Weekly Newsletter from Bonnyrigg High School

**From the Principal**

**World War I - the next 4 years!** Bonnyrigg High School has received a $1,500 grant towards the 100 years of the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli in 2015. The school did apply for another grant to establish a war memorial within the school grounds and we are waiting to hear on that application. Over the next 12 months and beyond, special projects will be undertaken by all schools to commemorate Australia’s sacrifice in WW1.

**Request for Parents / Community Members to be on Selection Panels.** The selection of new staff through an interview process requires 2 parents / community members to be a part of the process. Applicants from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply. Please contact the school, Mrs Borg or myself, if you are interested in assisting the school and we can explain what is involved.

**Congratulations to the Girls U15 Basketball team on defeating Campbelltown High school to move into the next round of the competition.**

**Visiting schools:** Over the last week we have had a busy week for Bonnyrigg High School, having two groups of visitors. Group one was from, China and comprising of 20 students and 2 teachers from a range of schools in China. The second group was from Peel High School in Tamworth. Both visits were very successful. The Peel High students enjoyed the significant differences between the Cabramatta / Fairfield area and their home town of Tamworth. I wish to thank Mrs Dikh, Miss Hernandez and Mr Robinson for organising the visit and the host families for their generosity. A great time was experienced by everyone. Bonnyrigg students will be visiting Tamworth in the first week of November. The Chinese visit was also a success and I wish to thank Ms Ellis for her organisation and the staff for hosting the students.

**The HSC is almost upon us** and it is time to ensure the students are focussed on their studies as much as possible. The Board of Studies (BOSTES) site has many helpful study suggestions as well as practice exams and test papers, with answers. You CAN help your child study for their exams even if you don't know much about the subject. Here is some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams.


**Schools are still having problems with social media sites**, such as Facebook and Twitter and they continue to cause problems when used inappropriately. It is the single biggest issue creating angst in schools today. Young people often do not understand that any comments made on Facebook are a PERMANENT record of what has been said. Facebook is backed up every 30 minutes. If someone deletes comments in the hope it cannot be used against them this is not the case. Facebook will provide the Police with any information previously written onto any Facebook page. Please carefully supervise your children and discuss with them what they write on Facebook. Many employers are looking at Facebook pages of prospective employees as a guide to the type of person they may be employing.

This is a repeat from last newsletter as we still having the same problem. 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.

Until next time,

MN Bryce - Principal
CAPA Happenings

Bonnyrigg Live 2014

On Wednesday 20th August, Bonnyrigg High School held the annual Bonny Live showcase. A large audience was present to watch performances from a range of talented musicians from Years 10, 11, and 12. This year’s Bonnyrigg Live, all Year 12 students, performed one of their HSC pieces which they will be presenting during the HSC examination in two weeks’ time. This year’s Bonny Live showcase was abundant in variety and firsts. Many different genres were incorporated, such as Jazz, Classical, Pop, Rock, and even Hip Hop!

Highlights of the night include: a duet of the song Endless Love performed by teachers Miss Jekki and Mr Acosta, a very entertaining hip hop piece by Lagi Aukusitino & Michael Lafolua, and also a very unique performance of ‘I’m Not the Only One’ performed by “Nik and The Chicks” (Nik Aukusitino, Ms Kurianski, Mrs Semenec and Mrs Leung). This was exciting as it was the first ever joint performance by all three music teachers!

We would like to thank everyone who came, especially Ms Kurianski, Mrs Semenec, and Mrs Leung for making the memorable night possible.

From your hosts of Bonny Live 2014,
Annie Pham and Kim Nguyen :)

PS. Good luck to those Year 12 who will be performing their HSC pieces!
We would like to thank the following performers and stage crew:
Year 9: Anna Nguyen, Daniel Pahulu & Paul Vaea
Year 10: Annie Pham, Cindy Le, Lagi Aukusitino, Lynus Hovilai, Michael Lafolua & Victoria Ngo
Year 11: Anthony Truong, Braydin Toia, Gabriella Mancilla, James Vo, Jordon Matthews-Deane, Kim Ngo, Kim Nguyen, Michael Barrett, Moses Vaea, Naomi Ferreira & Rebecca Nguyen
Year 12: Andy Pham, Annabelle Tran, Justin Samreth, Lilly Iskandar, Marina Luca, Mitchell Kulmar, Nik Aukusitino & Pele naise Finau
**Curriculum**

**Science**

Early on in the year, during Term Two, 235 students in Years 7-10 sat for the “Rio Tinto Big Science Competition”. Over 45,500 students registered in the competition from 585 schools. I am pleased to announce **BHS received 9 High Distinctions, 10 Distinctions, 65 Credits and 151 participation awards.** Every student who took part in this competition receives a certificate that reflects their achievement. On the back of each certificate is the correct answer, the student’s response and the completion percent correct result for each question. Grades are awarded as follows:

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Please note that there are slight variations between the three paper levels in the score required for the corresponding award. BHS values “excellence” and this is another great example of our success!

During November, all of **Year 8** will be sitting the **ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) exam.** For students and parents/guardians who are not familiar with this exam, it is an interactive, multimedia online diagnostic test that will provide information about what your child knows and can do in science. Tasks in the test are framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation, which includes using a simulated experiment
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically and
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas using a variety of strategies

I will be sending out a letter to all year 8 students and their parents/guardians soon, giving them more details of the exam requirements, one of which involves students bringing headphones to use during the exam and special provisions for some students.

‘Intoscience’ is highly engaging online software used by **Year 7 and 8** students to engage with learning science. The activities are designed to meet outcomes of the new Australian Curriculum. Students can access it from home. So, you can say Year 7 and 8 “students always have homework to do”. If they finish the work given to them by their teacher, then they can get on the internet and log onto ‘Intoscience’ and use it as a revision tool. It is lots of fun, so come on Years 7 and 8, have a go! If you have lost your password or you have not received it, ask your science teacher.

There have been a number of **science excursions** attended by students recently. One included **Year 12 Chemistry** students attending Sydney University to be involved in the “Kick Start” program. This program is run by Dr Janette Hurst and it exposes students to specialist equipment such as an Atomic Absorption Spectroscope, and mandatory experiments performed with the best possible equipment. It gave students a taste of what is like to be a chemist and university life for a day.

Late last term Ms Hernandez and Ms Samil accompanied a group of **Year 10 Selective** students on a ‘Science and Engineering Challenge’ and out of the 10 or so schools represented BHS was ranked 1st on the day. This is a great achievement. Well done Year 10! On the day they amassed a total point score which is then compared with the results of many other groups around the Sydney region. Taking this into account they achieved a position of 6th in this region. This is a great result because they defeated many other selective schools including James Ruse who came in 7th position. Great effort Year 10!

**Up and coming excursions** include: **Year 9 Science and Maths ‘Exposed’** on Friday 29th August, **Year 11 Biology** to the Bonnyrigg Garden Centre on Wednesday 3rd / Thursday 4th September and **Year 12 Biology** to UNSW Museum of Disease on Thursday 11th September. Have fun and learn lots!

**National Science Week for 2014 was between 16th - 24th August** and in celebration of this, Bonnyrigg High School last Thursday 21st August had a “come dressed as your favourite scientist (fiction/non-fiction) day”. Open to all students from years 7-12, this year we asked students to choose a scientist (fiction/non-fiction). It could be a favourite scientist (fiction/non-fiction) or one in which they have been interested.

To participate on the day students needed to:
1. Research as much as possible about their chosen scientist (fiction/non-fiction) before the day.
2. Then they needed to talk to the class about their chosen scientist.
3. Then they needed to dress up as the Scientist would have been dressed in their day and age.
4. Students were judged on how well they had dressed up as their scientist and their presentation to their class.
Students from our local primary schools Mt Pritchard, St John’s Park and Edensor Park participated in witnessing the various Scientists giving a recount of their life-long achievements and how mixing PVA glue, washing soda and food colouring can produce ‘Slime’, which bounces!! It was great to see Christian Seach and Jessie Blake both from St John’s Park Primary scoop prizes for the ‘Best Scientist from the Primary School’ and ‘The Most Correct Scientific Questions Answered’. The ‘space ice cream’ was a hit not only for the students but also the teachers!!

Next I would like to remind all students that they should be partaking in constant revision of all their school work every night, if they are to perform at their best in up and coming yearly exams in Term 4 (end of Term 3 for Year 11). After discussion in the Science staffroom in the days preceding Parent / Teacher Interviews, one thing particularly evident in most Parent / Teacher discussions was the lack of sustained revision by students at home. We as teachers harp on the importance of this to install good positive study behaviour, but it is up to parents and students to ensure this happens at home. We all have a part/responsibility to play in the education of our students/children!

Year 11 are getting closer to their Preliminary exams. I trust you all have been working hard reviewing your work and practising past exam questions. If you have problems finding questions to practise on, just ask your teacher. I am sure they can help.

Year 12 should be at the stage where all they are doing (at least 80% of the time) is answering past trial and HSC questions. You should be at least completing one exam paper a week for each subject. Once again your Science subject teacher can help you with a constant supply of practice exams. You can also see me for some exams (Science ones, especially Chemistry). Finally, the Science faculty and I would like to wish all of Year 12 the very best with their HSC exams and for the future.

See you around G-block!

Mr Foti
Head Teacher - Science and the Science Staff.
Curriculum

Social Sciences

A big HELLO from the Social Sciences faculty.

With Term 3 well under way, the Social Sciences faculty is very BUSY. Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC exams and teachers have marked exam papers and are in the process of writing reports. In addition, Ms Hurney is providing additional tutoring classes before school as a final preparation for the HSC exams in October. I would encourage all Business Studies students to attend these lessons.

Year 11 Geography students have recently submitted their Senior Geography Projects for marking and Business Studies classes have been busy developing business plans to enter the 2014 CPA Plan Your Own Business Enterprise Competition. Year 11 Work Studies have completed work experience at a range of businesses to implement the various workplace skills they have acquired so far this year. Employer feedback about the attitude and efforts displayed by these students was excellent. Well done Year 11!

Most junior Geography classes have begun delivering their major research tasks for semester 2. These tasks involve an oral presentation integrating ICT and cover such diverse topics as: Desert Animals, Threatened Habitats, Communities, and Australia’s links with the global community. Year 9 Commerce students are exploring persuasive and informative advertising while Year 10 Commerce students have been asked to research employment options and the qualifications needed to pursue these vocations. All students are encouraged to do their best in these tasks and ASK THEIR TEACHER FOR HELP if they are experiencing difficulty completing them. Meanwhile, Year 9 Work Education have begun looking at writing their resume and cover letter for prospective job vacancies.

Excursions have been organised to enhance student understanding of course content: Year 12 Geography have a compulsory field trip to Pyrmont planned to consolidate the work being done on urbanisation, and, in addition, are visiting the University of Western Sydney on an enrichment day, Year 10 Geography will be venturing down to Green Valley Creek to undertake compulsory fieldwork in order to write their research action plan on a geographical issue affecting the local community.

Until next time,

Ms Poulos
Social Sciences - Head Teacher 😊

Congratulations

Max Potential 2014

Thursday 21st August concluded the 22 week program that three of our own Bonnyrigg High School students undertook. The Max Potential program provided our students with a mentor, a Certificate 1 in Volunteering and the support required to complete a Community Service Project.

Congratulations to Anna Nguyen, Han Tran and Jason Tran on their personal development and their fantastic projects! Thank you to all who supported our students at the showcase.

If you are a Year 10 student looking for a leadership opportunity, keep an eye out for the Max Potential Program notices.

Miss Jekki - School Contact Person for Max Potential

Attendance

Congratulations to the following students for winning the attendance raffle. They have $5 vouchers to spend at our canteen. Well done and keep it up!

10R3 Louis Hoang 10R2 Pocholo De leon 9R6 Lara Picciotto 8R8 Danny Tang 7R7 Patrick Phan 7R2 Komar Ghafournejad 7R4 Ivan Lin

Mrs Sander-Burns
Head Teacher - Attendance, Truancy and Lateness
Students, Parents and Community

Police Open Day
Saturday 6 September 2014
10am - 3pm
Fairfield High School - The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Units attending:
- Polair
- Dog Unit
- Highway Patrol
- Mounted Police
- Police Media Unit
- Youth Liaison Police
- School Liaison Police
- Marine Area Command
- Forensic Services Group
- Crime Prevention Officer
- TAFE
- Fairfield City Council
- Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Unit
- Plus many more!

There will also be food vendors, rides, show bags and live entertainment.
Free entry and free parking on site.
Contact: Alex Sentana (MCLO) Fairfield Police
Ph: 9728 8407  Email: senttale@police.nsw.gov.au

Major sponsor
Fairfield City Council
I Shall Strive for the Best

Parents and Community

KEEPING MY CHILD SAFE
“helping children cope with the challenges of everyday life”

Presented by
Brigit Gurton
Forensic Psychologist
Kids Konnect Psychological Services
B.A. (Hons) Psychology
M. Psychol (Forensic)

The Protective Behaviours program develops personal safety skills that can be used by children and young people to keep them safe. The program strategies can provide the basis for helping children cope at school and address problems associated with social media, bullying, drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.

The program focus is on everyone Feeling safe, Being safe and Talking about it. The session will explore how you can:

- help your child to develop skills to protect themselves & develop positive relationships
- develop positive lines of communication so children can talk about problems or difficult situations they face
- help to empower your child to feel safe and act to keep themselves safe

This seminar is for families with children from 5 to 12 years.
Bookings are essential and places are limited.
Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place

Families Together is for parents/grandparents/carers
Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.
Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.

DATE: Thursday, 18th September 2014
TIME: 6.30 – 8.30pm
PLACE: Cabaravale Diggers Club
(Wattle Room)
1 Bartley Street
Canley Vale 2166

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Please note if you do not wish to receive these flyers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.
Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
Students

**JUST CARE PRESENTS**

**THE PARKSIDE SKATE * COMP 2014**
SKATE, SCOOTER & BMX

**COME AND SEE THE FINALS AT 1PM**
* Over $1500 in prizes!
* 9:30AM REGO
* September 13th (sat), 2014

Bonnyrigg Skate Park
Bonnyrigg Town Centre, Cnr. Elizabeth Drive & Smithfield Road,
Bonnyrigg, 2177, NSW

~ drug & alcohol free event ~

Contact * Ph (02) 9823 4727 or
jump on www.facebook.com/Parksideskate for all updated info!
Students

STREET WORKOUT

COME TO YOUR FREE, 1HR STREET WORKOUT EVERY THURSDAY (5 WEEKS)

Free Pick up Fairfield Station (RSL side) 3:45 (Straight after School)
Free Snack/drink provided

You can come to:
- Improve your fitness
- Improve your sports performance
- Make new friends
- Explore your area

Please come in your Gym gear and bring water to drink during workout

For more info please ring Daniel on 0416 499 472.
Students

Free Pick up Fairfield Station (RSL side) at 3:45pm each week to travel to location for STREET WORKOUT

28th August - Fairfield Park (Anzac Park)
4th September - Avenel Park,
11th September - Cabramatta Park
18th September - Johnston Park, Cabramatta

Celebrating Success Week
Free BBQ DAY
Pick up at Fairfield RSL
10:30 on 25th September
Regional Sport Park

For more info Please ring
Daniel on 0416 499 472
Students

Permission Form
Please fill out this form and return to Daniel Saeed
The Fairfield Migrant Resource Centre
Activity: (youth street workout ) Street workout
Date: every Thursday 28th of August 4th of Sep 11th of sep 18th of sep

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Emergency medical treatment: I agree to the worker in charge of the activity taking my child to a doctor or hospital to get for medical help. The doctor may give whatever medical or surgical treatment he or she believes is necessary.

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Please tell us if your child has any medical problems
- [ ] Allergies – list__________________________
- [ ] Asthma
- [ ] heart problem
- [ ] High blood pressure
- [ ] Epilepsy
- [ ] Others ________________________________

or is taking any medication (give details) ________________________________

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Photographs
Our organisation often takes photographs of young people to use in promotion of our programs, publications and in the media. Please indicate your wishes:
- [ ] I do
- [ ] do not (please circle) give permission for photographs featuring my child being used for these purposes.

As a parent or guardian, I give permission for my son/daughter/dependent to attend the above activity
Parent/ Guardian Name ___________________________________________ (sign name)
Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature ______________________________________ (sign)

Sign here if you are over 18 ________________________________

Dated: __/__/2014