From the Principal

The future of Parent Forums/Information Nights: Our next forum is on Wednesday December 10, 6pm in the Library – Lucky Door Prizes on the night. For the first time, we will be giving out Bunnings cards. Our topics will be a short introduction and questions on the school plan for 2015; we will be surveying parents about the future of these forums; the exciting learning programs we will be completing with our 5 partner primary schools and the Confucius classroom and the sister school in China.

Congratulations to our Aboriginal Mixed touch football side for finishing second in a regional Competition. Put together at the last minute, they made the final and only went down by 1 point, a fabulous effort against a team that plays together every week. Stacey Whittard, Kaitlyn Panos, Liam Goodhew, James Whittard, Rayan Hamidan, Jackey O’Hara, Jim O’Hara, Mark Heath and Robert Wilkins.

For the second consecutive year, Bonnyrigg High School Dancers are in the Schools Spectacular. The entire event will again be shown on Channel Nine this weekend. The 31st Schools Spectacular, This is Australia, showcasing 3,600 of the most talented singers, dancers and musicians from 456 NSW public schools, will be broadcast on Channel Nine on Saturday 29 November, from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. For a full list of participating schools, please see www.schoolsspectacular.com.au. Please note there will be a national replay on GEM on Sunday 7 December from 12.30pm. The entire 3 hour show will also be available to view via catch-up tv at Jump-in from Sunday 30 November 2014. Jump-in is a free, downloadable app. For details please see www.jump-in.com.au. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank Ms Gilmour for all the hard work she has done to get our dancers to the standard where they can participate in such a prestigious event as the 2014 Schools Spectacular.

Drama Night, Raise the Curtain, was another very successful event held at school. It was the first such event held in my time here as Principal and I wish to congratulate Ms Van Munster and all the staff who helped her prepare and put on the night.

Congratulations to all the performers on their presentations on the evening; a very great night was enjoyed by all!

Guide to technology tools: The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here’s what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/technology/using-technology/a-guide-to-technology-toys

New website gives easy access to vocational courses – looking beyond school? Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/. The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships. For enquiries, students can contact enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.

Project 10 is well underway for year 10 students entering year 11 in 2015. The 2 week program is providing all the participants with accreditation to enter year 11, completion of mandatory courses such as Crossroads, as well as a few really different and fun activities. Congratulations to Mrs Narvaiça and her team of staff helpers and volunteers for creating and implementing Project 10.

Reminder, Annual Presentation Evening December 3rd at Mount Pritchard Community Club (Mounties). Every year our Presentation evening has grown in stature. All award recipients will be notified in writing and invitations given to them. It is the highlight of the academic year, so please come along and enjoy seeing your child or children receive their award/s.

Until next time,

Mr MN Bryce - Principal
Bonnyrigg Goes Green

Teachers’ Federation Tree Levy
Bonnyrigg High School was successful in obtaining a grant for $400 to assist in the cost of purchasing native trees and shrubs. A big thank you to the NSW Teachers’ Federation for providing the grant.

As a result, a group of student volunteers from grades 8 and 9 were involved in improving the school’s natural environment. Native trees were planted in order to provide shade across areas of the school, including alongside the sporting fields.

The students have gained much from helping in the planting process and are inspired to continue with the good work.
When asked, the students commented, “I feel as if I have contributed to making our school a cleaner and environmentally friendly place”

“Our school looks amazing now, and I know I helped to create it.”
The whole school community, as well as the student volunteers, hope that the trees will thrive during the summer. The growth of the trees will be beneficial for many years to come.

Cynthia, Year 8
CAPA Report

9 Visual Arts Excursion to Lizard Log

Creative and Performing Arts started Term 4 with a series of exciting excursions. In week two, Year 9 Visual Arts went to Lizard Log Outdoor Park to photograph and sketch the outdoor environment with Mrs Peters and Mrs Pavlik. Year 10 VA students had two excursions this semester. Mr Pheng and Ms Paton initiated an outing to the city to visit the ANZAC War Memorial in Hyde Park and a second trip the next month to Sculptures by the Sea. Both excursions were used to collect visual information and to widen the students’ understanding of the Conceptual Framework from the Visual Arts syllabus.

Year 11 HSC Visual Arts students attended an HSC study day at the Art Gallery of NSW. The students were given the opportunity to explore approaches to the Visual Arts HSC written exam as part of the AGNSW Secondary Education Programs. Students moved through the Gallery spaces, exploring and discussing examples from the Gallery’s permanent collection.

After the study sessions, students were treated to view the Pop to Popism exhibition where they could view artworks created by some famous and influential artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Music teachers have been busy writing reports and programming for 2015. After surviving HSC Music, they celebrated with students at their Year 12 Formal. Mrs Leung has been teaching these students since they started at Bonnyrigg High in Year 7.
Home Economics and Hospitality

As we head towards the end of the school academic year, I would like to reflect on what the Home Economics and Hospitality Faculty has accomplished this term and will be continuing to do till the end of term.

Every Wednesday morning (since Term 3), Bonny’s Café has been serving hot coffees/hot chocolates and raisin toast ($3) with some of the baristas being Mr Ferguson’s Year 9 Food Technology students. They have maintained quality and wonderful breakfasts for many of our teachers and staff at the beginning of their school day.

Our Year 7 Junior Technology Mandatory students have been cooking up a storm within their kitchens, along with the Year 8s who are nearing the completion of their creative design projects.

As part of Year 10’s PROJECT 10 program, the Home Economics faculty is running the Master Classes from our commercial kitchens (Trade Training Centre). It’s an exciting insight into the workings of a kitchen, food preparation, hygiene and presentation. The students experience a session of all things food and leave with a finished and packaged delicious product. We hope all the participants enjoyed their time with us.

The Home Economics faculty would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and festive season for the school Christmas vacation. In particular, a massive “Thank you” to Mrs Bond, who is on leave till the end of the term, for all her hard work, support and direction of our faculty. We hope she is enjoying her trip overseas and quality leisure time she has available until 2015 is upon us.

On a final note, Mrs Chareunsouk-Hartley will be the relieving Head Teacher. So please come and say hello if you are in A Block or in the playground. It would be lovely to see all your smiles and happy faces!

Best Wishes Everyone,

Home Economics Faculty
Mr Chand - Mathematics Faculty

Bula, Bonnyrigg.

The coup d’êtat of the 80s and 90s gave rise to political and ethnic tensions in my motherland Fiji. This triggered me to take a life-changing decision. Hence, I migrated to Australia in 2000 and made Liverpool my new home.

I was fortunate to get employment in the same profession (Teaching) as back home. Bonnyrigg is the third school I have taught at in Sydney. I joined Bonnyrigg High in June 2012 and have been enjoying Bonnyrigg culture ever since. The beauty of teaching at Bonnyrigg is that I get opportunity to teach and interact with students from so many different cultural backgrounds.

The students are friendly and this makes me enjoy my career at Bonnyrigg High School. One piece of advice: If ever you go to Fiji, don’t forget to try green coconut and “Lovo”.

I wish all the students every success in their educational pursuits and, in particular, our HSC students all the best as they await their results.

Philosopher Pythagoras proved the right angled triangle theorem: \( c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2015.