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Principals Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year, but here we are! Term 2 has been nothing short of busy and exciting thus far. There is always so much important work happening at Busselton Senior High School, both in and out of the classroom, and Term 2 has been no different. I commend our Busselton Senior High School staff for their ongoing commitment to our students, achieving the best possible outcomes. We consistently strive to support each student on their educational journey at Busselton Senior High School. The school is also working hard to create empathetic global citizens in its student body, and instil important lifelong values in our students. A big initiative this year at Busselton Senior High School is Waste and Sustainability, spearheaded by the Student Council and Year Coordinator Geoff Holt. The school is seeking to drastically decrease its environmental impact initially through the Containers for Change scheme, composting and a student Eco Warrior Club. As I walk around the quads during break times, I can see our students changing their behaviours to be more conscious in their waste disposal and reduction.

Busselton Senior High School held its ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 23rd April, commemorating all those who serve and have served. As a school we paid respect to those who gave their life or were injured in the service of their country. Thank you to Busselton RSL President Glenn Woodward and Busselton RSL Member Rod Beattie for attending and taking part in our ceremony.

Adaptability is another virtue I am seeing in our students, especially in our Year 10's after they had their Careers Camp rescheduled following the most recent lockdown in Perth. They finally set out on their way in Week 5 and from all accounts, had a week full of exciting adventures and learning.

Well done to Lea Goddard for all her hard work scheduling and rescheduling the camp.

The Year 7 and 9's have sat NAPLAN over the past few weeks and I thank Colin Sheffield and those helping him for their coordination of the tests. The NAPLAN tests provide the school with valuable data about student progress in the core learning areas which are Writing, Reading, Language Convention and Numeracy.

I also wish all our Senior School students currently sitting their exams all the best. I know how hard they have all been working.

Kind Regards,
David Gault
Acting Principal



Harmony Day

Busselton Senior High School welcomes everyone to our school and celebrates inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all regardless of cultural background. On the last day of Term 1, we held our annual Harmony Day celebration. There was a big staff versus student dodgeball game during Break 1. Students cooked different international cuisines in class which was enjoyed by lots of students and staff at lunchtime. The Student Council ran a Harmony Day quiz and then staff members spoke about their diverse backgrounds. It was an energetic and important day for our school. Let's always celebrate diversity and combat inequality.



ANZAC Day

On Friday 23rd April, we held our Busselton Senior High School Anzac Ceremony. Busselton RSL President Glenn Woodward and Busselton RSL Member Rod Beattie attended and took part in our ceremony. The school came together to remember the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We honoured the contribution and suffering of all those who served, and vowed to carry on the Anzac Spirit.

On Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April, Busselton Senior High School Student Council and staff participated in the City of Busselton Anzac Ceremony. The Student Council laid a wreath at the Dawn Service, followed by the march down Queen Street and then the laying of a wreath at the general Service. The morning was very moving, and we commend our Student Council for their important contribution. Lest we forget.



Pay It Forward Day

Kindness is contagious! In Week 2, Busselton Senior High School celebrated Pay It Forward Day. Pay It Forward Day exists to encourage people to stand for kindness out of the goodness of their hearts! The mission is to inspire acts of kindness on this day in hopes that the ripple of good will continue throughout the entire year. Students and staff participated in random acts of kindness all day. Flowers were given, coffees bought, compliments and smiles paid to new friends, lunch was shared, and litter was picked up. Let's continue to spread the kindness!



Z Club

As part of Pay It Forward Day, Z Club and Geographe Training organised a donation drive for the dog and cat supplies at SAFE Busselton. Students and staff donated items for foster cats and dogs in need. The little critters look pretty happy with their new toys! We also got a visit from Rusty the dog! His leg operation was paid for by a fundraising effort of Busselton Senior High School students in 2017. Thank you to everyone involved in donating this year through our Pay It Forward Day. #payitforward #randomactsofkindness



Inter-School Athletics

A team of BSHS students competed in the Inter School Athletic Carnival in Bunbury earlier in Term 2. The school came in 4th and we were all very proud! Outstanding performances were from Aston Brooks who received Year 8 Runner Up Champion Boy and Year 11 Runner Up Champion Girl went to Lucy Mansfield. Congratulations to Natasha Sissoev, Mayree Harrison, Claire Ainsworth, Drew Dobell, Lucas Kemp and Edan Cristinelli for their amazing achievements during the day. Well done to everyone for competing and proudly representing Busselton Senior High School.



Waalitj Kaaditjin

Early in May BSHS Waalitj Kaaditjin's students visited Vanya Cullen at her property to kickstart the new Girls Mental Health Program. Vanya has kindly donated funds to contribute to running this program over the next three years, alongside SWAMS and Undalup Association. The Program will include two major components- Cultural connections of students to Country and overall improved mental health and well-being for female Waalitj Kaaditjin students.

The day commenced with our students having a tour of Cullen's Biodynamic Winery, led by Vanya Cullen. The Yorgas Yarning session followed shortly afterwards, led by guest speakers, Auntie Sandra Hill, and Lesley Nelson (CEO of SWAMS). Our young Yorgas were encouraged to network and make connections for future career pathways with empowering women in our community. The students had a fantastic day listening to Elders, yarning and sharing stories with each other, affirming and building positive relationships and support networks within our community.



Year 10 Camp



Amid puddles and chilly weather, 76 eager Year 10's and their responsible adults for the next 4 days left for a fun-filled tour of 'life after school' in Perth. Day 1 started out with more luggage than was strictly necessary, Shannon accidentally kicking the toilet door in on Mrs Goddard (thankfully she's a good sport and was...ah...done), two buses stuck on a very tight turn in a very large carpark and several students claiming that the only university for them was Curtin Uni because of the seriously good George's Kebabs we had for lunch. At Curtin we experienced a sample of a mind-blowing psychology lecture, competed in teams on a race around campus and oh so, so many stairs. The late afternoon saw us at Latitude where many of us spent a considerable amount of time flying through the air, upside down or at the significant height of rock-climbing walls, the sky walk and the bungee jump. Dinner at Hillary's saw a bunch of happy kids who couldn't wait to get to bed in our student accommodation at Campus Perth. It was here that our teachers realised just how many of us aren't very good at making beds (and there are a few who will remain nameless, who need a stern talking to about what sheets are actually for).

Our accommodation was an adventure in itself, with the boys on the 11th floor and the girls on the 10th. Getting 82 adult sized people up and down in small lifts was an exercise in patience and timing. Some of us enjoyed the main lobby piano, lounge chairs and air hockey while slowly our group travelled to different floors. Only one group of boys got stuck in the lift. Mr Johnson was busy having a shower, but luckily Erin rescued them with sheer logic and super-girl strength. However, our dorms were clean, spacious and comfortable with inner city views.

Day 2 started early, we had to be dressed and eating breakfast by 7am in the common kitchen areas followed by a visit to the Construction Futures Centre in Belmont. Here we learnt about the hundreds of trades and jobs in construction, explored the interactive displays and saw examples of engineering, building, electrical work, plumbing and lots more. A trip to Notre Dame University had us walking the historic town of Fremantle and we had more fun solving clues at Fremantle Escape rooms, followed by a scrumptious dinner of Pizza and Pasta at Pizza Bella Roma. It was here in Freo that our bus broke down, but Vicki, our EA and bus driving extraordinaire managed to have the bus fixed and still made it in time for dinner. What a legend!

Year 10 Camp

Day 3 we were promised a 'sleep in', but Mrs Goddard's idea of a sleep in is still waking up by 7am. Doesn't she know that for teenagers a sleep in means afternoon? We were able to walk from Campus Perth to The WA Museum Boola Bardip which recently opened with fantastic new displays. Our afternoon consisted of mini golf, laser tag and bowling at Carousel. Then we went shopping so that we could add copious amounts of hoodies and shoes to our luggage! As it was our last night, the tone of the evening back in the common games room was that of relaxed camaraderie, where together we listened to music, played giant chess and chatted. It was sad to go to bed knowing the camp was almost over, but many of us were looking forward to going home to beds made by our mums.

The next morning was an early start again, with all 82 of us packed and on the bus to Murdoch University by 8.15am. Murdoch treated us to a tour (and we thought Curtain had lots of stairs) which included a fully functioning farm, veterinary clinic, hospital wing and on campus accommodation. The student ambassadors ran fun activities relating to their courses and the student hub provided a fantastic place for lunch. Murdoch was our final stop before arriving happy and exhausted back at school Friday afternoon with a clearer idea of the many options available to us after finishing Year 12 and some newly formed friendships.

Thank you to the amazing Mrs Goddard for spending months planning and replanning this awesome camp and also to staff, David Johnson, Kirsty Laverty, Vicki Badger, Lizzie Hull and Josh Demopoulos, who voluntarily signed up for the sleepless nights, herding responsibilities and exposure to some rather repulsive smells from some of the dorms on floor 11.



Year 10 Camp



Conservation

Year 10 BSHS students undertook an important conservation activity last week- removing several hundred tree guards from the Edwards Road Reserve, Ambergate. They assisted the City of Busselton Environmental Officer Will Oldfield. The guards were in place to protect the native saplings in the wildlife corridor. The students spotted a fox as soon as they arrived, as if to underline the importance of the corridor and how it protects native fauna. Creatures such as the bandicoot rely on the vegetation of the corridor for cover, without it they would perish. A big obstacle to the successful removal of the guards was the presence of hundreds of wasp nests which meant that the students could only remove guards with no wasps. After 2 hours of work the students loaded up the trailer with sacks of material and looked forward to their chip butty and a well deserved ice cream.

"This project was one of many environmental initiatives undertaken by our students as a part of our sustainability drive. The students did us proud today in quite challenging circumstances and certainly deserve their lunch. It is our goal to engage all students in practical sustainability projects in line with the overarching priority of the West Australian Curriculum. We have many projects here at school involving waste recovery as well as tree planting, beach clean ups and other environmental recovery activities in the pipeline."

Geoff Holt, Organising Teacher and Head of Year 10.



Eco Warriors Club

This term, our year 7 students have been busy in our school garden. They are learning valuable skills in sustainability, renewable resources and horticulture. We have planted vegetable seedlings, established a worm farm and collected organic materials for composting. Students are learning what a garden requires to thrive. A huge thank you to Hugh, our school gardener for all your help!



Cows Create Careers

Thanks to Dairy Australia and Western Dairy, Busselton Senior High School have recently welcomed two three-week old calves, Whoopsie and Daisy. The calves are visiting for three weeks as part of the Cows Create Careers project, where students learn about dairy industry careers. A local dairy farmer is teaching the students how to care for the calves, and demonstrate skills such as animal husbandry, feeding and weighing. Western Dairy training officer, Rob La Grange, came along to speak with the Year 8 science students about the dairy industry and career pathways. Cows Create Careers have gotten many of our students excited about a possible career in the dairy industry. We hope Whoopsie and Daisy are enjoying their time at school!



Student Council News

By Keira Soullier and Tiana LaMotte



Harmony Day

The Student Council provided a great end to Term 1 by organising our Harmony Day celebration. These involved a staff v student dodge ball game with some 200 people involved, as well as range of international cuisine at lunch time. The council worked with Mr Holt to develop whole school education about diversity and the struggle for equality and human rights with Osher Burner and Emily Anderson creating a great video tracing the history of civil rights movement in Australia and overseas. At lunch time the Sri Lankan chicken curry prepared by the council with the help of Yoshi's dad, Pradeep Ruwanapura, went down very well indeed. So many people asked us for the recipe!! This event was even included in the UN (WA) newsletter. A big thanks to Yoshi, Oshar and Emily as well as all of those of you who helped make this a great day.

Waste and Sustainability Program

We have been very active learning about waste and sustainable practices. Here at BSHS, we produce a great deal of waste every day. In the past most of it ended up in landfill, but now we have a program that sees us recover and re-use a lot of this waste. Every week a class of students collects the container deposit bins around the school and we send the containers off and receive ten cents for every container. On top of this the council runs the PBS reward program every recess in the hub. Students can come along cash in their points for canteen vouchers, icy poles, jelly cups, pens, pencils and hub time. This is proving a real success so far. We will soon be rolling out our new waste system under which we will have one waste station in each quad whilst reducing the number of general waste bins which end up in landfill. Thanks to Student Council members Caitlin, Theo, Gabi and Zoe for presenting to year assemblies on this important initiative.

Student Council News

Cry the Forests

In June, the Council will continue its work to raise awareness about our environment by organising a screening of Cry the Forrest - A documentary about the need to safeguard our jarrah and marri forests in the SW. This will be shown in all HASS classes and will raise awareness of the vital importance of our precious growth forests.



UN Youth Listening Tour

Yoshi is currently organising for BSHS to take part in the United Nations youth listening tour. Groups of students will be given the chance to take part in this with UN youth ambassador Lucy Stronach. Lucy wants to hear the voices and opinions of Busselton students about the issue we care about and what we think the governments need to do about our concerns. Watch this space for news about what comes out of this event and thanks to Yoshi and Mr Holt for organising this.

From the Library

You can still join the Ready Readers Club for Term 2! The challenge is to read 6 books in a term. Two of our avid readers have already read 12 books and it's only Week 6! Come to the library during breaks to get reading! There will be a morning tea during the last week of term.



A poster for the Chess Club. It features a large chessboard on the left with various chess pieces. On the right, the text reads: "CHESS CLUB" in large letters, followed by "MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY BREAK 2 LIBRARY". At the bottom, it says "NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. STUDENTS & STAFF ARE WELCOME!".

A poster for "The Knitting Chaper". It features a close-up of a red knitted beanie. The text "The Knitting Chaper" is written in a stylized font across the beanie. Below it, the text "Knit yourself a winter beanie" is written in a bold, white font.

A poster for the "Welcome to ready readers club". It features a dark background with a stack of books. A red heart is drawn over the books, containing the text "Good Books + Morning Tea". Below the heart, the text "PERFECT TOGETHER" is written. At the bottom, there is a sign-up information section.

Welcome to ready readers club

Good Books + Morning Tea

PERFECT TOGETHER

Sign up and read up to 6 fiction books from the library collection
At the completion of each book you will receive a stamp on your Ready Readers Club bookmark
Starts Week 1 and runs through until the end of Week 10
The 4 top readers will receive an invitation to a special morning tea in Week 11
Non-fiction, easy readers, picture books & graphic novels are not included

Busselton Senior High School

PARENT NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board plays an important role in BSHS and is focused on school programs and the needs of students. The board plays an important role in establishing the directions of the school, endorsing the school budget and evaluating school performance. The board is a vital link to promoting the school within the community.

There is currently a vacancy for ONE Parent Representative on the School Board.

Parent representatives are appointed for a THREE Year Term.

Meetings of School Board are held twice per term on a Monday evening. Other meetings are called from time to time.

Any parent interested in nominating for the available position is asked to complete a brief written statement (no more than one page) outlining relevant knowledge, skills and attributes you will bring to the School Board. Please include full name and contact details.

Please email submissions to
elizabeth.coultas@education.wa.edu.au

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9751 8900.

REAL Expectations

Students must uphold and rise to meet our REAL expectations (Respect, Empathy, Achieve and Learn). By doing this, it will ensure that every student at Busselton Senior High School can learn, feel safe and secure in our great learning environment. Failure to live up to these expectations prevents your child from learning and can have negative outcomes for future job prospects. The school has clear guidelines and expectations concerning the behaviour of students. While the school is proactive in our intervention and prevention strategies, it is important to emphasise that fighting, bullying, verbal abuse and harassment of others is completely unacceptable at Busselton Senior High School. All staff will endeavour to help students make correct choices about their behaviour and assist them in improving. We ask parents to support and work with the school when behaviour management issues arise.

Uniform Policy

Students must wear the school uniform with pride and follow the school dress policy which is mandatory. This may not seem like a big deal; however, wearing the school uniform creates an identity for the school. It shows they are a part of an organisation and sends the message to the community that 'we are all in this together'. It gives students a sense of belonging and prepares them for the workforce. Most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure; when everyone is dressed the same worrying about what you're wearing isn't that important.

Mobile Phone Policy

In line with Education Department policy:

- Busselton Senior High School does not allow mobile phones to be accessed by students at any time while they are at the School. These devices are banned for all students from the time they arrive, until the conclusion of the school day. Mobile phones are to be, "off and away all day".
- Students should be discouraged from bringing their mobile phones to school, however, if a parent provides their child with a mobile device for safety reasons, they must ensure that the phone is not to be accessed over the school day.
- Students will have an opportunity to hand their phones in at Student Services on arrival at school and retrieve them as they leave at the end of the day. Phones will be secured in a phone locker for the duration of the day. Students who choose not to take up this opportunity are solely responsible for the security of their phone and accept the risks associated with them being stolen and/or damaged.
- The consequences for any student found recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises is **SUSPENSION**.

Attendance

Students must attend school. The research is clear: low attendance rates equal a decline in academic achievement. Ten days in a semester will put your child at risk. The effects of absence also accumulate over time; in other words, low attendance rates in Year 7 will not only effect achievement in the current year but in subsequent years. It also sets up a pattern of attendance for future work life.

Term 2 2021 Photos



BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2021 CALENDAR

Key:	Holidays:	Long Weekends:	PD Days:	Interruption Free Week	Country Week:
	Scheduled Meeting Day	Teachwell			

TERM 2 WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	19 Staff Resume	20	21	22 11 REC Camp	23 11 REC Camp ANZAC Ceremony P4	24	25 ANZAC Day
2	26 ANZAC Day	27 10 Camp	28 10 Camp Pay it Forward Day	29 10 Camp	30 10 Camp	1	2
3	3 Yr 12 Rec Camp Yr 9 Fieldwork EX	4 Yr 12 Rec Camp	5 Yr 12 Rec Camp Inter-School Aths Yr 6 Parent Night	6 SD Plan Check-In	7	8	9
4	10	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN Yr Writers and Reader Fest	15	16
5	17 SS Exams NAPLAN IDAHOBIT Day	18 SS Exams GSM NAPLAN	19 SS Exams NAPLAN	20 SS Exams NAPLAN	21 SS Exams NAPLAN	22	23
6	24 SS Exams	25 Yr 6 Transition	26 Yr 6 Transition Parent Night (8/9/12)	27 Yr 6 Transition	28	29	30
7	31	1 June	2	3 SD Plan Check-In	4 World Environment Day	5	6
8	7 June WA Day	8	9	10 SD PD	11 11/12 reports locked	12	13
9	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10	21 7/8 reports locked Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	22 9/10 reports locked Yr 11 Holocaust Ex Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	23 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	24 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	25 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	26	27
11	28 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	29 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	30 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	1 July REAL Activities (7 – 10) Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	2 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

COVID-19

As a school, Busselton Senior High School are acting on the advice of the Department of Education and the WA Health Department. All classrooms have hand sanitiser available for students and staff, and extra cleaning throughout the school is being done on a daily basis. If there are any changes to the Department of Education's COVID-10 operating guidelines, the school will advise parents and caregivers.



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