**IMPORTANT DATES**

**WEEK 5A**
- Monday 11th August: School Assembly
- Yr 8 High Resolves
- Yr 11 IDT work placement all week
- Yr 10G1 Geo excursion pd 5 & 6
- Tuesday 12th August
  - Yr(9)/ Yr10(1) Parks Links to Learning – Girls COPE
  - Yr11 Biology Research Assessment - Pd 3/4 in G3/G7
- Wednesday 13th August
  - Yr 11 ASPIRATIONS-ASBCN session 3
  - NSW Drama Festival
  - Parent Forum - 6pm - Library - “Understanding Your Teenager”
- Thursday 14th August
  - Yr 7/8 Boys Immunisation
  - Yr 8 High Resolves
- Friday 15th August
  - Yr9(1)/ Yr10(4) Parks Links to Learning – Boys Auto
  - Yr10(4) Parks Links to Learning – TAFE Hospitality

**WEEK 5B**
- Monday 18th August: School Assembly
- Yr 12 Visual Arts Incursion - Art Exhibition
- Bonnyrigg Live Rehearsals
- Tuesday 19th August
  - Yr 12 Visual Arts Incursion - Art Exhibition
  - Bonnyrigg Live Rehearsals
  - Yr(9)/ Yr10(1) Parks Links to Learning – Girls COPE
- Wednesday 20th August
  - Yr 7/8 Boys Immunisation
  - Yr 12 Visual Arts Incursion - Art Exhibition
- Thursday 21st August
  - Bonnyrigg Live
  - BHS Science Fun Day
- Friday 22nd August
  - Yr 12 Visual Arts Incursion - Art Exhibition
  - HSC Geography Enrichment Day
  - Visual Arts Excursion to UTs (21 students)

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**From the Principal**

**Visiting schools:** This week is a busy week for Bonnyrigg High School as we have two groups of visitors. Group one is from China and comprises 20 students and 2 teachers from a range of schools in China. The second group is from Peel High School in Tamworth. We welcome both groups to our school and sincerely hope they enjoy the experience of visiting Bonnyrigg. Peel became a partially selective high school at the same time as Bonnyrigg and we have shared a great deal together. Our exchange visits are designed to foster a lot more understanding between the students from a city and a country school. Last year the exchange visits went extremely well and it is something we should continue into the future.

**Picking children up from school:** Parents are reminded not to drive into the school grounds to collect children. It is quite hazardous, even dangerous at times, as students are leaving the school with cars also competing for space. This is especially the issue in the Elizabeth Dr carpark every afternoon. Please do not enter the school. Park opposite the school off Brown road and the children can safely take the walkway overbridge to your car.

**Friend or frenemy?**

What to do when you think your teen’s best friend is a bad influence? How do you discourage these friendships without inadvertently driving away your child in the process?


**HSC study for all Year 12 students needs to increase.** The BOSTES site ([http://www.bostes.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/home](http://www.bostes.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/home)) has many helpful tips and practice questions for every subject. The trials are just an indicator and students need to attend all classes until the end of the term. It is vital for students to keep on learning and revising until the actual HSC exams.

**The weather has turned cold: Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.


**Weekly Vaccination Page:**

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to best friend. Other vaccines may be given at the same time if they are suitable. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

**Until next time,**

MN Bryce - Principal
Curriculum Fun
Social Sciences

A Treasure Map by Aditya Patil
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Follow the directions located on the right using the key below to discover where “x” marks the spot on the map over the page.
Curriculum
Year 12 Society and Culture

Personal Interest Projects (PIP)

The PIP is a project that is usually around 6000 words. It is worth 40% of the total amount awarded to students who complete Society and Culture. This week our Year 12 students submitted their PIPs and a huge weight was lifted from their shoulders. The students selected an area of their own to investigate using both secondary and primary research. They became quite adept at the various social research methodologies.

The PIP helped the students make important connections between concepts in their course. It reflected an understanding of the social world, ie. their social and cultural literacy. Their PIPs needed to show some knowledge and understanding of viewpoints other than their own. For example: time or generation, socio-economic group, gender, ethnicity or location.

The students have been working on these massive reports since last October (some more than others) and each student who submitted one should feel an immense sense of pride and accomplishment. Through this they have communicated using social and cultural literacy as well as effective communication for an intended audience.

Topics included the use of corporal punishment in today’s society, illegally downloading music, the formation of cultural enclaves in SW Sydney, helicopter parents, demise of Christianity, gaming violence, flirting, junk food, cross cultural relationships, loneliness within international students, first impressions to the increasingly sexualisation of women in mainstream media.

Well done Year 12. I am very proud of you. Now onwards and upwards to your trial exam!

Ms Sander Burns
Teacher - Society and Culture

Congratulations to the following students who have been to school every day this year and were winners of the attendance canteen voucher raffle:
Poncholo Deleon
Serena Hor
Ivan lin
Komar Ghafournejad

English

Can you believe it’s already Term Three! This year is flying by!

At the time of writing, Year 12 are in the midst of their trial HSC exams. For some, these exams are an opportunity for students to see that the hard work they’ve been doing this year has been worth it! For others, the exams are an opportunity for students to re-evaluate what they’ve been doing (or not!!) and strive for their best for the remaining weeks of this term. Only two months to go until they sit their real HSC exams...though for some of our students, namely Miss Van Munster’s Drama class and Ms Simpson’s Extension 2 English class, the HSC has well and truly arrived! Drama performances are scheduled for 19th August, while the Extension 2 students have to have their Major Works completed by 3pm on 15th August. Some teachers will have no finger nails by the time these dates roll around!

Year 10 are attending the Macbeth excursion on Wednesday 6th August; a great opportunity for students to see Shakespeare on stage. Mr Elafros has done a great job organising the excursion – I hope Year 10 get a lot out of it!

In other news, I’d like to say a great big “Thank You!” to Ms Gladovic, who has been filling in for Miss Stafford while she has been on leave. It’s been great having you, Ms Gladovic (though rest assured she’ll still be around, guys!) Welcome back to Miss Stafford, who’ll resume with us on Monday of Week 5.

Next term I’ll have the results of the English Competitions for your perusal. Congratulations to those students who participated, regardless of how well you do.

Until next time,

Ms Simpson
English – Head Teacher
Library News

Spotlight on booklovers

Ban Thari
Ban Thari is a regular face in the library since joining Bonnyrigg High School this year. We are impressed by her diligence, respectful manner and her eclectic choice of books, including Steinbeck, history, politics and graphic novels. Not bad for a girl who only came to Australia from 3 years ago.

Ban’s English teacher, Ms Le, describes her as “a dedicated student who is committed to achieving to the best of her potential.” Keep it up, Ban, you will go far!

Brooke Carrier
Brooke Carrier has borrowed over 200 books in her three and a half years at Bonnyrigg High School. Brooke tells us she reads for pleasure, which we can see by her preference for popular fiction and graphic novels. Students like Brooke make it easy to establish a connection between reading and academic achievement. Her English teacher, Ms Thai says, “Brooke is an excellent student, who is a vocal contributor in class. She has a wide grasp of the texts and issues covered. She has a confident manner and this is reflected during our class discussions and also in her writing. She is an asset to the class and a pleasure to teach.”

Attendance

School starts every day at 8.40am
All students must attend Roll Call. This is where they learn everything that is happening at school that day.

What you can do to get your child to school on time?
As a parent or guardian, it is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child's absences, make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind if it is necessary to miss a day of school.

You can do this in the following ways:

- Help your child get to school on time every day.
- Babysitting, problems with a car or late bus, and the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school.
- Frequently coming to school late may also be noted on your child's permanent record, and will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning.
- Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock, and keep the television turned off in the morning.
- Follow the school's guidelines and attendance policy, and report excused absences immediately.
- At the beginning of the school year, review the school's rules and make sure you understand whom you need to call if your child is going to be absent.

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Curriculum

History / LOTE (Language Other Than English)

Already there has been much in the news about the great historical and national significance of next year to Australians. 2015 will mark the centenary, or 100th anniversary, of the landing on the shores of Gallipoli by the ANZAC troops. This terrible war, known as the Great War, the War to end all Wars, or more commonly World War One, would eventually claim over 60,000 young Australian lives.

The community in and around Bonnyrigg was not isolated from this catastrophic event, nor the conflicts since then. The names of our local heroes are on the honour rolls in our town centres, war memorials and RSL Clubs.

This year Bonnyrigg High School’s ANZAC Ceremony saw more student and community participation than ever before. A large number of dignitaries and ex-servicemen from WW2 and the Vietnam War were in attendance. Furthermore, in a first for the school, a special library display was set up for ANZAC Day.

As a special ANZAC Centenary initiative, the school will be taking a total of six classes to a new local military museum. The private museum at Canley Vale, run by Vietnam War veteran Peter Bull and known as “Moo’s Museum”, has an extensive display of military artefacts and specialises in our local military heritage. Peter, and Mr Stan Walden run, guided tours of the museum and our students have greatly benefitted from their extensive knowledge and experiences. Mr Walden successfully applied for a community grant that allows our students to participate on the day at no charge.

The Medieval Show was a huge hit with Year 8 recently. Medieval historian and entertainer James Adams put on a great show, enthralling a large and enthusiastic crowd of Year 8 History students. James again complimented the behaviour and participation of our students and lists Bonnyrigg High as one of his all time favourite schools.

As we head into the serious end of the football season, my tip is a Rabbitohs/Swans double for 2014.

Mr S. Kurtz
Head Teacher - History and Languages
#glory glory onwards to victory

| A veteran’s personal reflection engages History students | Year 9 Extension History students at Moo’s Military Museum | A Year 8 Knights Tale |

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let's get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
2014 Mad Science Day

Celebrating National Science Week

Thursday 21st August

Come to school dressed as your favourite Scientist (fiction/non-fiction)

This is not a multi-day. Students wishing to partake on the day must be dressed as their chosen scientist (fiction/non-fiction) otherwise they must be in full school uniform.

ALL student whether partaking or not must wear their proper school shoes-no excuses!

To partake on the day students need to:

1. Research as much as possible about their chosen scientist (fiction/non-fiction) before the day.

2. They will need to talk to the class about their chosen scientist.

Students will be judged on; how well they have dressed up as their scientist and their presentation to their class.

Prizes to be won including, movie passes and iTune vouchers.

Open to all students from Year 7-12. Get involved!! Challenge the Science Faculty!!

Try!!

“Space Ice Cream” sold recess and lunch time

$4.00
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BONNYRIGG LIVE
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20TH AUGUST
(WEEK 6B)

TIME: 6:30PM
COST: $6

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL
Bonnyrigg High School
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ArtEmotion
Art exhibition

20th August
Wednesday, Week 6(B)

WHERE: COMMON ROOM (D BLOCK)

TIME: 5PM
Bonnyrigg High School’s Parent Forum
Wed 13th August
6.00pm start

Special Guest
Graham Hyman
“Understanding Your Teenager”

School Library
Interpreters available: Arabic, Khmer and Vietnamese

Be Informed ~ Make Decisions
No Fund Raising ~ Supper Provided

“Understanding Your Teenager”
Featuring Graham Hyman, Australia’s most popular presenter on successfully parenting teens

Session 1: Tuesday 12th August 2014
Time: 6:45pm
Venue: Prairiewood High School

Session 2: Wednesday 13th August 2014
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Bonnyrigg High School

Session 2: Thursday 14th August 2014
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Fairvale High School

Understanding Your Teenager is a one insightful, practical and hilarious presentation. It provides understanding of why teenagers behave like they do, what is often lacking in secret thoughts and exposes much of their bizarre behaviour. It focuses on the real world of a house that holds teenagers. It provides strategies, ideas and hope for parents and gives them resources to promote well being, hope and successful living in their adolescent child. In conjunction to these workshops students and teachers will take part in a unique presentation to encourage a unified approach.

Reserve your seat now! The first 20 bookings will receive a valuable resource pack. To register, email your name, contact number and school to links@parkhousecommunity.org.au or call 9609 7400 extension 102.

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