ceremony was a huge success.

For the first time, the school choir performed at the ANZAC Service. Led by Mrs Mayfield, the choir gave a stirring rendition of “And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda”.

There was a very colourful and interesting ANZAC display in the library, where our dignitaries, including war veteran, Mr Stan Walden, Vietnam Warrant Officer, Peter Bull, and staff member, Mr Allen, attended.

The Australian History Competition will be held again on Wednesday, 28th May. Good luck to the Year 8 and Year 10 students who have entered the competition.

The exam period will be shortly with us. A reminder to all students to study for their exams and achieve the best results they are capable of.

Onwards to Victory and Glory Glory,

Mr S Kurtz
Head Teacher History/LOTE

Library News

Latest Movie Release

Not long now until the movie version of the most popular book in the history of Bonnyrigg High School is released in Australian cinemas: John Green’s The Fault in Our Stars.

Check out the official trailer!

Hazel (Shailene Woodley) and Gus (Ansel Elgort) are two extraordinary teenagers who share an acerbic wit, a disdain for the conventional, and a love that sweeps them -- and us -- on an unforgettable journey. Their relationship is all the more miraculous, given that they met and fell in love at a cancer support group. THE FAULT IN OUR STARS, based upon the number-one bestselling novel by John Green, explores the funny, thrilling and tragic business of being alive and in love.
Buongiorno!
Yes, I learnt that in Italy. Italy!

Miss Jekki, Miss Stafford and I, along with other teachers in the school, spent the school holidays in Italy on the joint History/Science excursion. It was the first foray into Europe for all three of us, and what a marvellous adventure it was. The students were outstanding, and it was fantastic getting to know each of them in an environment outside of school. We ate lots of gelato, pizza, cannoli, and saw many exciting places, including Taormina, a beautiful little town high in the hills of Sicily. You can see the group in the photo below, at the Greek Theatre. It was magnificent! The picture of Miss Jekki and I has us at the top of Mt Etna. You can see it is snow-covered; this is because of the high altitude. The air is much thinner up there and it is very cold. Can you believe that when we got down off the mountain, back to Catania, it was 28 degrees Celsius?

We went to many other exciting places too; places I never thought I’d get to see! I was very excited to be able to have the opportunity to go, as were the students who came on the trip. Mr Brown and Mr Foti did a fantastic job organising it. It’s even got me thinking about making a school excursion to England to see places of great significance to literature! If you think you might be interested in that, let me know. You might also like to think about places to see in England that are significant to what we do in English. Imagine visiting the reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, perhaps even seeing a performance of one of Shakespeare’s plays there? How awesome!

English has many exciting things coming this term. Firstly, Year 11 are in the midst of their mid-course exams. We wish them well. Also, Year 12 Standard English have two very important theatre performances approaching that will greatly enhance their learning for Module A: The Shoe-Horn Sonata for Miss Jekki, Mrs Freeman and Miss Thai’s classes, and Pygmalion for Ms Simpson’s class. They are on the 5th and 6th June, respectively. Year 12 are kindly advised that they need to pay for these excursions ASAP.

It may excite some of you to learn that Term 2 is a nine week term; that means it’s a very busy term! There is always much to get through, including exams, reports, and other things. Make sure you keep revising your work, speaking to your teachers if you need to, and striving for your best!

Fino alla prossima volta,

Ms Simpson
Head Teacher - English

Former Student News

Andrew Tran - Year 12 2012

Congratulations Andrew!!

Find out what Andrew has been up to by clicking on his picture or go to
LAT News

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Daniel Al Saifi from 9R1. He has been to school every day this year and is this week’s winner of a canteen voucher.

If your child comes to school 12 minutes late each day this amounts to:
60 minutes (1 hour) per week.
40 weeks x 1 hour = 40 hours per year

SO DON’T COME LATE! CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS THIS MUCH SCHOOL?

Parents and Community

BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL’s Parent Forum

Wednesday 28th May
6.00pm SHARP till 7.00pm
Interpreters available: Arabic, Khmer and Vietnamese
Make Decisions ~ Be Informed - Be Involved - Ask Questions - Get Answers

RANT AGAINST RACISM

Racism. “It Stops with Me” and the Anti-Hate campaign have joined forces to promote the good stuff people do to show they don’t accept racism in the community.

Go to http://www.rantagainstracism.com.au to enter and share your story. Say how you stood up to racist behaviour using wit, humour or just by quietly making your point and you will be in the draw to win a prize. Remember, every time we ignore a hateful comment we are supporting it. We are allowing the minority to speak on our behalf, hurting our friends and dividing our community.

All entries will be posted online at www.antihate.vic.gov.au and the top 5 entries will each receive a $100 JB HiFi voucher.
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Mon 26th May - Fri 6th June

BHS

Table Tennis Squad
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at the bottom of G Block
Interested Students should see Mrs Borg for more details

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Year 10 & 11
Wednesday 25th June
4pm - 7pm
Year 7, 8, & 9
Tuesday 24th July
4pm - 7pm

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.

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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

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

H2LIFE
(Homework 2 life skills)

H2Life will primarily focus on Young People in High School helping to maintain studies after school hours, including; Education support, access to Support Workers and School readiness in a surrounding which has resources at their fingertips. Students will also have the opportunity to learn relevant living skills for the future. These will be in the areas of, healthy relationships, sustainable living (balcony vegie gardens), resume writing, readiness for work and much more. Young people will be able to take ownership of the area and make it into a space which is comfortable and inviting.
At the completion of the program students will be treated to an outdoor education activity.

RUNNING EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING THURSDAY 22.05.2014

For any enquiries please contact Emma Youth and Family Caseworker (CFS) on 97274333 or Amie Education and Outreach Support Officer(MA) 87072300
Bonnyrigg Youth Centre supports positive youth development. We offer young people the opportunity to develop skills and self-esteem through our educational, career, social and recreational skills programs and services, enabling young people to make positive life choices.

At BYC young people are able to meet and make new friends, relax and listen to music, play pool or table tennis, participate in games and personal training sessions, connect to the free WIFI and much more.

BYC is a safe, fully supervised and non-threatening environment. BYC is not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

Bonnyrigg Youth Centre,  
28 Bonnyrigg Avenue, Bonnyrigg  
Ph: 8786 1845

Some of these programs and services are:

- Health and Well Being for Life
- Career and Employment Workshops
- Body and Image workshops
- Cooking Experiences and Living Skills
- Out of School Learning
- Homework Clubs
- Family and Parent Workshops
- Stress Management and Meditation
- Qualified Youth Workers
- Case Management and Mentoring
- Arts and Crafts
- Sports and Fitness Activities
- Off Site Excursions
- School Holidays Workshops
- Girls Corner (specifically for girls and young women)
- Study Skills and Time Management