**IMPORTANT DATES**

**WEEK 7A**
- **Monday 17th November**
  - Yr 7-9 assessments
  - School Assembly
  - Y10 Work Studies Work Experience all week
- **Tuesday 18th November**
  - Yr 7-9 assessments
  - Yr9(4) / Yr10(1) Parks L2L – Girls COPE
- **Wednesday 19th November**
  - Yr 7-9 assessments
  - Drama Night
- **Thursday 20th November**
  - Yr 7-9 assessments
  - Yr9(1) / Yr10(4) Parks L2L – TAFE Auto
  - Yr10(4) Parks L2L – TAFE Hospitality
  - Y 7 & Y9 Immunisations
  - Y10 UTS Summer School orientation
  - Y6 into 7(2015) Transition reporting day - Mounties
- **Friday 21st November**
  - Yr 7-9 assessments
  - Y6 into 7(2015) Transition reporting day - Mounties

**WEEK 8B**
- **Monday 24th November**
  - Year Assemblies
  - Y10 Project 10 (Special activities - BHS) all week
- **Tuesday 25th November**
  - Yr9(4) / Yr10(1) Parks L2L – Girls COPE
  - Summer Grade Sport Finals
- **Wednesday 26th November**
  - Y12 Formal
  - School Spectacular Rehearsals
- **Thursday 27th November**
  - Yr9(1) / Yr10(4) Parks L2L – TAFE Auto
  - Yr10(4) Parks L2L – TAFE Hospitality
  - Y6 Taster Day
  - High Resolves Summit
  - School Spectacular Rehearsals
- **Friday 28th November**
  - School Spectacular Rehearsals

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**From the Principal**

**The future of Parent Forums/information nights.** The last couple of forums have not had more than a small handful of parents attend. The forum for November 5th was a great disappointment. We will be surveying parents about the future of these forums. Do parents want to be informed about what is happening in their school? It is difficult to maintain staff enthusiasm to stay late twice per term and not have more than a few people. If any parent has ideas about how to encourage more parent communication, please let the school know. One vital aspect of the Local Schools Local Decision model now in place in NSW schools is the increased say of parents. Our next forum is on Wednesday December 10.

The Peel High School, Tamworth, visit took November 3 to 6. Our group consisted of students from years 7 to 10 with Ms Dikhil and Ms Hernandez leading. The trip, in its second year was very successful and the itinerary quite different this year.

Also on the agenda was sheep shearing in the school agricultural plot, the local Marsupial park, boomerang throwing and other cultural activities. The trip to the dairy farm was another highlight. From viewing a calf born just as we arrived, to hand milking all very different for our students. The trip kept everyone actively engaged. A few stories from the students will be appearing in the next edition of Bonnyrigg Matters.

**Word clouds**
Has your child made a word cloud yet? It’s a great idea for adding to book reports, assignments and even for revision. Cut and paste a big slab of the text into a Wordle for a visual summary of the major themes. Create a Wordle: [http://www.wordle.net/](http://www.wordle.net/)

Until next time,

Mr MN Bryce - Principal
Hey Bonnyrigg!

My name is Miss Hollinger, I have been teaching at Bonnyrigg High School for a year now. Time has flown so quickly!

I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a teacher. I used to boss my brother around and make him copy down the alphabet and spelling words from our little chalkboard in our cubby house. The poor thing! My love of reading, writing and talking naturally led me down the path of English teaching. My classes will agree that I talk way too much!

At the moment I am obsessed with the Vampire Academy/ Bloodlines series as well as anything written by John Green. My classes and I regularly discuss ‘The Fault in Our Stars’ and whether we are ‘Team Dimitri’ or ‘Team Adrian’.

So far I have really enjoyed my time at Bonnyrigg High School. My classes are an absolute pleasure to teach and I hope I will be teaching here for many years to come!

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Year 10 Selective Student PLP Meetings

Tuesday 20th November 2014

3.00pm - 5.30pm

Year 11 Selective Student PLP Meetings

Tuesday 27th November 2014

3.00pm - 5.30pm
Science News

STOP what you are doing! Breaking science news (at least it was back in week 3)!! The Science faculty has a new Science teacher. During week 3 this term a number of teachers were interviewed (including teachers form other schools) and it is my pleasure to announce the successful applicant is a person who has been working very hard in our Science faculty for the last two years. Yes you guessed it (I hope) - Ms Hernandez! Yes she is our new full time Science teacher at BHS. So I would like to give her a big Bonnyrigg welcome (and hug). The Science faculty looking forward to working with her, helping to produce many future scientists. Time is moving on and as I sit back and think of the year past, I can honestly say it has been a busy and successful year in Science at BHS. Here are some of the highlights;

9 High Distinctions, 10 Distinctions, 65 Credits and 151 participation awards in the “Rio Tinto Big Science Competition”,

A very successful “Dress – up as your favourite Scientist or concept day” at BHS,

Very successful Science week activity with Bonnyrigg Public,

Completing year 8 and 10 National Curriculum programs. Now all of years 7 – 10 are complete,

Students attended excursions such as “Science and Maths Exposed” and “Science and Engineering Challenge”, all in which students attending from BHS excelled,

Countless excursions with a Biology excursion to Taronga Zoo still to come happening on Wednesday 12/11/14 and the Forensic Science Incursion, “A case of Identity”, happening on Friday 12/12/14.

Yes these boys are working hard, some Future Heart Surgeons or just heart breakers!

They have even tucked their socks in. Mmm- I think it is just meant to be your shirts, boys!

Still to come is the ESSA exam, which will be completed by all year 8 students at BHS on Tuesday 11/11/14 (or Thursday 13/11/14 reserve day if they are away on 11/11/14), over the internet. The exam will go over 2 periods during the day and students will be time tabled either in G1, library or A4 computer room.

Over the months of October and November the Science Staff has also been a part of the year 6 to 7 transition program. Ms Samil, Ms Cox, Dr Burne and Ms Arkins, are delivering lessons to year 6 students giving them a “taste” of what to expect in Science at BHS.

I would like to remind all students in year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 that the term finishes on Wednesday the 17th of December, so it is expected that these students attend class with all the required equipment to work up to this date. Year 11 need to keep on task and must ensure that they prepare themselves to the best of their ability for all assessment tasks this term. Keep working hard, people!

Finally all the Science Staff would like to wish the Bonnyrigg High family a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

See you around G block!

Mr Foti and the Science Staff
Social Sciences News

Hi Bonnyrigg students,

As we approach the middle of this term, students have either completed their yearly exams or are in the process of doing so. We hope that all the hard work you have put into your studies this semester will pay off with a great final report, which your teachers are in the process of writing. The Social Sciences faculty would like to congratulate students on their efforts this year.

Year 11 Geography, Business Studies, Economics and Work Studies students can’t rest just yet as they have their first HSC assessment tasks due within the next few weeks. Good luck! This is the start of a long and intense year for you all so we encourage you to maintain your effort and enthusiasm, organise your time effectively, set yourself achievable goals and revise, revise, revise.

Students in the Social Sciences faculty have been involved in a variety of activities in their classes including….10 Geography 1 and 2 classes went on a walking tour through Pyrmont to study the urban renewal and urban consolidation that is evident in that suburb. Year 9 Work Education students will have the opportunity to undertake Work Experience in week 8. This will allow them to get a good idea about a chosen workplace and how hard working actually is!!!

The Social Sciences faculty would like to congratulate Mirna Binham from year 12. Mirna applied to study a Bachelor of Business in England and was successful in her application. We’d like to wish Mirna the best of luck with her studies and hope she enjoys her time overseas.

We eagerly await to hear from our other year 12 students about their HSC results and the university and TAFE courses they plan to pursue next year.

Enjoy the rest of the term and we’ll talk again next year.

Ms Poulos and the Social Sciences faculty J

Library News

Reading - Print vs Electronic versions

It's no secret that reading is good for you. Just six minutes of reading is enough to reduce stress by 68%, and numerous studies have shown that reading keeps your brain functioning effectively as you age. One study even found that elderly individuals who read regularly are 2.5 times less likely to develop Alzheimer's than their peers. But not all forms of reading are created equal.

Interested? The article can be found at http://mic.com/articles/99408/science-has-great-news-for-people-who-read-actual-books