I Shall Strive for the Best

From the Principal

This week Uncle Steve, a local Aboriginal Elder, performed the traditional Aboriginal welcoming ceremony for all Year 7 students. The ceremony is a smoking ceremony where the elder lights a small fire in a coolamon then places green leaves to create smoke. The leaves must be from a tree on the land to which you are being welcomed. The elder walks among the invitees, our students, and they walk through the smoke. The smoke symbolises being with nature, the land. The purpose is to instil a sense of welcome to the land, our school, and entrust the looking after of the land to the visitors. Students are now expected to look after their school in every way possible. The ceremony is very ancient and is still used today in Aboriginal Australia. The significance for our Multicultural students is to link their modern life in Australia to the ancient ways of the first nation, our Aboriginal peoples.

School uniform is important and while most students are able to meet the requirements some students deliberately choose not to wear the correct uniform. We will be vigilant again this year pushing full school uniform and that includes sports/PE uniform. Mrs Bond spoke to Years 9 and 10 concerning sports uniform. All students must be in the correct uniform to play sport or PE.

Reminder school fees need to be paid as soon as possible. The money you give us is used on your children in all subjects. The school is not given enough funds to fully meet the needs of running the school. Without contributions we could not provide up to date library resources, textbooks for the new courses or the online learning programs to which the school subscribes. To provide the most up-to-date resources requires money, let alone meeting all the normal expenses a school encounters. Our school charges are at least 60% cheaper than other local schools. The money pays for the materials used in class, the paper for worksheets, new technology, and school updates. Without the subject contributions, our school would not be able to function efficiently.

2015 sees Bonnyrigg HS visit Peel HS in Tamworth during week 2, term 2. It is a chance for our students to see the NSW countryside and appreciate, if only for a short time, what is is like to live in a large rural setting. Ms Hernandez is the organising teacher, please see her for details. The Peel students will be visiting us in late November.

Until next time,

MN Bryce
Principal

Bonnyrigg Matters

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Week 3 – 4 Term One 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3A
Monday 9th February
Whole School Assembly
Yr 8 High Resolves
Tuesday 10th February
Yr 8 High Resolves
Wednesday 11th February
Yr 7 BBQ - 2pm start
Yr 12 Geography Field Trip to Port Stephens
Thursday 12th February
Yr 8 High Resolves
Yr 12 Geography Field Trip to Port Stephens
Friday 13th February
Yr 12 Geography Field Trip to Port Stephens

WEEK 4B
Monday 16th February
Year Assembly
Yr 7 High Resolves - periods 1 - 4
Tuesday 17th February
Yr 7 High Resolves - periods 1 - 4
Wednesday 18th February
Yr 7 High Resolves - periods 1 - 4
Thursday 19th February
Yr 6 HeadStart - Bonnyrigg Primary
Friday 20th February
School Photos
Bemera Zone Trial Day 2

Like our Newsletter to be emailed to you?
Send your email address via the school email address bonnyrigg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL’s Parent Forum
6.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 25th Feb
School Library
Interpreters available on request
Make Decisions ~ Be Informed
Be Involved in Your Child’s Education

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Hi I’m Mrs Bond, Head Teacher of the Home Economics & Hospitality faculty. I have been at Bonnyrigg High School since 2008 and have seen many changes in that time. The school has almost twice as many students now and we have six classes of Hospitality running in our Hospitality Trade Training Centre which opened in 2012.

I am originally from the Midwestern state of Iowa in the USA and completed a Bachelor of Science at Iowa State University. I grew up on a farm and completed high school in a class of thirty students. I first taught in Australia at Bulli High School near Wollongong and have taught at Katoomba, Blaxland, Springwood and Nepean schools. It was interesting learning to talk ‘Strine’ and driving on the ‘wrong’ side of the road.

I like travelling, photography, cooking and cake decorating. I enjoy teaching at Bonnyrigg High and feel that the students are very tolerant and open to new experiences. It’s easy to teach food preparation here because the students love all types of foods.

I look after uniform because it helps improve the school’s standing in the community. I was tired of seeing our school judged on a more casual uniform policy, and some parents taking their children to other schools. Students at BHS are wonderful and deserve the best school in the district!

Best wishes to you all for a great year in 2015.

Mrs D. Bond
HT Home Economics and Hospitality

News from the Head Teacher of Attendance

Coming to school every day, on time and in uniform is the best way for your child to achieve their greatest potential. Positive habits and routines set children up for success in life after school.

School attendance is a priority area for Bonnyrigg High School. We examine the attendance statistics every week to look for patterns of absenteeism, lateness and truanting. We endeavour to work with students and their parents to address frequent absenteeism. This gives your child their best chance of life success.

It is for this reason that the Cabramatta Road back school gates will be locked at 8.50am SHARP every school day. This means if your child is late, they will need to come to the Elizabeth Drive school entry to sign in as late at the front office. You must endeavour to bring your child to school before 8.40am. If your child uses public transport or walks to school, they must ensure they are inside the school gate by 8.40am.

Grabbing a coffee, sleeping in or socialising with friends is not an acceptable excuse for school lateness.

Regular lateness without a reason brings negative consequences, including lunch detentions, after-school detentions and missing out on school attendance incentives.

Let’s work together to ensure every Bonnyrigg High School student is present, on time and in uniform every school day.

Ms H Stafford
Head Teacher - Attendance
Happy New Year Bonnyrigg.... and welcome back to our returning students. We hope that you have had a very good break. A well deserved one as well!! A special welcome and congratulations to our 2015 Year 7s who have entrusted Bonnyrigg High as their provider of secondary education. I make the same comment every year, “We commend you on a wise decision”.

A reflection on 2014.....
While 2014 was a very good year for our students, both in using the language of Mathematics and in their results, the more important task is to make plans for a bigger and better 2015. We are constantly undergoing change and our passion is to serve our students well.

HSC results: 2014 was a truly outstanding year for the faculty. In Extension 2 Mathematics, one of the most challenging courses in the HSC, every student was awarded a band 6 result (the highest) with the class average of 90%, nearly 10% higher than the state average!! In terms of the percentage above state average this was the school’s best result. Also the percentage of students in this class awarded an EA result was 75% compared with the state average of 31%. The Extension 1 Mathematics results were equally good with 55% of the students awarded band 6 compared to a state average of 30%. Again in Extension 1 the school exam average was 7% higher than the state average. In Mathematics Advanced 25% of the students were awarded a band 6, higher than the state average and surprisingly this class too was 4% above the state average exam mark. Out of 61 band 6s acquired by the whole school, the Maths faculty produced 21. A truly humbling achievement for the faculty. It seems that 2014 results have been set as a benchmark for future years.

The Numeracy component of the NAPLAN results was excellent last year. And, needless to say, any outstanding results are a direct consequence of the culmination of hard work of students and teachers together. Those who are interested in knowing the finer details can contact the Head Teacher of Mathematics, Mr Howard.

This is our second year trying to resource all our Mathematics students with the latest enhanced version of their text book; they are currently being issued. It is hoped that, to ensure the longevity of the textbooks, every student will use a plastic sleeve. We ask all our Mathematics students to make good use of this resource. Calculators are also compulsory. We do not expect any of our students to be without one as this may interfere with proper progress. The office sells them for just over $20.

There have been some changes to the staffing in the Maths faculty in 2015. Mr Mikhaeel is a new addition to our dynamic team, fresh and eager to contribute to the welfare of our students. We have been very fortunate to retain Mr Lin for another year. We are pleased to have their contributions to the faculty.

Students will be notified about our programs or any extra-curricular activities in due course. The Commonwealth Bank Mathematics competition is one of them. This year we endeavor to take the competition to a new high. We hope that all our selective and extension students take advantage.

Class 9M1 will be accelerated into Year 10 Mathematics and will be doing HSC preliminary Mathematics in 2016. These students will have the opportunity to do their Year 10 ROSA this year. Similarly our Year 11 accelerants will be doing their HSC in Advanced Mathematics and preliminaries in Extension 1 this year. We will endeavor to support them in any way we can. In junior grades, students will be encouraged to learn combinations with increasing speed and accuracy. Hopefully this will enable students to cope with tasks as they become more complex.

The e-learning tool, ‘Mathletics’, will again be offered free of charge to all our students; it has proven to be very popular with our students in the past. The faculty has other e-learning tools, however, nothing can replace the resourcefulness of the class teacher.

Yoga at Bonnyrigg: Mr. Pacha is once again running the Yoga sessions after school. He is very keen to promote the benefits of Yoga and will do it again on three days this year: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of every week of the term. Talk to him if you wish to embrace the ancient art of self-healing and maintaining correct body posture. And more, you will enjoy and appreciate the peace and harmony experienced by your body and mind together. The only cost is a Yoga mat and your time.

The Maths faculty takes this opportunity to remind all students of Mathematics that we are much approachable should you have any problems in the subject. For any queries, see Mr Howard at your earliest.

It has been a busy start to 2015, and we are committed to make it an interesting one for all students.

Keep smiling!!

R. Singh
Teacher - Mathematics
Curriculum

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Welcome back to 2015. I trust that everyone has had a great break and is eager to get straight into another exciting and eventful year at Bonnyrigg HS. 2015 sees the PDHPE faculty grow in numbers with Mr Wright joining the team, Mr Wright has enjoyed his first couple of weeks at BHS and is keen to meet more students as the term progresses.

This year Mr Hanley will again coordinate Grade Sport on Tuesday afternoons as well as oversee the running of state knockout teams. With so many talented sport students in Year 9 and 10, we are expecting excellent results in our grade sport teams. As we grow in overall student numbers, positions to represent the school at the Bernera Zone Carnivals will be hotly contested. This will hopefully give us an excellent opportunity to perform well as a school group in all three Carnivals. The first opportunity to compete at a school carnival will be during Week 5 of this term when we hold our Swimming Carnival at the Whitlam Leisure Centre. Competitors who wish to compete need to sign up at the PDHPE staffroom. As always, State knockout competitions begin early in the year. Coaches have begun calling for students to trial for our CHS Knockout Teams. This year we have entered many competitions. Please ensure you listen to all messages read at roll call so you know when and where trials will be held. Competitions entered include: Rugby League, Soccer (football) , Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Tennis and Cricket.

Our resident dance Guru, Miss Gilmour is set for another big year of dance events and activities. If you would like to participate in this year’s Dance Ensemble, listen out for announcements regarding auditions early this term. The Ensemble will also be holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings, Bonnyrigg, on the 22nd February, come down and say “hi” and grab some lunch while supporting our dance students.

The PDHPE staff are looking forward to another great year.

Mr D Avery
Head Teacher - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Parent Meetings

Year 7 BBQ
Wednesday 11th February
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Parent Forum
Wednesday 25th February
6.00pm till 7.30pm
Library
Interpreters available on request

Make Decisions ~ Be informed
MUSIC WORKSHOP - LEARN THE ART OF LYRIC WRITING, BEAT MAKING, RAPPING/SINGING, RECORDING AND ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

MONDAY
4.30PM - 6:30PM
FREE

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Real Rhythm Studio is excited to announce auditions for the:

**SWS Youth Choir**

**What:** A pilot project that will bring together young people from South Western Sydney (SWS) to form a dynamic choir that will perform original songs and covers.

**Who:** 12-20 year olds with some previous singing experience

**When:** starting 3rd February 2015

**Time:** 7pm – 8pm

**Where:** Real Rhythm Studio 5/16 Nelson Street, Fairfield NSW 2165 (entry from Smart Street)

As a member of the SWS you will:
- Improve your vocal skills
- Song writing
- Learning Rhythms
- Improve team work skills
- Work towards recording an album
- Perform at community and public events

Workshops will be facilitated by vocal and piano teacher - Gemima Gray and drummer/producer and Real Rhythm Studio's Music Director- Evan Yako

To set up an audition please call Evan Yako: 8764 3882 or 0415495692
Drumbeat is a music-based program that uses hand drumming.

The program covers the areas of: Peer pressure, bullying, emotions, family, identity and stress.

**Drumbeat for teens 13-17 yrs will run:**

**Weekly from:**
Monday 9th Feb to 30th March, 4pm—5pm
at Woodville Community Services
1 Kamira Court, Villawood

**No music skills needed**

The program is free for participants with afternoon tea provided. **Registration required as places are limited.** Contact Rebecca or Tony on (02) 97243807 for more information or to register.
PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course. Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module One:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module Two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: $140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website: www.saferdrivers.org.au

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more.

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Monday Afternoon for 6 weeks
3:45pm straight after school return 5:00pm
Fairfield Station (RSL side)

For more Info contact Daniel on
Ph. 0412 499907

See Mrs Borg for a permission note
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ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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ARCHERY
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

BADMINTON
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

BASKETBALL
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 all ages

BOXING
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

BOXING FOR FITNESS
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

BREAKDANCING BY JUICE CREW
Tennis court. Book your court time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 per person (membership)

CARDIO ROOM
Open to the public. Times: Monday-Friday 10am - 7pm.
Cost: $5 all ages

CYM
Come join our CYM program and meet new friends. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

KUNG FU
Come join us and learn Kung Fu. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

LADIES ONLY KICKBOXING
Come join our ladies only kickboxing class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

SAMBO
Come join our Sambo class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

TABLE TENNIS
Come join our table tennis team. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

TAE KWON DO
Come join our TAE Kwon Do classes. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM
Come join our Traffic Offender Intervention Program. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

VIET QUYEN DAO
Come join our Vietnamese Quyen Dao class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

VIETNAMESE BALLROOM DANCING
Come join our Vietnamese Ballroom Dancing class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior

WRESTLING AND BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU
Come join our Wrestling and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30pm.
Cost: $5 Junior $5 Senior
JOIN US FOR FAIRFIELD OUTREACH

Youth Off The Streets Fairfield Outreach will be holding fun and free activities for young people in Fairfield.

- WHEN: Every Wednesday and Thursday
- TIME: 4.00pm - 8.00pm
- WHERE: Bonnyrigg Skate Park, Corner Smith Road and Elizabeth Drive
- WHAT’S ON:
  - Sport and Recreational Activities
  - Make new friends and connect with your community
  - Free food and drinks
  - Individual support, assistance with referrals to other services and other important information

More Information
Contact Fairfield Outreach on 0417 684 871 or FairfieldOutreach@youthoffthestreets.com.au

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