I Shall Strive for the Best

Bonnyrigg Matters

From the Principal

It is with considerable pleasure, I get the opportunity to write this report for the very first time, whilst Mr Bryce is over in Vietnam on an educational visit. He will return on Thursday 19th March. Bonnyrigg High School has just recently continued its successful journey by winning the Bernera Zone Swimming Carnival. In my 13 years at the school, we have never really gone close to winning, but this time we did. We won Overall School Champion and Girls Champion. As a result, I have organised a celebratory afternoon tea on Thursday 26th March at 3pm. All team members, family members and the PDHPE Staff will be invited. Bonnyrigg had 6 Age Champions, those being Samantha Skundric (12 yrs Girls), Anamarija Stratoc (13 yrs Girls), Ameera Craig (15 yrs Girls), Catherine Murphy (16 yrs Girls), Harrison Pham (14 yrs Boys) and Djuro Stojanovic (16 yrs Boys). Throughout the Carnival, there were significant individual achievements. Harrison Pham broke 4 Zone records in the 14 yrs Division. Samantha Skundric broke every record in the 12 yrs Division, whilst the 14 yrs Boys Relay team broke the Zone record and the 13 yrs Girls Relay team broke it by a staggering 10 seconds. 19 students will now represent Bernera Zone at the South Western Sydney Regional Carnival.

On Monday 9th March, I represented Bonnyrigg High School at a meeting endorsing us as one of only six new schools in NSW to be provided with a Confucius Classroom. This will allow Bonnyrigg to be immersed in the Chinese language and culture. Many exciting times lie ahead. Miss Ellis attended as well and will become the driving force behind this initiative.

Many thanks are afforded to all the parents who attended our first Parent Forum on Wednesday 25th February. These meetings are held each term (normally Week 5 and 10) and give parents a great opportunity to gain better understandings and insights into school life. Such events are now included on our school website, which is updated on a regular basis. One new inclusion is the publishing of all examinations, assessment tasks and assignments. Parents can easily access the website and see what is due in all subjects.

As a person, who lives and breathes Mathematics, it is only fitting to advise you of the latest resource sheet available to parents on the DET website - Facts about Fractions. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Until next time ……..

Mr J Robinson
Relieving Principal
Staff Profile

Mr K Wright - PDHPE Teacher

Hello Students, Parents and Teachers,

For those who may not know me or have not come across me yet within the school, my name is Mr (K) Wright. I am a 24 year old Indigenous male from the Dharug region, and have recently graduated from UWS with a Bachelor in Health Science / Masters of Teaching in 2014.

I have had the opportunity to join the Bonnyrigg team in 2015, and am eager for the challenges ahead. My previous experience and skills developed in Sports Rehabilitation, Personal Training and Mentoring have put me in great stead for my future development and teaching career.

It has not been an easy ride into the teaching career, with various setbacks over the past five years with my Footballing (Soccer) ambitions. Various injuries and a knee reconstruction ended my career playing Futsal/Football whereby I have represented Australia on a plethora of occasions and also ended my chances with my A-League career. However, my resilience, dedication and passion to succeed have allowed me to embark on a new path in my life, and Bonnyrigg High School I am sure will be a huge part of this. I was once told "the road ahead may be long, however if the hard yards are put in, anything is possible". I hope to use this as a drive to make a difference in the Bonnyrigg community, Indigenous community and the PDHPE sector. In life everything has an end, but every end has a new beginning and I hope Bonnyrigg will be this for me.

I aim to help inspire all Indigenous students within BHS as well as students as a whole, and help drive Indigenous education and PHDPE within the community and school.

Don’t be afraid to come say Hi, at the PDHPE staffroom.

LAT Report

Lateness, Attendance and Truancy

A tremendous congratulations to all our Term One recipients of the Excellent Attendance Awards. Over 1000 awards were issued at the Year Assemblies to recognise and celebrate those students with an outstanding record of school attendance; being here, on time and in uniform.

Please also be aware that an amendment has been made to the Department of Education and Communities’ School Attendance Policy. Exemptions from school will no longer be permitted for holidays. Should your child be absent from school to take a family holiday, these days will now be counted towards the overall figures of school attendance. If you wish to take your child from school early for holidays, you need to come to the school’s Front Office and request the form an Application for Extended Leave.

Ms H Stafford
Head Teacher - Lateness, Attendance and Truancy
Curriculum

Home Economics & Hospitality Faculty

Term one has been a very busy time this year for the Home Economics & Hospitality faculty. Year 11 VET students are taking part in a Work-Ready day on 13th March to help them prepare for the world of work. Other excursions will include a trip to the Easter Show in week 10 for Years 9 and 10 elective subjects. Year 12 subjects will also plan for a behind-the-scenes trip to the Sydney Tower with a buffet lunch in the rotating restaurant.

The new Year 11 Hospitality students have purchased their chef’s uniforms. They look very professional while they practise their knife skills. All other students are wearing their navy blue school aprons, which must be brought in with tea towels and containers for each practical lesson. They should always write a reminder in their diary so they will not forget equipment on the day. Year 7 fees include the blue apron and all students in all years should have paid their course fees by now.

Mr Bryce has been alerting you to the fact that uniform is very important at Bonnyrigg High School and that enclosed leather shoes with firm uppers are a legal requirement. The Home Economics & Hospitality Department will inform parents when their child has not been allowed to take part in practical work. The students will not waste learning time, but will complete theory lessons while the class completes practical work so they are not at risk of an injury. Please ensure that your child gets the best educational opportunities by supplying them with the required shoes and equipment for Technology classes.

After such a busy start to 2015, we encourage students to focus on their theory and practical work in all Home Economics & Hospitality subjects. Each student needs to strive to achieve the best results possible, particularly our HSC students. Their results will go with them and be closely watched by future employers. Our best wishes go out to our students and their families for a fruitful year.

Mrs D Bond
Head Teacher - Home Economics & Hospitality

International Student News

On Friday 27th February, Bonnyrigg High School student Lytheng Chea, Mr Bryce and International Student Coordinator Ms Stafford headed off to The Sydney Conservatorium of Music for the International Student Awards.

It was a great pleasure to see Lytheng receive his award before his peers and other dignitaries from the Department of Education and Communities. Lytheng received a commendation award for school and community involvement. He is a wonderful role models for International Students and our school is exceedingly pleased with his achievement.

In the attached photos is Lytheng with Ms Stafford and Murat Dizdar, Executive Director of NSW Public Schools.

Ms H Stafford
International Student Coordinator
Curriculum

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

First term is breezing by quickly and many achievements have already been made in the CAPA Faculty. HSC results have been perused and analysed for the 2014 cohort and even greater things are planned, to continue extending and challenging students in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Senior Visual Arts students have already attended an excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW to witness the 2014 HSC Body of Works and perhaps draw inspiration and direction from the exhibition for their own Artmaking Practice. The day was very successful and the students were in awe of the technical skills and artistic talent displayed throughout the gallery space.

The Music teachers have been extra busy planning, auditioning and organising “Bonny’s Got Talent” for week 8 this term. So many wonderful performers have thrown their hat into the ring to compete and hopefully take one of the prizes on offer. Good luck everyone; the competition is a tough one!

As the term winds down, Year12 exams approach, along with Year 7 assessment. Senior CAPA students are hard at work in preparation to achieve their best and Year 7 are completing tasks and assignments in readiness for the upcoming Teacher/Parent Interviews. The beginning of this year has been hectic but the students are mostly focussed in their creative pursuits and will produce the results they have strived for.

Mrs V Paton
Head Teacher - Visual Arts
ANZAC CENTENARY AMBASSADORS

APRIL 24-25 2015 AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WIDE

CAMP GALLIPOLI
COMMENORATING 100 YEARS OF ANZAC SPIRIT

Commemorates 100 years of ANZAC history camping in rugs together as one of Camp Gallipoli events across Australia & New Zealand dates.

Anthony Chung  Joanne Ly  Derry Kim
Annie Pham    Victoria Ngo  Jason Sagredo
Stefan Vujanic Kathy Do  James Dobkowski
Mikaela Ogden  Manar Al-Ogaidi Sahil Kapoor
Design a Mascot Competition!

open to all students in the school!

Add some school colour patterns too!

Give it a name!

Add in some cool details!

center on CHEER!

to be featured at Carnivale!!!

Use all of your creativity!

Bonnyrigg High School is looking for anyone with great ambitions to create a representing model following our CHEER conduct. This will boost your recognition and talent skills to the max, so have fun!

The winning design will be featured as a BHS mascot in this year’s Carnivale and has to show some CHEER spirit!

REWARDS

WINNER: $100 VOUCHER
RUNNERUPS: $50, $25

DEADLINE: last day of term 1!

Hand in your designs to Mrs. Smith’s office!

Winners will be announced via official Facebook page! Don’t forget to check online!

Bonnyrigg High School | CHEER 2015

See Mrs. Smith for more info
Hip Hop Street Dance Class

When you dance its to enjoy every step of the way

Starting on Tuesday the 10th of March 2015,
Then every Tuesday after that for 10 weeks.
5pm – 6.30pm
@ 25 Barbara Street, Fairfield

Professional Hip Hop instructor to conduct class.
The class will be fully supervised.

Alcohol Free event, Bookings required.
Ages 13 – 18 years.
Light refreshments will be provided.
Ph. 0432 629 114
Email: Esra.Cevik@cfs.asn.au

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Community FirstStep
Creating Opportunities
An Important message for all people living in the Fairfield City Council Area.
HAVE YOUR SAY NOW!!

Local Government is undergoing some major reforms. Residents of Fairfield City have the opportunity to have their say in relation to the proposed changes – please share this email with your colleagues and clients.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF FAIRFIELD CITY at www.ourfairfieldcity.com.au

If you
Are a resident of Fairfield City – please complete the survey
Have family or friend living in Fairfield City – please encourage them to have their say
Work with community groups or businesses from Fairfield City – please encourage them to have their say!!

Fit for the Future is the most significant reform in NSW Local Government’s history. ‘Fit for the Future’ (FFF) is the response of the NSW Government to the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts’ Taskforce reports. The NSW State Government has asked Fairfield City Council to comment on the option of amalgamating Fairfield and Liverpool Councils. This would create one City with a future estimated population of more than 500,000. We are required by 30th June to submit a report to the State Government on financial management, service delivery and scale and capacity. Fairfield City Council’s financial outlook will be able to show that it meets the Government’s criteria.

Council’s preliminary findings suggest that an amalgamation will not benefit Fairfield City residents, as resources are likely to be redirected away from Fairfield City to support Liverpool’s urban growth areas and regional city. There would be a loss of local representation and the Fairfield and Liverpool communities do not have similar communities of interest.

Fairfield City Council is undertaking community consultations to assist Council to finalise its position for the ‘Fit for the Future’ submission.

Fairfield City Council’s DRAFT Operational Plan 2015 – 2016 and 2015-2016 DRAFT Pricing Policy and Fees and Charges are now on Public exhibition via Council’s Website and other locations (see website). The Draft Pricing Fees and Charges Police offers information on hire fees for the new Fairfield Youth and Community Centre and other community facilities which will be of interest to local services. If you wish to make comment please follow the links provided via the website.

Fairfield City Council’s On public exhibition from 27th February to 26th March 2015.
www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

Our Draft 2015-2016 Operational Plan details the proposed services, projects and programs Council is going to deliver during 2015-2016 financial year.
CAPP in LACs for Women
Community Awareness of Policing Program
In Local Area Commands

The Community Awareness of Policing Program in Local Area Commands (CAPP in LACs) provides members of the community a chance to experience what it is like to be a police officer in Fairfield.

The program is a real eye-opener, showcasing the varied and complex duties of policing.

The event is designed to provide you with a unique opportunity to “walk in the shoes of a police officer” and develop a greater understanding of the work we actually do.

Venue: Fairfield Local Area Command, 40-42 Smart Street, Fairfield
Date: Wednesday 25 March 2015
Time: 9:30am to 1:30pm (lunch provided)

Participants MUST register prior to the event, No entry without booking
RSVP: Dena Audicho
Email: audit1den@police.nsw.gov.au  Phone: 9728 8406

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