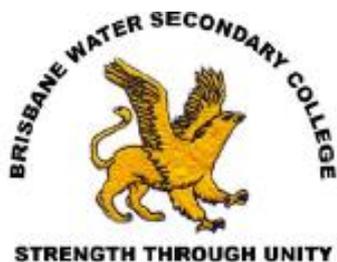


*Brisbane Water Secondary
College
Umina Campus*



October Newsletter



Principal Letter



Welcome back to Term 4.

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. The term has begun with great enthusiasm with some notable events occurring. Firstly, it was a pleasure to receive a cheque from the Bendigo Community Bank in Ettalong Beach for \$81,624.24 for the leasing of a new truck. The partnership between the school and this local business is outstanding and this truck will be used to transport cattle between the farm and the eight shows the school participates in annually.

Secondly, it was great to again see the work of Mr Cooper and the groundsmen at the school who have brought the new school oval up to a very high standard. As part of the Practical Project initiative, Mr Cooper and Mr Urie are working with identified students to re-turf the "Year 7 Area". This program will provide a pleasant environment for our youngest students, and also enable these boys to acquire vocational skills they may be able to use in later life.

Finally, it was my pleasure to witness many of our students participate in their Grand Finals in their winter sports of soccer, rugby league, rugby union and netball. The peninsula and its surrounding area is well recognised for its amazing prowess and it was great to see so many students excelling.

I would lie to take this opportunity to welcome our new Head Teacher Science James Guthrie. James arrives at BWSC Umina from Terrigal High School and comes very well regarded as both an outstanding classroom practitioner and experienced HSC marker. We welcome James to our leadership team.

A lot of time has been spent in Term 3 on getting the school compliant in terms of Workplace, Health and Safety. This has involved an audit of facilities in the school to ensure safety and to maximise the opportunities for all students. In the near future we will be recarpeting and painting the front administration area. We are also investigating installing cameras throughout parts of the school. These have been identified as school focus areas in both the parent and students.

The students are currently working towards the end of year report and it is important to stress that the efforts will be integral in determining what class they enter next year. Year 9 are beginning their transition to the Senior Campus and have been working closely within their teams to get them ready for the movement.

Overall, a very busy start to the term.

Brent Walker
Principal
Brisbane Water Secondary College
Umina campus

Deputy Principal



This has been a very productive year so far, with lots of opportunities for our students to learn valuable lessons about a broad range of subject material. I would like to congratulate all the many students who have achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award by this stage of the year. In addition, at the end of the year, we will nominate the Platinum Awards recipients. These will be the students who have achieved an excellent report in terms of our school values —Respect, Commitment and Relationships. To all our students, I would like to inspire and motivate you to go for the next award level from where you are at the moment. There are some worthwhile rewards and excursions coming up at the end of this Term to look forward to.

Remember that this term is a reporting time for everyone and teachers will be looking to report on each student's application to learning and the fundamentals of achievement in each subject. So, put in the effort and make yourself and your parents/caregivers proud. Particularly for our Year 9 students, graduation is fast approaching so get busy, apply yourselves to our school values, and make that a proud moment for you and your family.

Congratulations to Mr Walker and Mr Cooper and their helpers for the fabulous look of the school environment, in spite of the fact that we have not had enough rain for the past several months. It is great to see the greening of our new school oval and I know that our students are going to enjoy that space for the rest of the year.

BWSC, Umina Campus continues to be a place of excellence in all aspects of teaching and learning, a place of ongoing happy memories, a place where each student has the golden opportunity to discover hidden talents and abilities and a place where long-lasting friendships and working relationships are nurtured.

Keep at it one and all,

Mr Bateman

Team 1

Geography

8.1.1 – Global Issues and Water in the World

Year 8 AVID have been investigating global issues as climate change and energy use. They are also learning about water issues of the world water crisis.

7.1.1 – Landscapes and Landforms and Place Liveability

Year 7 AVID have recently concluded the topic of Landscapes and Landforms with all students making amazing models depicting different landscapes. Their current study on Liveability has seen them creating their own surveys about the liveability of the Central Coast



Team 2

In HSIE Year 8 have been studying Global Issues. Here are some students with drawings of the water cycle.

Year 9's have enjoyed a wide selection of electives this year. Pictured are some of our Year 9's in their IT elective unpacking the parts to make robots.

In Year 7 Science students have been learning about forces. Pictures are a few 7.2.1 students having a practical.



Team 4

TEAM 4 rolling into Term 4 with style!!

7.CAPA

Creating some Liveability Surveys
in the Computer Lab for Geography!!



9.4.1

Getting in some
quality learning in Maths!!





8.CAPA

Showing us how it's done
with a Think-Pair Share
activity on the properties
of heat in Science!!

8.4.2

Showing their creative side
and getting their hands dirty
with some clay work in Art!!



Library

We are enjoying a feast of new book titles in our library including *Maybe*, the latest episode in the life of Felix (Once, Then, Now, After and Soon) by Morris Gleitzman. Further additions include John Green's *Turtles all the way down* and lots of new additions for our manga and graphic novel collection. Of course, we couldn't forget our horror readers, especially with halloween just around the corner. We have a new series to our library *Red Eye*, which will ensure that our horror readers have a *spooktacular* good time reading some freaky fiction!



Interact Club

Our Interact Team are once again learning new skills whilst helping others in our community. These photos show some of our members learning to make sleeping mats for the homeless from members of our local Country Women's Association. There are 1000 plastic shopping bags needed to make just one mat. These students are going to be busy for a while :-)

Our team also arranged for a box of books to be donated to a school in Papua New Guinea.



UPDATE....*Our 2016 fundraising for a shelter box has delivered with our box being deployed to Syria.*



2018 Targeted Sport Program



Information and application packages for our 2018 Targeted Sport Program have been sent out to our partner primary schools today.

Applications for our 2018 Targeted Sport Rugby League/ Boys Education Program will close October 27, 2017. They can be returned to your front office or at Umina campus.

The trial will take place on October 31, 2017 at our newly refurbished Umina campus oval. Transport to and from our venue is provided by us, free of charge.

Interviews will take shortly after the trial date.

Mr Pat Crouch

Team 6

A warm welcome back to students, parents and teachers for a successful Term 4.

If everyone practises the school's core values of respect, commitment and relationships classes will be happy, productive and successful places for students and teachers.



9.6.1 AVID excursion to University of Newcastle.

9.6.1 recently travelled by train to the University of Newcastle (UON) with Mrs Marlin and Ms McMahon as part of their AVID training. Students participated in Science Maths and Real Technology (SMART) Show and tapped into their creativity in the Music Laboratory



What students had to say about their excursion to UON...

*I enjoyed the elephant toothpaste demonstration and learning that it was an exothermic reaction. **Sally***

*Our tour guide said that UON is as big as a suburb. I found this fact amazing. **Shanae***

*The Science demonstrations were great because I learnt something new. **Jake***

*I enjoyed the campus and seeing all the opportunities available. **Sam***

*I can see my future beginning at UON. I want to do early childhood training. **Lizzy***

*I'd like to study Maths at UON. I can see my future there. It's such a fabulous campus. **Jessica***



I thought the two music websites were cool. It was fun playing with the programs. **Cruz**

The Science demonstrations were exciting and interesting. **Piper**

I was pleasantly surprised by the variety of facilities and shops for students. **Adriana Vanessa**

I was surprised by all the range of age groups I saw there. **Keila**

It was a great experience. Jack, our tour guide, made us feel welcome. **Chelsea**

The Science was cool, especially the dry ice demonstration. **Sarah**



**Extra help available
every Tuesday
Library 2.40-4.00 pm**

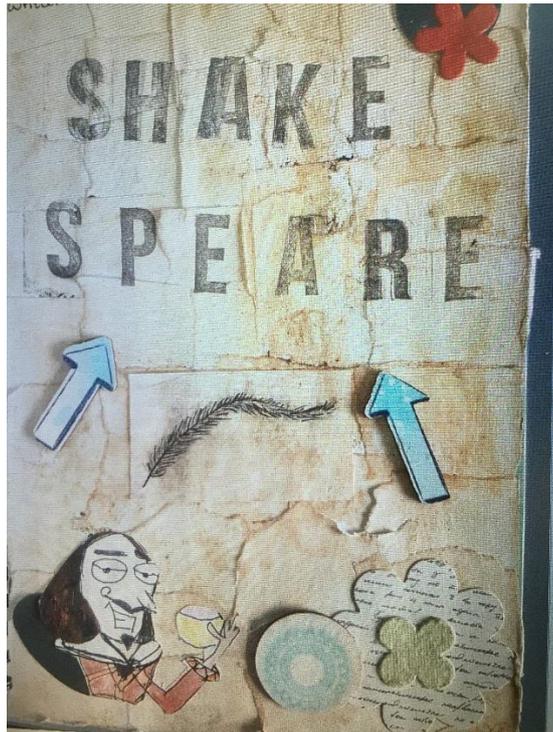
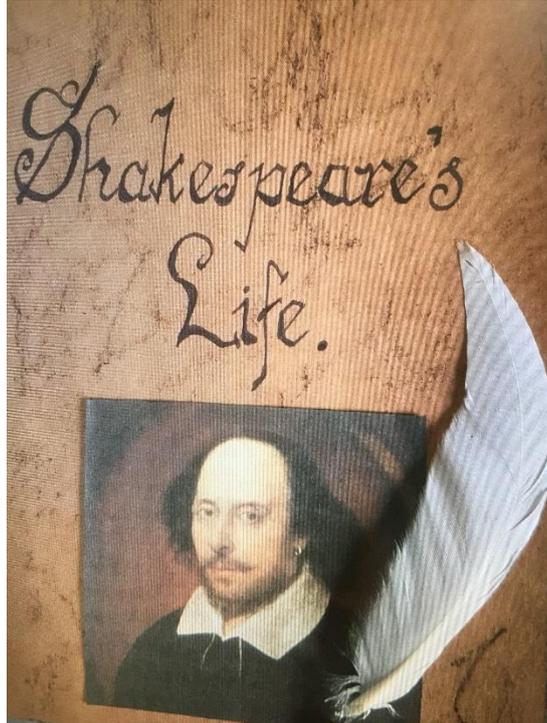


**Complete my assessment tasks by the due dates.
Bring my PE uniform.
Ask my teacher for extra help if I need it.**

*If you are not willing to learn,
No one can help you!
If you are determined to learn,
No one can stop you!*

Team 7

"The Year 9 students in Team 7 did an amazing job on their Shakespeare Picture Book Assessment Task. Students took pride in their work and the results were amazing."



Careers

Mock Interviews are fast approaching and will be on in week 7, November 20-22. Once again, if any parent, friend or relative would like to join our panel and volunteer their time to interview our students we would love to have you on board.

Year 9 students have had ample class time preparing their cover letters and resumes. Students should have submitted their work by August 14 and work was not marked until September, to allow for some extra time. If students submitted their work on time, they were provided with feedback to assist them in improving their work. Students need to 'un-submit' their work to gain access to the suggestions provided.

Mock Interviews are an annual event and provide the students with an opportunity to be interviewed in a panel type situation. As you are all aware, there are many interviewing procedures and providing students with this opportunity will help them in the future. If your child already has a job, this day is still useful as most of them would not have not been interviewed this way before and it is mandatory for all students to participate.

Students should have also started collating their reports, certificates and work samples that they are expected to bring along on the day as part of their portfolio. If you have some time to look at these and view the cover letter and resume' it may be useful and assist your child in preparing for the day.

A draft of the running order on the day has been drawn up and students will be shown this next lesson before it is finalised and up on the BWSC Careers website.

It is this time of the year that many students approach me nervous and worried about the day. I have asked students to come and see me if they require extra help with their work or if they have any anxiety issues so that they can be addressed before the day.

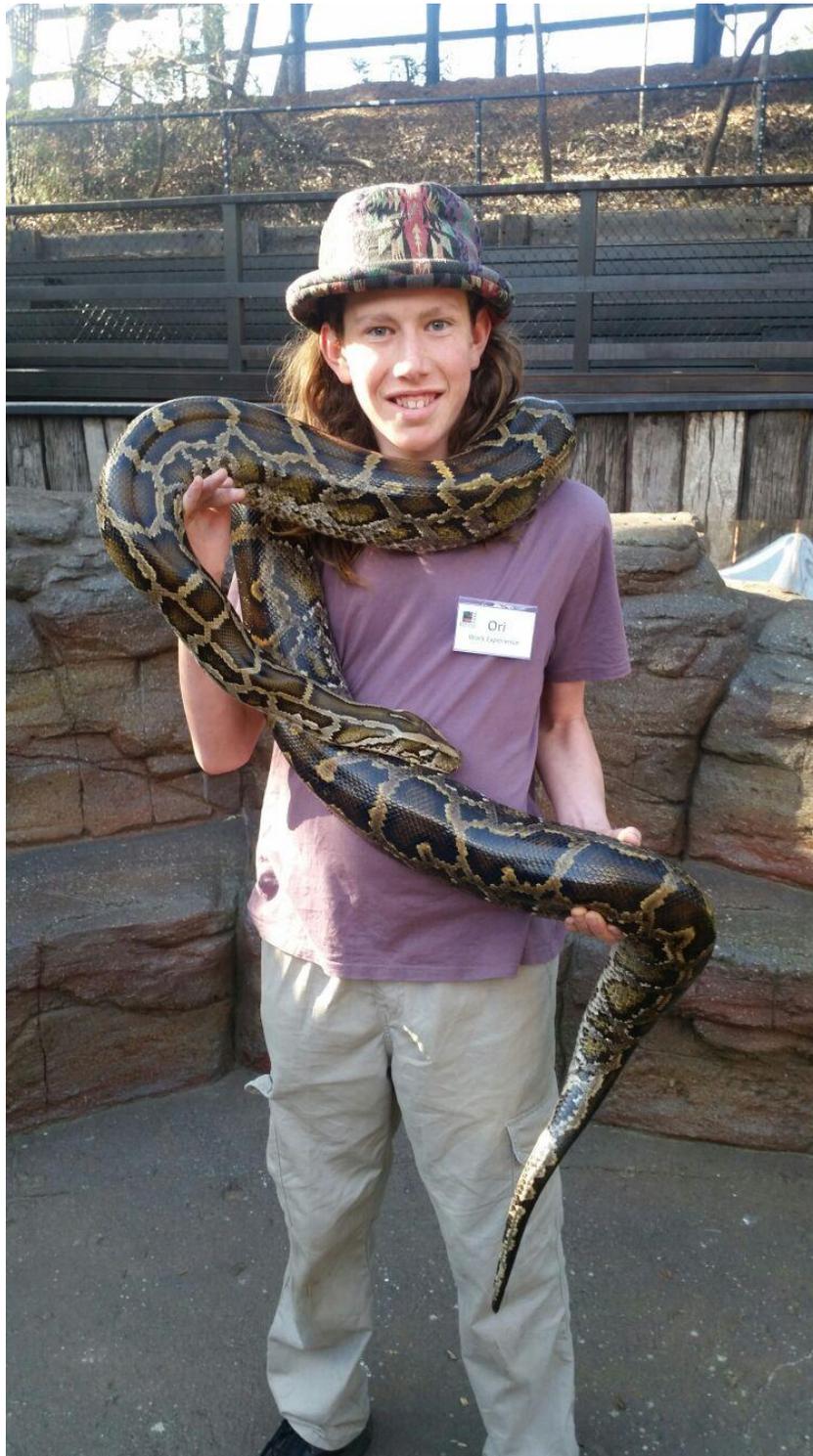
A recent TAFE Careers workshop was offered to students to help develop their skills and prepare them even further for the mock interviews. Students also participated in a group interview on the day so that they could experience yet another interview method. All students were also taught how to put on a tie and iron a shirt!



Year 8 Careers

Year 8 have been lucky enough to be provided with headsets so that they can explore careers of personal interest rather than look at something generic for all classes. They have explored the website MyFuture and spent time watching videos on careers of interest. They have also been reminded to start collating all of their certificates and reports from 2017 so that they can include them in their portfolio when they perform their mock interviews in 2018.

One lucky student, Ori Raz had the opportunity to work at the Reptile Park for work experience. The close of Term 3 saw many students participating in work experience and gaining employment from this. They include; Courtney Apps, Maddison Murphy and Cassie Ferguson.



SASS

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled the lovely Kris Sheehan who has been acting in the School Administration Manager (SAM) role for the past 18 months. Kris worked tirelessly and played a major role with the LMBR transition. Her leadership and friendship has been very much appreciated. Kris takes up the role as acting SAM at Berowra Public School and we wish her all the very best.

On that very note we welcome back the wonderful Viv Corcoran to her substantive role as SAM at Umina Campus. Viv has also played a very pivotal role in the LMBR transition team within the Department of Education.



2018 Year 7 & 8 Book Packs

To all Year 7 & 8 Parents and carers! Book Packs are now available online. To order the Book Packs please go to <https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/NSW/Umina/Brisbane-Water-Secondary-College> and enter the code 3XW9W to purchase the Pack

***A special note: This year we are selling a Book Pack specifically for students who will be in the AVID classes for 2018, so make sure you purchase the correct pack for your student 😊**



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OPAL CARDS

This is an important message from Busways...

An important requirement of School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Year 9 Food with Flair

Our vey talented Year 9 Food with Flair class making pasta from scratch...



Year 7 Area

The Year 7 area is getting turfed!! Our students are scoping and leading the project – WATCH THIS SPACE



NEXT P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER AT UMINA CAMPUS

