

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus



November Newsletter



Principal Letter

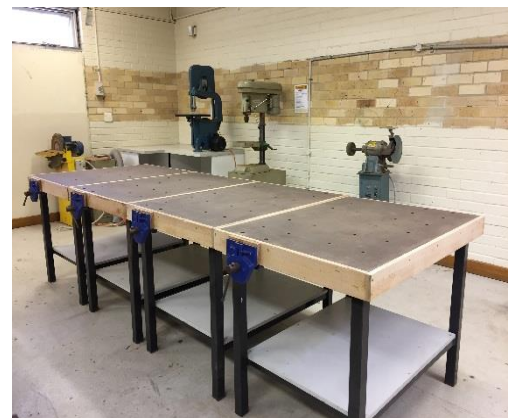


The end of the year is coming quickly and it has been another great year on the Umina Campus. Year 9 are soon to graduate and will undergo their mock interviews in the coming weeks. We wish them every success in their future endeavours and know that they have enjoyed their time on the middle school campus.

The New Year sees some staffing changes with the departure of some long serving staff members, including Louisa Briggs who has made a massive contribution to the school through the teaching of Agricultural Studies. 2018 will also see the introduction of new staff including Christine Lavery (TAS) from Kariong Mountains High School, as well as a new TAS and Geography/ History staff members who are yet to be appointed.

The next week will also see the appointment of a new Principal at the Woy Woy Campus to replace David Allomes. I would like to publically thank David for all his hard work and dedication to Brisbane Water secondary College. He has made a significant impact on student learning and will be dearly missed in the future. I wish him a restful and well-deserved retirement.

The coming weeks will also see the unveiling of the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to meet the need of the future focussed learning. This state of the art facility includes laser cutters and 3D printing and will be a great resource for our students. I would like to use this opportunity to thank Mr Richardson, Mr Cooper, Mr Shearer, Mr Newman and Ms Dwyer for their hard work in bringing this project together. The end of the year will also see the revamp of the front office areas to meet the needs of our changing community and school needs. I look forward to unveiling this next year.





2017 has been a wonderful year, with students attaining a range of sporting, cultural, academic and extracurricular success. We are incredibly proud of all our students in the College and are looking forward to an exciting year next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff of the Umina Campus. Their dedication and hard work is demonstrated every day and I admire their energy and passion for the students of our school. I would particularly like to thank my amazing Deputy Principals of Mr Bateman, Mr Warren, Mr Montgomery and Mrs Murray for their steadfast support and strong work ethic to provide support to our staff and student body.

It's been another great year in public education and I would like to thank parents and caregivers for their support of the school throughout the year. It is a privilege to care for and educate other people's children. I know our staff put so much effort into inspiring and engaging students to learn.

I hope everyone has a lovely break at Christmas, spending time with family and friends.

Regards,

Brent walker
Principal

Deputy Principal



The year is rushing to a close with assessment tasks, assemblies, transition and excursions. Life at Umina Campus is busy and exciting. It has been my absolute privilege to sit in the Deputy Principal chair for the majority of this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our gorgeous students and their families and carers. We have such a wonderful school and community and I feel lucky every day to be part of it.

Over the next few weeks, we will have students involved in Mock Interviews and transition from Year 9 into Year 10. Mrs Lewis has arranged the Mock Interviews and I would like to thank her and the fantastic community members for being involved in giving our students this most outstanding opportunity. Ms Angela Cox has been facilitating transition opportunities for our Year 9 students. Next week all Year 9 students will spend a day at the Senior Campus in order that they can move seamlessly from the Umina Campus to the Woy Woy Campus next year. Many teachers from Woy Woy have spent time in Year 9 classes getting to know the students, which will ensure a smooth transition for all. Thank you to Ms Cox for her work in this area. All our staff go above and beyond in their work with our students and I would like to thank them for all that they do.

Next week we will be hosting all the Year 6 students who will be starting at Umina Campus next year. We are so excited to welcome these students to our school. It is such a big step in the educational journey and we are delighted to be able to work with the students, their families and the partner primary schools to ensure a smooth transition. In this regard, I would like to publicly thank our partner primary school from their work with us and the way they have prepared the students so well for high school. We have an outstanding learning community.

This will be the last newsletter for 2017 so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday and a safe and restful break. I personally am already excited about what 2018 has on offer and look forward to my continued partnership with you all.

Warm regards
Susie Murray
Acting Deputy Principal

Team 1

It has been another busy start to the term. Students have been working hard on assessments.

We have many students on Platinum and Gold levels that will be rewarded later in the term with an excursion. We also have lots of students who have been trying their best on Silver and Bronze levels.



Team 3

Team 3 has had a great start to Term 4!!

7.3.1 and 7.3.2 are doing a great job bringing in their favourite books and starting every lesson reading.

9.3.1 have had a positive start to the term, racking up a record number of PB's.



With a big Term ahead with some important dates to remember:

- Mock interviews week 7
- Academic assembly 11th December

Some fantastic woodcarvings made by the students.



Things to remember:

- Phones need to away before entering class
- Full school uniform includes a pair of black leather shoe
- Always be ready to learn in each class (even in week 10)

Team 5

Team 5 off to a great start for Term 4. We welcome our new Team Leader Mr Guthrie and look forward to his contribution towards our fabulous team.

Rewards excursions for Gold and Platinum students are being organised for all our lovely students that have achieved these levels.



The *VALID Science* for Year 8 students will be held between Wednesday **1st November (Week 4B) – Friday 10th November (Week 5A) 2017**. The test takes approximately 80 minutes and is completed entirely on computer. Since students complete *VALID Science 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

Below is a copy of the timetable for Year 8 classes.

Timetable for Year Science Classes VALID Test

Class	Science Teacher	Day of Test and Periods	Teacher Supervising
8S1	Krucler	Wednesday 1 st Nov (Week B) periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Krucler Period 2: Bateman
8S2	Marlin	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Marlin Period 2: Staszak
811	Creмасco	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) Period 3 and 4	Period 3: Creмасco Period 4: Mosey
821	Pitty	Thursday 2 nd Nov (Week B) Periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Baker Period 2: Pitty
831	Krucler	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) Periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Krucler Period 2: Boyce
842	Pitty	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) Period 3 and 4	Period 3: Wearne Period 4: Pitty
8CAPA	Marlin	Thursday 9 th Nov (Week A) Period 1 and 2	Period 1: Marlin Period 2: Mason
851	Guthrie	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) Period 1 and 2	Period 1: Goodacre Period 2: Guthrie
852	Guthrie	Wednesday 8 th Nov (Week A) Periods 1 and 2	Period 3: Guthrie Period 4: Beckinsale
861	Ellard	Monday 6 th Nov (Week A) Periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Ellard Period 2: Gilchrist
871	Ellard	Wednesday 8 th Nov (Week A) Periods 1 and 2	Period 1: Ellard Period 2: Baynie

Interact Club

Interact held a pizza fundraiser selling over 170 pizza's and cans of softdrink. Funds raised by these events help sponsor our school *Interact Cafe*, providing food before school, Lunch 1 and Lunch 2 for students who find themselves needing that support. Some of our Interact Team distributing pizza's for our International fundraising project.

Our Interact Team are still busy slicing up recycled shopping bags and making them into yarn balls to be knitted into mats for the local homeless in our community.



SRC

Our SRC Team organised for our school to take part in National Bandanna Day, to help make a difference to the lives of young Australian's impacted by cancer. We sold 120 bandannas and held a cupcake stall to raise funds to support CanTeen. Every day, 63 young Aussies are faced with a cancer diagnosis- either themselves or an immediate family member. The impact of a cancer diagnosis has long-term emotional, mental and financial implications for young people, who are at considerable risk of isolation and psychological distress. CanTeen is the game changer. They help young people cope with cancer in their family. We are really proud to have been able to support this organisation through the generosity of our BWSC community.




LIBRARY

With the release of Wonder later this month, we are celebrating through our library display great books that have been made into movies. Whether it is yet to be released, like the dystopian novel *Ready Player One*, classics such as *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Tale of Desperaux* or *Pride and Prejudice*, action and adventure novels such as *The Martian*, *Lord of the Rings* or *Harry Potter*, or romance and drama like *Twilight*, *Paper Towns* or *Chocolate*, we have books to cater for all tastes and reading abilities.

With stocktake looming, we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that all overdue books are returned to our library :-)

During their Library skills lessons, Year 7 students have been learning about digital citizenship. Lesson discussions have included digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, online safety, norms, rights, culture and our digital DNA. We have further discussed many aspects of being part of a global online world, digital immortality and students checked out their current digital footprint by googling themselves.




**PLEASE
RETURN
YOUR
LIBRARY
BOOKS!**

Team 6

As Team Six students and teachers move into the second half of Term Four they continue to be excited, energised and inspired.

With Assessment Tasks nearly completed, final PBL levels, Year 9 Graduation and Gold and Platinum Rewards Excursions await.

7.6.1 enjoyed learning about static forces via the van der Graaf generator



If I had a million dollars I would..

Buy a house and a car, travel to Europe and look after my family – **Bella**

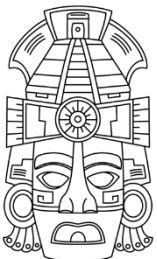
Donate it to the Guide Dogs Australia – **Nick**

Give a quarter of it to my family and save the rest – **Lara**

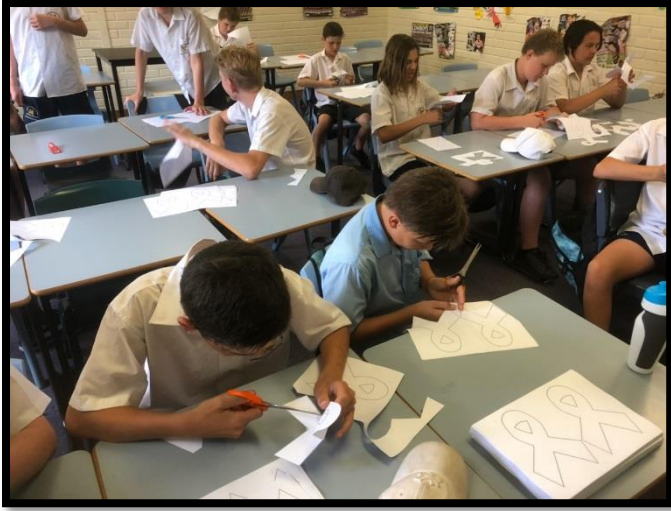
Give \$900,000 of it to my mother, \$75,000 to my brother and put \$25,000 in my savings – **Jordan C**



8.6.1 enjoying learning about ceramics in Art



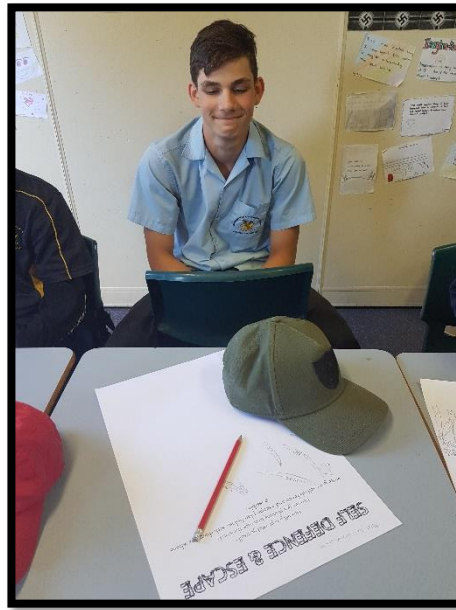
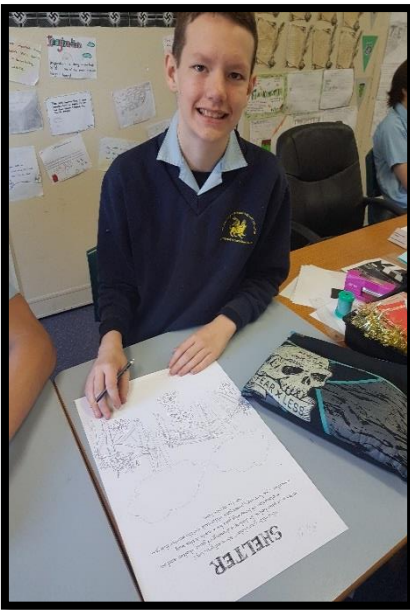
Team 7



7.7.1 – WHITE RIBBON INITIATIVE

This term, our TSP class, 7.7.1 have been learning about the importance of standing up against domestic violence. During their work with Mr. Crouch, the boys have discussed the importance of respecting the women in their lives, and standing up and speaking out when they see any form of domestic violence occurring.

This initiative has also reinforced to the boys that violence is never the way to resolve a conflict. They have taken to their White Ribbon work incredibly well.



9.7.2 SURVIVAL TRAINING!

For the past few weeks, 9.7.2 have been watching a non-fiction series about survival in English. Before moving on to their novel study to finish the year, here they are, working in groups, making their own survival plans based on what they have learned.



8.7.1 HEADSPACE LESSON

In this fortnight's PBL lesson, 8.7.1 had a visit from Silas, a representation from Headspace. In their lesson, they talked about stress and anxiety; what causes these feelings and also how to combat them. Students were given avenues to pursue to manage their own stress and anxiety.

Careers Corner



Mock Interviews are fast approaching and students have had their last careers lesson before the big event. The Mock Interview running sheet is on the BWSC Umina website, under 'Careers' 'Mock Interviews'.

It is with great excitement that I announce to you that we will have KFC recruiting students during the mock interviews for both the Erina and Woy Woy store and McDonalds Woy Woy will also be in attendance along with Central Coast Group Training (CCGT).

Students MUST bring with them on the day their cover letter, resume, portfolio and work sample. They have had 2 years in the lead up to this big event and I expect the students will be outstanding on the day. I wish them all well. Panel members will be nominating students on their performance and those nominated students will receive a certificate and be in line for prizes including a Westfield Gift Voucher provided by CCGT. Once again, I urge any parent who would like to attend and be part of this wonderful event to contact me via email:

Nerrida.lewis@det.nsw.edu.au – we would love to have you on board.

In week 4, many students underwent a one on one session in the library, tweaking their work and mentally preparing for the interviews. Students were given an opportunity to nominate themselves for this session. Headspace also attended and provided 2 sessions which were both entertaining and gave a lot of help to our students in regards to anxiety and calming the nerves!! Once again, students were able to nominate to attend this useful workshop.

All in all, I expect those students who took advantage of all on offer and the class time given, will perform brilliantly and gain so much from the experience.

Yr8's have been instructed to start collating their school reports, certificates and achievements in preparation for creating their portfolios for their interviews in 2018. If students start working on this now, it will significantly prepare them for their mock interviews.

A big congratulations to students who applied for local job opportunities provided through the school. Thomas Whelan, Samuel Watson and Harrison Lill were some of the students successful in gaining employment last week. Well done!

Mrs Lewis

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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Boys at Work

The boys formed up and concreted the pathway to the oval as well as bricklaying along Veron Road with Master Bricklayer Mr Bateman. They boys did an extraordinary job!





The Great Benefits of the School Bus

Have you considered looking into using the school bus service as a way of getting to and from school? Here's some information you may not have known that will help you make up your mind.

Kids catching the bus instead of parents driving them to school has so many benefits, mainly it can help by reducing the congestion that increases unsafe behaviours.

Did you know that bus travel is the safest form of land travel in Australia?

Did you know that school children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, travelling to and from school, are substantially safer travelling by bus than other modes of transport?

Did you know that studies run by the Institute of Transport and Logistical studies, University of Sydney show that travelling by bus is 4.4 times safer than walking, 55 times safer than riding a bike and 1.38 times safer than being driven to school?

Did you know that until the end of Year 2 bus passes are free for all students?

Did you know that if you live over 1.6km (most direct route) from the school, you can get a free bus pass?

Did you know that it only costs approx \$1/per day (\$52/term) to get a bus pass?

Other benefits of catching the bus to and from school include:

- Reducing traffic around the school, thus increasing safety for all our kids
- Reducing environmental damage from running your car
- Not having to get to school ½ hour early to get a parking space
- Promoting and encouraging safe independence with our children
- Drop off right outside the school gate (or closer to the school gate then you can get dropping your child safely with your car)
- Extra 'me' time for busy mums.

Talk to your school office or local bus company about bus routes for your school and getting a bus pass.



Ag Farm

It was an absolute delight to host the kindy kids from St John's to our Ag farm. The children learnt all about the animals, how they are feed and even how to handle chickens in the correct way. They also enjoyed a ride on the Ag tractor which is always a big hit!!



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As the holiday season is fast approaching many Medical Centres in your area may close down or operate with limited staff for Christmas and New Year.

If the staff, parents or children within your school community need a doctor during this time and their GP is away or unavailable, we are here to help!

Our service will be available each and every weeknight, weekend and public holiday during the silly season especially Christmas Day.

Early Leavers



When students are required to leave school early, please make sure they have an Early Leavers note, which they hand into Student Reception. If you need to pick them up and it has not been organised please ring the ladies in the front office as they are more than happy to assist.

THIS IS THE LAST P & C MEETING FOR THE YEAR!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 21 FEBRUARY 2018 AT WOY WOY CAMPUS

