



Bonnyrigg Matters

Week 3 – 4 Term One 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 3A

Monday 13th February
School Assembly

Tuesday 14th February
Yr10 - TELL module 1 - all day
Yr10 - TLL Training in Library - p1-4

Wednesday 15th February

Thursday 16th February

Friday 17th February
Yr10/11/12 (60) - Visual Arts
Outreach

WEEK 4B

Monday 20th February
Year Assemblies
Yr10 High Resolves
School Swimming Carnival
Yr 8 and other Competitors only

Tuesday 21st February
Summer Grade Sport begins

Wednesday 22nd February

Thursday 23rd February

Friday 24th February
Zone Trial Day 2
Newspaper Team Inservice with
Fairfield Champion in School

Future Dates

Wednesday 29th February
P&C Meetings - 6.00pm SHARP
Parent Forum - 6.30pm – 8.30pm
in the
Connected Classroom in D Block

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emailed to you?**

Send your email address via the
school email address

bonnyrigg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

From the Principal

It has been a very positive start to the year. **Year 7** have settled in well and have found their feet very quickly. All students have been issued with a school diary and parents are asked to check the diary regularly to judge for themselves what is happening in their child's classroom.

This is the year of the *Priority Schools' Program Survey* of all parents in Years 7 and 8. This is an essential part of our school and does provide extra funding to the school for a range of programs. Over the next few weeks parents of Year 7 and 8 will be contacted and asked to complete a simple survey. It is vital we get a 100% return to increase our chances of success. Please be aware and complete the survey when it arrives. Without the PSP money we will not be able to supply many of the extra community and classroom based programs that we have now.

Congratulations to Aaron Harris, Mitchell Grace, Christopher Longbottom and Joshua Saxon on receiving a 2012 Kari Indigenous School Scholarship. This is quite an honour and recognises each of the boys' individual achievements.

Over the Christmas break three of our **St John Ambulance Cadets**: Andrew Tran, Angela Jevtic and Christopher Longbottom attended the National Cadet Camp in Perth, Western Australia. This was part of the Cadet Reward scheme open to all the cadets. The entire trip was fully paid for by a community grant.

Free First Aid Training for Parents!
Last week your son/daughter should have delivered home a notice for you about a *free* First Aid Training course open to all Parents of Bonnyrigg High School. Please take advantage of this offer and gain a First Aid Certificate. Just call the school or have your son/daughter give your name to the front

office to register. For further information please call the school.

Student numbers have increased allowing us to expand the numbers of choices Year 9 and 11 have for elective subject choices. This is a positive for the school and we aim to keep attracting our local students by providing the best possible environment for learning. This has meant the addition of two brand new, air-conditioned portable classrooms, soon to be commissioned on site.

We need parents willing to be trained and represent the parents on staff selection panels. If you are interested and would like to help the school please contact myself or Mrs Borg, our Community Partnerships Officer about what is required. Without parent input we cannot hold these selection panels and get the best people to teach our children.

A reminder about **Elective Subject fees**, they are compulsory and need to be paid as soon as possible. These fees provide the materials used in classes such as: Art, Photography, Food Technology, Wood, Metal and Hospitality to mention a few. The money goes to the subject and is used ultimately by the children. **Youth Allowance** given to students through Centrelink is to be used for education costs, including uniform and fees. It is vital these fees are paid to allow students to continue to participate in the subject.

Until next time,

MN Bryce
Principal

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Partially Selective and Local Enrolments from 2010

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Staff Profile



Ms D Chareunsouk - TAS Teacher

Sabaidee!!

That's hello in Lao to everyone here at Bonnyrigg High School. My name is Ms D Chareunsouk and I am very excited to be a new addition to the staff of this fantastic school!

I am a TAS - Home Economics teacher and have recently transferred from Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School where I taught for the last 8 years. Being Visual Arts trained, in a previous lifetime has allowed me to be highly expressive, creative and artistic in my current faculty through my love of Food and Textiles.

Here is a quick flick through my life's journey so far. I was 5 years old when my family and I arrived in Australia in 1982 to start a new life with the experiences, opportunities and challenges that would mould me into the person that I am today. My high schooling years wrapped up in 1994 and I graduated from COFA - University of NSW in 1999 as a Visual Arts Teacher.

I did casual teaching in a few schools in South Western Sydney, covering temporary positions and day to day for other teachers. Having the casual experience truly gave me an insight into the world of teenagers and the fact that I was never ever really going to "leave" school. In mid 2002 I received a scholarship and retrained as a TAS - Hospitality Teacher and received my first permanent appointment in 2003.

I have been very fortunate to be in a profession that supports and encourages me in continually asking more of myself and challenging my students. The daily interactions and connections I make with students will be reflected on fondly with time. I believe that we can all aspire to being whatever our heart desires, as long as we have the determination and willingness to carry it out. We can "strive for the best"

I look forward to meeting you all and enjoying my future years of teaching here at Bonnyrigg High School.

Student Attendance

What is my responsibility as a parent/caregiver?

Make sure your child:

- Attends school on ALL school days and is on time every day
- Catches up on work they have missed if they are away

Make sure you:

- Provide the school with an explanation if your child is away and contact the school if your child does not want to go to school
- Arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
- Arrange personal shopping trips with your son/daughter or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- Do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.

Is regular attendance at school important?

Yes,

- If your child misses school they can experience difficulties with their learning.
- Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted.
- Regular learning provides building blocks for the future.
- Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.

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Curriculum Mathematics

Hello Bonnyrigg on a new beginning, year 2012; also a very warm welcome to everyone from the Mathematics Faculty.

We are ever so glad to see and **welcome back** our returning students. The general feedback about the summer vacation has been splendid; most of us have really lived it up in the holidays – wouldn't it be a fair assumption? This shows that we really know how to spend our holidays well. Congratulations to our 2012 Year 7's who have chosen Bonnyrigg High as their "champion of further education". We applaud their wise decision and assure them that their education is in very safe hands.

In the same stride we welcome back Ms Cox as the relieving faculty Head Teacher. She has had a very successful Term 4 in 2011 with us and we are glad that she has willingly continued to represent us in 2012. Her exuberance is an indication of someone who means business. *Congratulations* to Mr Robinson who has taken up as one of the deputies; no we have not lost him we have only made sure that the Maths Faculty is better represented at Bonnyrigg High. Mrs Agrawal is on leave for the whole year, and has been timely relieved by Mr Lin. We *welcome* a new member of staff, Mr Ta. These gentlemen both come highly recommended to Bonnyrigg High as excellent teachers. They bring skills and experiences which should prove to be beneficial to our students.

The Maths Faculty has immense **resources** to offer students at Bonnyrigg, a team of very pragmatic staff is one of them. We have a multi-cultural staff. This surely enriches and champions our course further as a school very much known for cultural diversity and working in harmony with its community. If any parents need clarification about any issues or classes, organize to see Ms Cox.

Students will be notified about our **programs or any extra-curricular activities** in the due course as we see fit. The *Mathematics Competition* is one of them. This is another year the competition is getting financial help which will enable at least 100 students

to participate. We will extend this offer initially to our more talented and mathematically gifted students, and in due course hope to extend it to all those who are interested.

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 2010 and 2011 as well. We are hoping to get *Mathsonline* again; very popular amongst teachers in 2011 though this year it might come at a minimal cost. The faculty has other e-learning tools at its disposition; *Brain Pop*, *Click View*, *MBank (for staff)*, *e-text books*, *Tale*, *Geogebra*, etc., etc. I hasten to add that though e-learning tools are valuable and imperative these days nothing can replace the resourcefulness of the class teacher.

Text books are currently being issued to students. It is hoped that, to ensure the longevity of the textbooks, every student will treat them with respect. We ask all our Mathematics students to make good use of this resource. Those students who are still holding on to a text book from last year are kindly requested to return them. Lost text books will incur a cost to the student. Calculators are also mandatory. We expect all our students to have one; proper equipment does promote good learning. The office sells them for just over \$20.

The Maths Olympiad will continue to run as was planned; Ms Miller has offered her services once again. Our GAT students are the main targets for this program, however, any other interested student can give it a go as well. Talk to your teacher if you are game for some enlightening and thought provoking Mathematics. We will endeavour to support all our students in any way we can. May I add, 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.

Finally, in retrospect 2011 has been a good year for the faculty. We had very good NAPLAN, Maths Westpac Awards Competition, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results. I do not wish to impress on this any further, anyone interested can be privy to this information by contacting the school.

The Maths Faculty takes this opportunity to remind all students of Mathematics that we are very much approachable. We would have accomplished our initial duty and feel good if we are able to engage ourselves for the betterment of your education.

It has been a busy start to 2012 with the school numbers on the rise; we are endeavouring to make it an interesting one for all students.

Keep smiling!!!

Mr R.Singh
Maths Faculty

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Welcome back to all students and their families and a big welcome to all the students and their families who are new to Bonnyrigg in 2012. On the subject of welcoming people, the PDHPE staff are happy to have Miss Chambers back on deck. She will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays, after having some time off on Maternity Leave in 2011. We are also grateful to have Mr Wright joining us this year taking some PDHPE and Sport classes.

You may have already noticed your PDHPE teachers up on stage during Monday's Assembly or have seen them on the go getting sign out sheets and talking to students. That is because there is already a lot happening. The **Annual School Swimming Carnival** is being held on Monday 20th February, as always this is an event for all Year 8 students and competitors only from all other years. The first of the trials for **State and National Knockouts** have been conducted (hopefully the rain held off as they were scheduled for the day this report was submitted to the production team). **Opens Football and Under 15's Bill Turner Cup and Trophy** teams will start their campaigns in the coming weeks.

In other extracurricular activities, the **BHS Dance Ensemble** are back in regular rehearsal mode as they look to learn and consolidate the routine that will be performed at the South Western

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PDHPE cont....

Sydney Dance Festival. For students who want to get a little bit fitter, meet new friends or release a bit of stress, fitness sessions have begun. If you want more information or want to sign up for a Morning or Afternoon class, see Mr Avery.

Finally, **2012 is an Olympic** year with the Summer Games being held in London later this year. For today's Olympic Movement, Olympism is constructed around three core values: **excellence, friendship and respect.**

Two of these are the same as and one is very close to our own BHS core values: **excellence, connections and respect.**

So with this in mind, the PDHPE faculty would like you to have a happy and healthy 2012. Three tips to get you on your way :

1. always strive for the best in an attempt to make progress on personal goals.
2. trial for a team sport. Who knows you, might make a new friend or two?
3. respect oneself , each other and the environment of BHS.

Mr Avery
Head Teacher - PDHPE

Library

2011 Chess Competition

After four months, two terms and seemingly endless games, Bonnyrigg finally found its *2011 Chess Champion*.



John and Mohammed's Chess Challenge

Congratulations to **Quang Ngo**. He topped his group in the preliminary games and went from strength to strength to come out as champion. It has been a huge effort for all participants.

They have had to be self-starters and find time to complete all their matches against students from across all grades. Special mention to our runner up:

Mohammed Hamdy, who pestered me into running the competition. **Daniel Dang** and **Thanh Le Ung** finished third and fourth. All the players were very polite and showed true sportsman behaviour. It has been a joy to be part of this cerebral challenge. Well done!

2011 Achievers' Day

Last year Bonnyrigg High School was selected by Fairfield City Library for their Achievers' Day annual project. The project aimed to:

- celebrate the achievements of the school and its students
- inspire students in achieving a higher education
- increase the pride of students in their school
- collect, digitise and archive the school's history
- promote the library's services to high school students and teachers*

*"Achievers' Day « Fairfield City Library Local Studies." Fairfield City Library Local Studies. N.p., n.d. Web. 20 Nov. 2011. <<http://fairfieldlocalstudies.wordpress.com/achievers-day/>>.

The event took many months to plan and involved taping the digital histories of some of our ex students and staff. Many of the school's photos were submitted for digitisation. This worked out really well as we were collecting them for BHS's 50th birthday anyway. We also invited four ex-students to come to speak at the actual event.

This event was held at the library in Cabramatta last Wednesday 16th November. In attendance were Mrs Borg, Ms Vandermeel, Ms Johnson, Mr Bryce and myself. We took 7B and the SRC students. Our guest speakers were former students: Pamela French (1963), Petra Tinker (1966), Isidoro Ruisi (2003), and Phuoc Huynh (2005). These achievers were engaging and inspiring speakers who made us all proud to be part of the Bonnyrigg High School tradition. The students were polite, engaged and perfect role models for the school. We finished with pizza and conversation.

It was a wonderful day and well worth all the effort. I would like to especially thank Mr Nightscales and Ms Borg for their assistance and Mr Bryce for his inspired address on the day.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2011

Congratulations to the following students:

Aiman Fatima (GOLD award – 4 years PRC), Thomas Antcliff, Madasyn Baldassare, Brooke Carrier, Daniel Dang, Tina Dang, Isabelle Doan, Stefan Dukic, Rebecca Gong, Stevane Kina, Lian McGrath, Raghed Naeem, Jenny Nguyen and Martin Pham

Their efforts should be applauded especially in a current climate that often eschews reading. Our entire society is founded and continues to flourish based on our ability to communicate. Therefore it is vital we be able to read and write. The self-discipline demonstrated by these students is to be celebrated. Their commitment to a goal mirrors the commitments that will be necessary throughout their entire lives. We are all constantly on a learning journey and embracing this makes us more open to new knowledge and meanings. Well done again to these fine readers and hopefully their more of you take the challenge in 2012.

Mrs Sander Burns
Teacher / Librarian



**BONNYRIGG
HIGH SCHOOL'S**

**P&C Meeting
6.00pm SHARP
Parent Forum
6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Wednesday
29th February
4th April
in the**

**Connected Classroom
in D Block**

Make Decisions ~ Be informed

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Parents

SchoolBiz Info

The Place where Parents can keep informed

Getting off to a good start

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department's parent resource *School A to Z* has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year.

The 'Getting off to a great start webcast' has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships. The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department's deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior.

Watch the webcast at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start>

National Year of Reading 2012

Welcome to a new school year. This is the national year of reading and to celebrate, there is a host of literary-related events and competitions happening right around Australia. For an events calendar and more information go to:

www.love2read.org.au. Why not make a late New Year resolution to read more yourself? And if you have younger children and don't already read regularly to them, set aside some quality time to help instil a love of books and reading.

Fair work checks

Many teenagers undertake casual work. A helpful guide to how much they should be getting paid and the minimum conditions can be found at: www.fairwork.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx

If you have any queries there is a helpline at 13 13 94. You can also lodge an online workplace complaint if you feel your child has been unfairly treated.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS

2012 Priority Schools Program Survey Information

Bonnyrigg High School continues to provide our students with the best educational opportunities available. This cannot be done without the assistance of the government initiative, the *Priority Schools Program (PSP)* funding program. Priority Schools receive additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students.

In 2012, Bonnyrigg will again be applying to be a part of the next funding period commencing in 2013 to 2016. A new list of Priority Schools is identified every four years by a voluntary survey to families. The next survey of families will occur in March 2012.

Only approximately 500 schools across the state will receive PSP funding. It is important that we provide complete information about our community, so that our school has the best chance of being included to receive the funding and staffing to provide and continue our invaluable programs.

Schools will be selected for the next four year period on the basis of a state wide parent survey that will be conducted during the week of **5th March to 9th March 2012**. This survey will identify which schools will receive PSP support from 2013 to 2016.

In our school, parents and carers with children in **Years 7 and 8** will be asked to complete a confidential one page survey. The survey is quite easy to fill in and we need every family to complete it if we are to provide accurate information about our community.

Some points to remember are:

- the survey is absolutely confidential
- you should answer every question as accurately as possible such as, talk about your current employment and not how you have been employed in the past
- if you have questions about the survey don't be afraid to ask
- those who will benefit most from this program will be your children.

Why use a survey:

- Up-to-date information.
- Direct information from school families only
- Confidential and accurate
- Strong date – over 90% response rate
- Rigorous, high level, statistical analysis gives a highly accurate results

More information will be provided on a regular basis, leading up to survey week.



TRADING HOURS FOR 2012

Tuesdays
8.15am - 11am

Wednesdays
12.50pm - 3pm

LOCATED IN A BLOCKSHOP

PHONE: 9823-3780



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BONNYRIGG HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MAP

Mr MN Bryce – Principal Mr J Robinson - Deputy Principal (Yr 7, 9, 11) Mrs M Smith - Deputy Principal (Yr 8, 10 12)

Mrs R Narvaiza - H. T. Administration

ENGLISH
 Ms N Simpson - Head Teacher
 Ms D Banfield
 Mr G Elafros
 Mrs D Kagiatzis
 Ms N Le
 Mr U Narayan – ESL
 Miss H Stafford
 Miss S Thai
 Ms Z Van Munster

MATHS
 Ms Cox – Rel. - Head Teacher
 Mrs A Dass
 Mr A Munari
 Mr U Nand
 Mr S Pacha
 Mr R Singh
 Mr A Ta
 Mr V Tran

TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES
 Mrs D Bond - Head Teacher
 Miss D Chareunsouk
 Mr N Chugh
 Mr A Nightscales - Mon, Tues, Wed
 Mrs R Panday - VET
 Mr C Rodas
 Mrs L Sharma
 Mr S Sharma
 Mrs Petsic
 School Admin. Officer

SUPERVISOR OF GIRLS
 Mrs J Pavlik

GENERAL ASSISTANT
 Mr D Morgan

HISTORY/LANGUAGE
 Mr S Kurtz - Head Teacher
 Mr R Brown
 Ms L Goodsell
 Mr G Hokin - Indonesian
 Mrs H Ly - Vietnamese
 Mr W Macaulay

CENTRAL OFFICE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS
 Mrs J Penning - Mon, Tues, Wed
 Mrs A Meharg - First Aid
 Mrs L Wilton - Thurs, Fri

as of 10/02/2012

SCIENCE
 Mr N Foti - Head Teacher
 Ms K Arkins
 Ms C Cox
 Mrs R Dikhill
 Ms M Hernandez
 Ms S Prasad
 Mrs S Samil
 Mrs S Rowley - Sc. Admin Officer
 Mrs M Maculan - Sc. A. Officer - Fri

EQUITY PROGRAMS
 Mr B Rekić - Head Teacher Welfare
 Mr G Walsh - Support Teacher Learning
 Mrs S Seymour – Support Teacher Learning
 Mrs P Miller - Numeracy Coordinator - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
 Mr L Macey - Student Learning (NP)
 Mrs V Johnson - Student Learning Support Officer
 Mrs M Satara - Student Learning Support Officer
 Mrs S Borg - Community Partnerships Officer - Tues, Wed, Thurs
 Ms C McDermott - Aboriginal Support Officer

PDHPE
 Mr D Avery - Head Teacher
 Miss K Chambers - Mon, Tues
 Miss J Gilmour
 Mr S Hanley - SPORT (Grade)
 Mr J Lazaras (Mon, Tues, Thurs)
 Mr M Leslie - SPORT (Integrated)
 Mr C Morson - H.T. NP (Attendance)
 Miss A Sekulowski
 Mr M Wright

YEAR ADVISERS
 Yr 6 - TBA
 Yr 7 - Mr N Chugh
 Yr 8 - Miss A Sekulowski
 Miss J Gilmour
 Yr 9 - Miss S Thai
 Ms N Le
 Yr10 - Mr R Brown
 Yr11 - Mr C Morson
 Yr12 - Mr A Nightscales
 Miss H Stafford

SCHOOL COUNSELLORS
 Ms L McClintock – Mon, Thurs (B), Fri
 Mrs J Ryan – Wed

SOCIAL SCIENCE
 Mr R Edwards - Rel. Head Teacher
 Mrs N Gersbach
 Ms A Hurney
 Mrs T Magoutas - SRC
 Mrs R Narvaiza - H.T Admin
 Mr H Ram
 Mr B Rekić - H.T. Welfare

HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER (HSLO)
 Mr C Maloney

LIBRARY
 Mrs M Sander Burns - Teacher / Librarian
 Mrs D Vandermeel - School Admin. Officer
 Mrs M Maculan - School Admin. Officer - Thurs

CAREERS
 Miss O Gromof

CREATIVE ARTS
 Ms V Paton – H.T.
 Miss T Dang - Visual
 Ms M Kurianski - Music
 Miss L Chegodaev - Music
 Mrs J Pavlik- Visual / SG
 Ms C Peters - Visual