



Umina Campus Newsletter

DECEMBER 2012

End of an Era



Frank Gasper - Principal

As this is the last School Principal's Report that I will write before my retirement, I cannot help but reflect over not just the 2012 school year, but the 10 years that it has been my privilege to be the Principal of this school – and even the 5 years prior to that as Deputy Principal and Relieving Principal.

It has been an interesting and challenging journey, but most especially, a very rewarding one. I have truly enjoyed my time at Umina High School and later Brisbane Water Secondary College and have had the pleasure of working with and hopefully helping, some of the most talented and committed staff that I have encountered through 38 years in Public Education.

The rewards of teaching are multitude no matter what role you play.

As a classroom teacher, I had the opportunity to refine my teaching skills each year with the aim of producing increased learning outcomes for the students in my care. Good teaching requires constant reflection and realignment to best meet student needs.

As a Year Adviser, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to provide support to students in a host of different situations and develop effective relationships with parents that enhance the school – home partnership that is essential in every great school.

As a Head Teacher, I had the opportunity to work with a very talented team of teachers who helped me become an even better teacher. It also gave me my first taste of being part of a school leadership team and see the whole school picture. It made me realise that decision making at whole school level was far different to the decisions I had made at a classroom level and instilled in me the desire to achieve promotion to Deputy Principal, which I was able to achieve with my appointment to Umina High School in 1997.

The move towards the formation of the College in 2002, gave me the opportunity to be Relieving Principal for 18 months prior to this. These were difficult times to be in this role. I am grateful to numerous staff and community members for the outstanding leadership they showed at the time to make the transition the success it is today. The Deputy Principals, Nick Dent and Gus Vrolyk, were outstanding as were all of the school executive and the P&C led by Bruce Graf.

I would also like to thank Bruce for his continued support in the time I have been at Umina. He is someone with the best interests of this school and community in mind when he takes on the role. In that context, I must also mention the superb long term support given to this school by Lorraine May our Canteen Supervisor and Michelle Parker with added support from Di Mathews, Ros Magee and Josie Blake. Their tireless efforts to cater for so many school functions have lifted the spirits of staff on so many occasions.

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The leadership provided by our Deputy Principals, Warwick Bateman, Kennell Smith and Simon Warren, continues the fine tradition of those before them. I am personally grateful to them for their great support. I value each of them highly.

The Executive Team and Welfare Team provide outstanding leadership and support to staff and students on a daily basis. I have been fortunate to have assembled a team of people I like working with and admire as school leaders.

Some 10 years down the track we find ourselves part of a College where:

- Academic 'Value Added' results of our students at both campuses have been amongst the highest in the District and Region. (This measures entry level results with those at the exit point.)
- We have a highly successful Creative & Performing Arts Program that adds new dimensions each year and provides so many rich opportunities for talented students.
- We are recognised as one of the strongest sporting schools in the State as evidenced by our results at elite level each year.
- Elite Sportspersons programs have been established in several sports to develop a pool of very talented athletes that we now draw to the College..
- The results of our Agricultural Program compares with any exhibitors throughout the state. We are one of the most successful school farms in NSW.
- The interaction of Staff and Students in numerous programs allows students to develop their talents and help shape personal value systems that they will retain for life : Student volunteering; Community Fund raising; Peer Support programs.

Special Education classes form an integral part of our school ensuring that students with a disability are catered for in their local school and can develop positive relationships with their peers in their community.

It is with emotion and a sense of pride in the achievements of staff and students that I conclude my report. I thank you for the opportunity to have been Principal of a school that I have loved to be a part of. I wish all of you continued success in the future.

Frank Gasper
Principal



NOTE: The Principal's position will be filled in Term 1 next year.

Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Kennell Smith will be relieving Principal, Ms Susanne Murray will be relieving Deputy Principal, until the position is filled.

Important Dates for 2013

Monday 28 January 2013 -	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 29 January 2013 -	Staff return to school – No students
Wednesday 30 January 2013 -	Day 1 for Year 7 and Peer Support Leaders – No Year 8 or Year 9
Thursday 31 January 2013 -	Day 2 for Year 7 and Peer Support Leaders – No Year 8 or Year 9
Friday 1 February 2013 -	Whole school returns



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—Warren

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As Term 4 draws to a close, we look back at all the wonderful achievements over this year. We also look ahead and plan for the start of 2013.

2012 has been another amazing year for the students of Brisbane Water Secondary College. In recent weeks I have had the privilege to attend numerous events including: Deadly Awards – recognising the achievements of our Indigenous students, Sports Presentation Dinner – recognising sporting excellence and the Year 9 Graduation Assembly – recognising the completion of schooling for our students at the Umina Campus. These events continue to astonish as they display the extensive range of opportunities that our students enjoy.

- Outstanding academic results across all levels as displayed by our wonderful NAPLAN results and NAPLAN growth data.
- Brilliant sporting results throughout the New South Wales Combined High Schools Knockout and representative teams.
- Wonderful opportunities in creative and performing arts through the CAPA program, Dance and various performances.
- Significant cultural awareness through the Bush Tucker Garden, Yarning Circle, Didge and Dance Groups.

Umina Campus continues to be a leading light in education and student development on the Central Coast. Our students are achieving excellence in all fields:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated staff who go that extra yard to enable our students to experience such wonderful and fulfilling activities. Can I also thank the numerous Parents and Carers who give up their valuable time to assist. Without all your help, these activities could not go ahead.

In closing, it is with a tinge of sadness that we farewell Mr Gasper (Principal of Umina Campus), Mr Gasper is retiring as the Umina Campus Principal, we thank him for his caring and compassionate approach and wish him well in his retirement. Mr Gasper has been a wonderful leader throughout the college and he will be greatly missed.

S. Warren
Mr. S. Warren
Deputy Principal





How does one begin to sum up our time here at the Umina campus?

As the end of 2012 draws near, we are presented with time to reflect on the friendships gained, experiences had and lessons learned.

As your captains for 2012, it has been our pleasure to voice the thoughts and opinions of our peers, and maintain the brilliant image that is Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The past three years, for most of us, represents the best part of our lives- where, with the help of our friends, families and teachers, we have grown and developed into young adults, and have become members of society who will thrive and succeed. For others, this is only the beginning of a journey to greater things.

We'd like to thank the people who have brought us this far and intend to use the valuable lessons they've taught us to shape all other aspects of our life.

It's been our pleasure to represent the thoughts and opinions of Year 9 in 2012. We thank everyone for their contribution to making the past three years a time to remember. As we leave the Umina Campus, we can only wish everyone a safe and happy future for 2013 and the years to come.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the availability of our School Uniform to our students and their parents. The uniform shop will be open during the holidays on the following dates:

- January 17th 9am - 2pm
- January 22nd 8am - 1pm
- January 24th 1pm - 7pm
- January 29th 8am - 10am
- January 30th 8am - 10am
- January 31st 8 am – 9am



Ruth Brown – Head Teacher Welfare



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—Smith

What an exciting and busy year it has been! I can't believe that the little Year 7 students that first entered our hall back in

February are getting ready to move into Year 8. The year has flown by! I am always proud when I get to reflect on the opportunities that our Campus has offered our students. In terms of commitment, one of our core values, the dedicated staff of Umina Campus never fail to amaze me.

Our NAPLAN results are a highlight and again, show the commitment of our staff and students. Umina Campus has excelled in terms of growth. In Grammar and Punctuation our school has excelled, improving at a much higher rate than the State average and improving considerably more than our 'like' schools. We are also improving at the state average in Reading and are very close in terms of Numeracy. An excellent effort! I have worked on the Bush Tucker garden this year with Mr Grauner, Mr Medley and the wonderful students who have placed their names on the roster each term. The garden is unrecognisable compared to the start of the year. We have paths, sandstone borders and new plants and are keen to continue this project next year.

There are so many 'projects' happening here that I am proud to be involved in whether it is with our award winning sporting teams, CAPA stars, in our classrooms or down at the Ag farm. Umina Campus is always busy and full of enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our amazing Principal, Mr Gasper, all the very best in his retirement. Mr Gasper has been a wonderful mentor and support for both the students and staff here at BWSC- Umina Campus and I know that he will be sorely missed. His ability to connect with all members of the school community has been inspiring and on a personal note, it has been an absolute privilege to work alongside him for the last two years. I am really looking forward to working with the staff, students and community next year and would like to wish our community a very merry Christmas and an awesome new year.



Bush Tucker Garden



Kendall Smith, Deputy Principal

Bush Tucka Garden

Joe Grauner and Brendan Medley and numerous Aboriginal students have spent the last two terms transforming an overgrown scrubby, weedy plot on the school grounds into a Bush Tucka garden replete with bush tucker plants that not only look gorgeous but are also a great source of food. Totems of various native animals have been created with sandstone rocks and plants. A performance circle for the Didge Group and Aboriginal story telling can be seen in the photo above.



A'Nulla' Great Achievement by our Aboriginal Art Group!



A number of Aboriginal art students have been involved in a mural project as part of the Premier's Volunteering Program. Students have worked hard to achieve the objectives of the project which includes bridging the gap between young people and more senior members of our community. Our students have designed a mural and visit The Peninsula Village every Thursday to paint. They enjoy talking with the residents and the mural looks fantastic.



I would like to acknowledge the hard work Mrs Lawler put into the grant proposal which has allowed us to be part of this amazing project. I would also like to express how proud I am of the students who are involved in the project; they conduct themselves beautifully in the company of the staff and residents at Peninsula Village and display BWSC core values without having to be prompted.

These students have shown maturity, responsibility and wonderful initiative by delegating roles among themselves, setting up and packing up after each session with limited instruction and minimal fuss.

We should all be very proud of our college and its students.

Jo Brannigan

Marine class visits Sydney Harbour



Mr Medley and students from this year's and next year's Marine Studies Class spent the day at Sydney Institute of Marine Science snorkelling in Sydney Harbour and exploring old defensive tunnels at Middle Head.

A National Parks Ranger gave the group a very interesting tour of the tunnel and gun system that was supposed to defend Australia from Russian and later Japanese invasion. We also visited the underground room where SAS soldiers in the 60's were put through days of sleep deprivation and torture to prepare them for fighting and possibly being captured in Vietnam.

The highlight of the day was snorkelling with a Marine Biologist and Environmental Biologist in Sydney Harbour. Students were supplied with a wetsuit and snorkelling equipment and then given an instructional and safety talk before hitting the water. Amongst the creatures spotted were cuttlefish, pipe fish, crabs and sea horses. All accompanied





NSW Premier's Volunteering

Many of the students at our school have been involved in this worthwhile program this year. Some students have used their artistic talents to assist with the 'Graffiti Art Project' a State Government initiative introduced to rid the community of unsightly graffiti. Students have designed murals in workshops at school run by the GAP artists and have then reproduced these murals in graffiti 'hotspots' in the community. Our local member Chris Holstein, recently introduced a Private Members Statement to State Parliament about this project. He commended our students for their efforts. These students also gave up part of their school holidays to complete a mural at the school.

Other volunteering initiatives include students who give up their weekends and school holidays to keep the school farm running, RSPCA Cupcake Day, Forty Hour Famine, Mary Mac's, Red Shield Appeal, and Legacy just to name a few.

This year we also formed a partnership with Peninsula Village Aged Care.

Students go to the Village each week to provide computer tuition for the residents, play bowls, assist with mosaic projects, provide residents in the nursing home with hand massages and play board games. Students have also painted a mural on the Village's hydrotherapy pool and our indigenous students are presently creating a mural in the grounds of the Village.

The National Australia Bank has recently recognised our work with this partnership by awarding us with a Schools First Education Award worth \$15,000. This funding will allow us to continue our volunteering work with Peninsula Village next year.

Lea Lawler (NSW Premier's Volunteering Co-ordinator)





Mock Interview Success

Approximately 90% of year 9 students completed the Mock Interviews on the 28th, 29th and 30th November. These interviews are an opportunity for students to attend a realistic interview with employers and community representatives from the Central Coast. Often this is the first interview our students have attended and it should help to equip them with good interview strategies on which they can build as they gain more education and experience.

Students were able to indicate negative comments on a feedback slip, however none did. A compilation of the feedback is as follows (all students were required to fill out a slip)

All the students indicated one or more of the following.

- 1: The interview was useful; I gained a lot from the process.
- 2: I felt confident in the interview.
- 3: I gained positive feedback which I am able to use in a real situation.

On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being not very effective and 10 being very effective), 56% of our students rated their interview as either a 9 or 10. 27% of students rated their interview an 8 and 16% rated the interview as a 7.

Students also had the opportunity to write a comment. All the comments were positive, below are a few.

"This has been a very good and useful experience for me; I won't forget this anytime soon. I am very grateful for the opportunity."



"I started off the interview very nervous but towards the end I felt quite confident. They gave me great advice and I felt like overall it was a fantastic experience."

Brisbane Water Secondary College would like to thank the local employers and community representatives that gave up their time to assist our students in their career transition process.





ENGLISH REPORT

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

AS THE ENGLISH FACULTY closes the last chapter on achievements this year, it is wonderful to reflect on how many talented writers, speakers and drama students there are at BWSC.

Last term's inaugural Short and Sweet Poetry Competition saw a flood of entries from all years. It was a tough job to cull and choose between some very fine poems. Congratulations to first-placed **Rose Smith** for her poem "Swan Song", second-placed **Jacqueline White** for "If Only" and third-placed **Declan Smith** for "Lion". Commendations were awarded to **Rachelle Lee**, **Chloe Mantle**, **Kloe Prpic** and **Jaclyn Ross**. All of these poems have been included in this year's *Paperbark*.

In the classroom, year 9 had a busy term preparing for their mock interviews, both in English classes and with career advisor Ms Beemster. The feedback from the community panellists and the students was extremely positive, with most students finding the interviews useful and highly relevant to the world of work.

Year 8 has been studying visual literacy in various forms including film and [graphic novels](#), while year [7 has applied](#) concepts of visual literacy to enjoying and analysing the deeper meaning in picture books. Some students have gone on to create their own picture books and graphic novels, applying their new-found skills and knowledge in creative ways.

Next year, a major focus in English across all years, programs and units of work will be reading and spelling.

An initiative for 2013 is the narrative writing elective for year 9. "Write On" will see our budding authors in partnership with a local primary school, volunteering their time to read and write for younger students. They will visit the Sydney Writers' Festival and learn how to create a picture book from scratch both individually and in collaboration with others.

The English staff would like to wish all the BWSC families a safe, restful and happy holiday season.

DEBATING REPORT

by Caitlin McLauchlan, 811

LARA MCLAUHLAN, Naomi Hayes, Kayla Dingwall and Caitlin McLauchlan are part of the year 7/8 debating team which recently had the opportunity to participate in the Ouriumbah University debating cup. Although our team did not win the cup, we won something much more: knowledge and skills that we will take away and use to further develop our debating skills.

THE YEAR 8/9 team of Alex Wardle, Laura Penton, Jacqueline White and Lauren Hayes took part in three debates, demonstrating their skill and prowess by defeating Wadalba, St Edwards and Gosford High School. They worked as a true and efficient team, sharing speaking roles and clearly demonstrating their dedication and expertise. Both teams were a credit to BWSC.



L-R: Kayla Dingwall; Naomi Hayes; Caitlin McLauchlan; Lara McLauchlan; Alexander Wardle; Laura Penton; Jacqueline White; Lauren Hayes.





Team Successful

Honour Board

7.6.1

MATHS: 1. Jamie Cauntier-Neal ; 2. Teirah Kaster; 3. Brittney McKevevtt

ENGLISH: 1. Casey Youngberry; 2= Jamie Cauntier-Neal; 2= Breanna Yannis

SCIENCE: 1. Jamie Cauntier-Neal; 2. Tyson Morgan; 3. Tori Sheriff

GEOGRAPHY: 1. Jamie Cauntier-Neal; 2. Tyson Morgan; 3. Casey Youngberry



“Work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed.”

Vaclav Havel

8.6.1

MATHS: 1. Brandon Pinchbeck; 2. Aleisha Taylor; 3. Thomas Ellingford

ENGLISH: 1. Brandon Pinchbeck; 2. Chelsea Kotz; 3= Aleisha Taylor; 3= Harrison Walton

GEOGRAPHY: 1. Chelsea Kotz; 2. Harrison Walton; 3. Danielle Ross

7.6.2

MATHS: 1. Katie Ellingford; 2. Patrick Thomson; 3. Teah Berghofer;

ENGLISH: 1=, Katie Ellingford; 1= Teah Berghofer; 3. Bianca Wing

SCIENCE: 1. Teah Berghofer; 2. Katie Ellingford; 3. Madalyn Wing

GEOGRAPHY: 1. Katie Ellingford; 2. Teah Berghofer; 3. Patrick Thompson

9.6.1

MATHS: 1. Zoe Kear; 2. Stewart McLennan; 3. Adrian Long

ENGLISH: 1. Rachelle Lee; 2. Kirra Saez; 3= Chloe Mantle; 3= Stewart McLennan

SCIENCE: 1. Stewart McLennan; 2. Luke Lavis; 3. Taryn Shaw

GEOGRAPHY: 1. Chloe Mantle; 2. Adrian Long; 3. Alysha Grundy

861 Warriors Fight for Future

TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY students in 861 are fighting for the environment on the ground and from their computers. The self-styled year-eight eco-warriors are taking the battle against plastic to the BWSC community through example, education and information.

When the students began studying plastic waste and environmental degradation in Geography this term, they became interested in applying ideas about pollution prevention to their own world, namely the plastic rubbish from the school creek flowing into Woy Woy Bay.

Geography teacher Pat Crouch is proud of his class. “They are becoming active citizens, putting into practice what they have learned about endangered and threatened habitats.”

The students have set up a facebook site for the BWEW (Brisbane Water Eco Warriors) group, attracting nearly 1000 views in two weeks from countries including The USA, Bolivia, Algeria and New Zealand.

“They are raising awareness about the issue. People must put plastic in the bin because we know now that it ends up in the ocean and it stays there forever,” Mr Crouch says.

Student Aaron Sallaway says he is passionate about the BWEW campaign. “I am involved because I care about the future. We need to take care of our environment.”



ABOVE: Joshua Robinson, Brandon Pinchbeck and Aaron Sallaway lead the eco battle. BELOW: Sea-borne plastic.





Brisbane Water Secondary College Wins Champion at The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

BWSC successfully completes the 2012 show season maintaining their outstanding performance record at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza held in Scone at the end of October, the final show for 2012.

Over 700 students from all regions of NSW, and 372 head of cattle competed at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza, which stand second in prestige only to the Sydney Royal Easter Show in NSW.



Middle Heavyweight Champion Steer led by the Sydney Royal Easter Show in NSW.

Middle Heavyweight Champion Steer led by Clint McAnally bred by Mr Alwyn Kelleher



Sixteen students from Years 7 – 12 prepared and presented five head of cattle for competition. BWSC won **Champion Middle Heavyweight Steer** and **Reserve Champion Lightweight Steer**, 1st and 2nd Heavyweight and 6th Middleweight in a very strong field.

Reserve Champion Lightweight Steer led by Kiara Leoni bred by Mr and Mrs Alwyn Kelleher



The Reserve Champion steer continued to win Champion Lightweight on the hoof. These outstanding results placed Brisbane Water Secondary College in second place overall.

Another highlight of the show was the interactive team judging competition. Mia Wilson, Laura Oliver, Kiara Leoni and Katherine Charles achieved equal first out of a field of 125 competing teams. The tying team included a royal judge and nationally acclaimed breeder.

First Heavy middleweight Steer led by Luke Boxsell bred by Mr and Mrs Leigh Scott



This concludes a hugely successful show season for BWSC who entered eight shows achieving three overall show champions, two class champions, two reserve champions, seven firsts, the Ken McDonald Shield at Brisbane Royal



The BWSC Cattle Show Team at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

Show, one silver and one bronze medal at Sydney Royal Show and numerous placings. Young cattle have now arrived from breeders at Forbes, Quirindi, Wingham, Bathurst and the Hunter Valley to commence preparations for 2013. Students have already commenced training for the coming year. Also next year's show pigs have begun their preparations for Sydney Royal Easter Show 2013.



BWSC would like to acknowledge the generous support from breeders and community which has enabled the school to continue providing students with a balanced and comprehensive agriculture education. A special thanks needs to be given to a few people who have gone far out of their way in supporting the farm this year; Bruce Graf the president of the P & C who has for many years been a strong advocate for the importance of the farm and gives his time on weekends to supervise at the farm, Murve Knight our resident bee keeper who still maintains the school hives and thrives on the enthusiasm of students learning about honey, Kevin Smith and Dixie Brown who have both given their time to help at overnight shows supervising and cooking for students. Without these people who volunteer their time throughout the year



DISCOVER OUR ROCK POOL LIFE!



FREE ROCK POOL RAMBLES January 2013

- Mon, 7th - Shelly Beach
- Wed, 9th - Copacabana
- Mon, 14th - Norah Head
- Mon, 14th - Terrigal Haven
- Thurs, 17th - Pearl Beach (evening)
- Sun, 20th - Toowoan Bay

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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Great Aussie Bush Camp

On the 31st of October 2012, 91 students boarded two coaches heading for The Great Aussie Bush Camp (Tea Gardens). Spirits were high and many students were extremely excited for 3 days of action-packed fun.

We arrived to a bunch of happy enthusiastic camp instructors who took charge and instructed the kids on where they would be sleeping. Over the three days students took part in an array of activities that each challenged every student in one way or another. Many students overcame their fear and every student displayed team work and leadership qualities. Whether it was sliding into a pool of muddy water, climbing to the top of a telegraph pole and tight rope walking, reaching the highest point on the giant swing or kayaking down the creek every student thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the camp.



Night time saw student's vs teachers in a Commando challenge. Many teachers and students were seen donning the black clothes and rubbing coal on to their faces and bodies to be as inconspicuous as possible. Patience was tested in a night of sweat, whispers and hard core pure stealth.

Night two was a battle of the sexes challenge which saw students take part in quick challenges. Some of these challenges included snake tying using just your tongue, trying to stand up from the lying position with a cup of water on forehead and the highlight of the night was the Gangdem style dance off which saw Miss Lawler do the moon walk and a head stand, Brody Alonti doing a back flip and Mr Emmett took it out for the title for the boys when he whipped out the splits and the crowd erupted in to screams. Afterwards we were fortunate to watch two of our instructors do fire twirling.

I asked some students to reflect on some aspects of the camp that they enjoyed and they said the beach swimming and games, the sand dunes run, the commando and battle of the sexes night, reaching the top and conquering their fears on the giant swing, the food and the new friendships that were formed. Many of the students didn't want to leave!

I would like to thank the students who came along, their behaviour was exceptional, the parents and caregivers who allowed their kids to attend the camp and a massive thankyou to the teachers, Mr Lawler, Mr Emmett, Mrs Beckinsale and Mr Bateman who took time away from their families to take part in the camp. The camp would not have been able to take place without everyone involved.





“BACK IN TIME” DANCE PARTY

The Dance party for Term 4 went off with a bang! 300 hundred students had bought a ticket for the night which saw students take a trip ‘Back in Time’ with many students looking fantastic in a montage of historical figures.



We had hippies, Greek Gods, 1920’s Flapper girls, Native Indians, 50’s girls, Lads, Cave girls and Ninjas. The students danced the night away to the latest music and all are to be commended on a successful, fun night filled with laughs and great memories.

Thank you to the students who attended, Parents for getting the kids to and from the Dance Party and the Teachers for taking time out of their night to supervise. An even bigger than-kyou to the SRC who are to be congratulated on their efforts who worked alongside Miss Crump and Mr Lawler to produce such an amazing night that many students will remember for many years to come.



Great Aussie Bush Camp Photos



TEAM 4 – END OF YEAR REPORT

This has been an amazing semester for Team Four students and staff. There is never a dull or humourless moment and to report on all the things that have been done and dusted this semester by our team would take the equivalent of writing a JK Rowling novel on Harry Potter. But we can try

Firstly the biggest of congratulations to the **Team 4 Staff**; You guys are the nucleus and heart of our team, the professionalism and dedication from all of you has built a very strong foundation for our students to be led by and guided through every academic step they take on their journey of learning. Going above and beyond your job expectations has simply become the norm, it's what you do, and you do it with such ease and enthusiasm that it raises the bar every time. Thank you!



To the **students of Team 4**, you are amazing! You all have so much ability and potential that it is so pleasing to be able to work with you and develop all of the gifted and talented qualities you each possess. As young people you have all grown that one step further into maturity and have shown your teachers how talented you can be. Learning new things, stepping out of your comfort zone, being able to develop yourselves individually to the best of your ability, being responsible and being young leaders are just a few of things that have made us as teachers all very proud of you.

To **9.4.1**. We wish you every success in your transition to the senior campus, we hope that you are confident and that you build upon all the skills you have learnt in your time here with us. Good luck, we will miss you!



To **7CAPA** We say congratulations on completing your first year here at BWSC and hope that it has been everything you thought it would be, and more! Good luck moving into year eight and remember to uphold the values you have learnt this year and build upon them to the best of your ability next year.

To **8CAPA** and **8.4.2** We also wish you every success for your transition into year nine. This is the next step into your final year with us and we hope that you excel in whatever subjects you take part in. You have all done some phenomenal things this year whether it be dance, drama, music, sport or academically related and you should all be proud of yourselves!



SNAP SHOT OF TEAM 4 – THINGS WE'VE DONE!

- School Spectacular
- Team Assemblies
- Star Struck Dance Festival
- Variety Concerts
- Peer Support
- Year 8 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- Rewards day excursion
- BATS the musical
- GATS Days
- Year 7 Snow Trip
- End of Term Concerts
- SRC





NEXT YEARS FOCUS

School Uniform

Lateness and Attendance

Commitment in striving for your personal best.

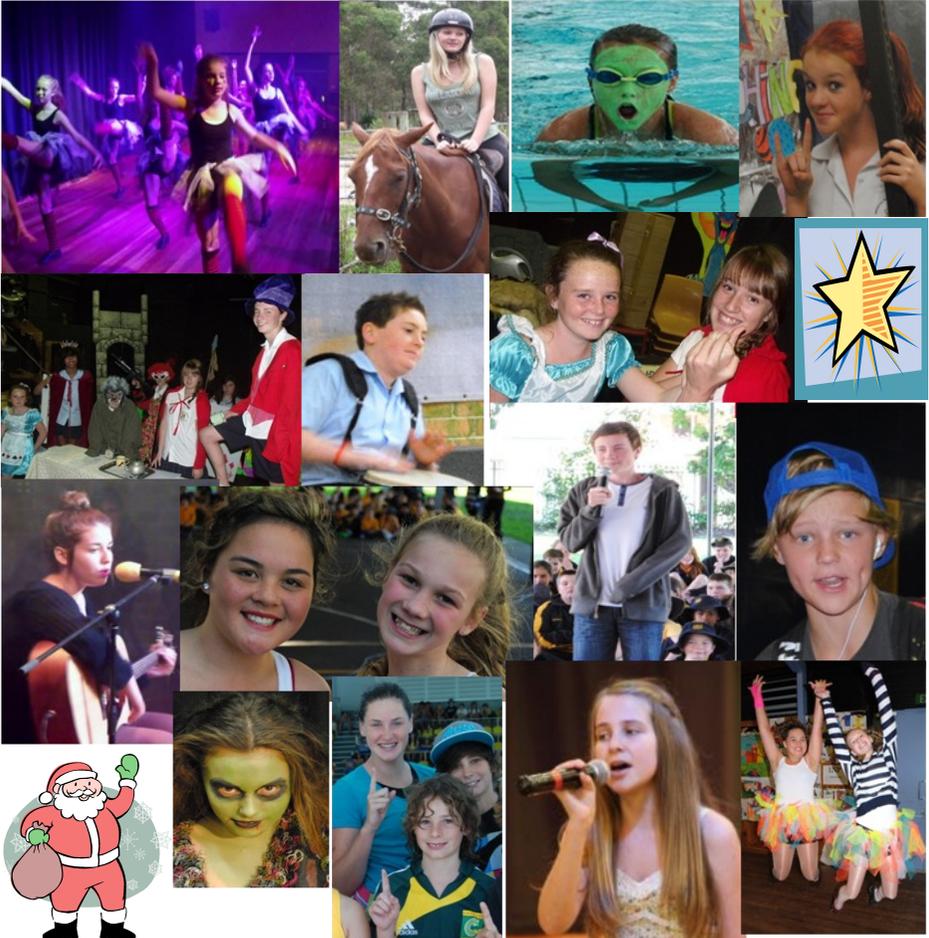
Respecting yourselves and others.

Developing and maintaining good working

Relationships with your teachers.



On a final note the entire team, both staff and students, would like to send our very best wishes to Miss Fullagar who had a beautiful new baby girl! We wish you good luck, welcoming your first child into the world and will miss you. We hope to see you back at school soon!!!!!!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!!!!

Have a funtastic and enjoyable summer holidays and see you all back safely in the New Year!

MR DIXON – Assistant Team Leader



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- Is an 18 week course
- (school holidays off)
- Runs from 10.0 am to 1.30pm
- Four days a week

Annual junior holiday Chess Tournament - Monday, January 21

Mingara Junior Chess Group's annual Summer Holiday Tournament is open to beginners as well as experienced players. All that is needed is a basic knowledge of the rules and the ability to complete a game unassisted.

The event is non-profit, with all entry fees to be returned as prizes.

Parents must pre-enter players and should do so as soon as possible because the field will be limited according to equipment available and entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. To enter, parents should contact Gary Losh on 4390 8176 or at glosh51@dodo.com.au The entry fee is \$10, payable on the day. Entries close Saturday, January 19.

The tournament, open to all players under 18 on the day, will run from 11am to about 4.30pm on Monday, January 21, at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi. It will be rated by the NSW Junior Chess League.





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17 DECEMBER • <i>Presentation evening</i>	18 • <i>Team Rewards Excursion</i>	19 • <i>Meeting: Welfare</i> • <i>Last day of school for students</i>	20 School Development days	21 • <i>Last day of school for staff</i>
28 JANUARY 2013 Australia Day Public holiday	29 • <i>Staff return—no students</i>	30 • <i>Day 1 for Year 7 2013 and Peer Support Leaders — No Year 8 or Year 9</i>	31 • <i>Day 2 for Year 7 and Peer Support Leaders — No Year 8 or Year 9</i>	1 FEBRUARY • <i>Whole School returns</i>

SCHOOL PHOTO DATE

School Photos for 2013 will be taken on Tuesday 12th February.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

During normal school days, the uniform shop is open Tuesday 8am-8.45am and Wednesday 1pm – 1.45pm.

It is important to mention that a local Peninsula company - **We're Sportswear** are the nominated supplier of our College Uniform. They also operate out of their premises at Unit 1 13-15 Mutu Street Woy Woy. We encourage you to support this local business which supports our school. Their quality and prices come highly recommended. Also a percentage of the sales received are returned to our school to purchase resources for our students and school. If you do not purchase from We're Sportswear the school does not receive any financial benefit.



Ruth Brown – Head Teacher Welfare.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP DATES

- January 17th 9am - 2pm
- January 22nd 8am - 1pm
- January 24th 1pm - 7pm
- January 29th 8am - 10am
- January 30th 8am - 10am
- January 31st 8 am – 9am

Year 7 Book Packs will also be available on these dates

