

# Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus



## June Newsletter



# Principal Letter



Term 2 has gone very quickly and I'd like to thank the staff for their wonderful work in preparing student reports. I'd also like to personally thank my outstanding Deputy Principals Adam Montgomery and Susannah Murray for overseeing a raft of changes over the last term, while also undertaking their busy roles in my absence. The campus and I, are so incredibly lucky to have such dedicated professionals caring for our children.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has been nominated for two Australian Education Awards which are determined in late August. The areas of 'Best School' and 'Best Professional Learning Program' are the categories for which we have been nominated which is a testament to the hard work of the entire staff at the campus. I look forward to reporting on the outcome of these awards in the near future.

I'd like to also announce with great pleasure the appointment of Timothy Walker to the English faculty commencing in Term 4 this year. Timothy arrives from Coonabarabran High school and will be filling the vacant classroom position created by the promotion of Jessie Heighington into the Head Teacher position at our campus. The recruitment of the third Deputy Principal and a Science position will commence in Term 3 and I hope by the next Newsletter I can announce these successful applicants.

Term 2 is a very busy time of the year and in the near future I will have the pleasure of attending Star Struck, Variety Night and the Central Coast Dance Festival to watch our talented students perform. This school has a very rich history of success in the performing arts and it is an absolute pleasure to watch our students perform so admirably in a range of different settings. This would not be possible without the dedication of talented CAPA staff and I'd like to publically thank these consummate professionals for the countless hours they forego to allow our student these wonderful opportunities.

Overall, there are amazing programs and initiatives that are occurring across the College. Please promote the great work that is taking place and stay engaged in your child's learning. If you are keen to look at the school during the day please contact myself and we can organise a tour of our wonderful facilities whilst our students are heavily engaged in their learning. For those unable to make this can I please encourage you to look at our school promotional video which can be accessed through our school website and Facebook page.

Looking forward to a great Term 3

Brent Walker

Principal

Brisbane Water Secondary College

# Deputy Principal



Term 2 has been an extremely busy term filled with many activities such as sporting events, CAPA concerts, excursions and much more.

The ANZAC school assembly was very memorable, where special guest speaker Leading Seaman Josh Corcoran from the Royal Australian Navy addressed the assembly and the CAPA students perform the New Zealand and Australian National Anthem and a lovely rendition of "I still call Australia home".

The HSIE faculty ran an educational excursion to Bouddi National Park where students applied their Geographical Skills by using a light meter (to measure lux or light), anemometer (measure air temperature and wind speed), and a kestral (to measure humidity). Students also learnt about our local landscapes by identifying different landforms as a part of their field survey.

The Year 9 Write-On elective attended the Sydney Writers' Festival at Chatswood. The festival allowed students to meet writers Will Kostakis, Jesse Andrews (author of *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* and *The Haters and Munmun*), Alison Croggon, bestselling author Patrick Ness (author of darkly complex books, including the *Chaos Walking* trilogy, *A Monster Calls* and his latest and most personal novel, *Release*) and the hugely impressive Kirsty Eagar. Students enthusiastically participated in Question & Answer sessions with the authors. At the end of the day Patrick Ness spoke to our teachers about the quality of the questions asked by our kids and their passion for writing.

The Year 9 boys participating in the Top Blokes and Sunrise Program were given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and fitness in front of the Chief District Inspector of Brisbane Water Police, the Superintendent of PCYC and the CEO of PCYC. This demonstration was used to secure funding for future projects involving students at our school.

Selected Year 9 students competed in the STEM Day Challenge. Students worked in teams to compete in some science and engineering challenges against teams from other Central Coast schools. Students had a fun day and they thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

The College Agriculture Show Team went to Wingham Show where Kynesha Stapleton [now at the Woy Woy Campus] won the Belinda Hobbs Encouragement Award at Wingham Beef Week. Congratulations to the Team on a wonderful show!

This year the campus Cross Country carnival was run successfully at School. We had 20 of our students make it through to the Zone Cross Country. These students represented the school with vigour and dedication.

The Year 7 CAPA dancers have been working very hard on their Star Struck dances and participating in rehearsals at Newcastle. These students then participated in the final show at the Newcastle stadium.

A selected group of Year 8 and Year 9 boys were chosen to represent the school and compete in the Swan Shield AFL Gala Day. These boys were very excited about being selected and competing and they performed very well on the day.

Some Year 9 students completed their Barista Course and Ourimbah and were fortunate to spend some quality time with the Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. He was very interested in having a chat about our wonderful school and the career aspirations of these students.

The Athletics Carnival was again held at Adcock Park where many students participated in another successful athletics carnival run by the PDHPE faculty. Students that performed well will represent the school at the Zone Carnival in Week 10 of this term.

CAPA students from the Umina campus are currently performing in a range of Variety Day and Night Performances at the Woy Woy campus hall. Year 7 were privileged to attend the Variety Night Matinee Show at Woy Woy Campus.

Selected Visual Arts students from Year 8 attended the annual Visual Art Camp at Cockatoo Island. Students were given the opportunity to express their interest in the arts and to learn and create artwork from the inspiring environment. Students thoroughly enjoyed the camp despite some cold weather.

Next week Year 8 and Year 9 dance classes will demonstrate their flair and talents at the Central Coast School Showcase at Laycock Theatre.

A big congratulations to the LAST team that have successfully organised all of Year 7 and Year 9 to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students were again provided with morning tea supplied by the school.

Thank you to all the staff, the students, the parents/guardians and carers and our community for making BWSC Umina Campus such a wonderful place to work

Angela Cox  
Relieving Deputy Principal

# Team 1

Congratulations to **Michael Weathers** 911 for his selection in the NSW CHS AFL team!!!



*Congratulations...*

We have 64 students in Team 1 who have achieved Silver level and will be heading out on their excursion at the end of the term.

We have another 8 students who have achieved Bronze level. They will be rewarded with some time out of class and a zooper dooper.



# Team 2

What an amazing start to the year it has been for all the students in Team 2. As we head towards the half way point of the year, there have been so many highlights already including the Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp, school swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. Congratulations to all students from Team 2 who went on to represent the school at the Zone level. It was also a particularly challenging time for all students during the NAPLAN testing period and we appreciate all the effort from staff, students and parents.

Year 7 have continued their fantastic approach to learning in Term 2. In English, students have studied poetry and are about to undertake a film study on Moana. Science has also been fun with students learning about Mixtures and Separation. Maths is all about probability with students getting the opportunity to incorporate board games and learning. Keep up the fantastic work Year 7.

Year 8 are continuing to work hard during Semester Two. Our Team 2 scientists have engaged in plenty of hands on learning as they discover the difference between chemical and physical change. They also got the opportunity to create their own sedimentary rock! Keep up the awesome work Year 8.



## Quotes for the day...

*“The Way Get Started Is To Quit Talking And Begin Doing.”*

*“The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty”*

# Team 3

As part of the Year 7 **English** My World unit, we studied some protest poetry. These students from 7.3.1 wrote their own protest poems about cruelty to animals.

*My Last Words by Arianna MacDonald*

*My friends are gone*

*The cries of whimpering dogs*

*The food has disappeared*

*The death of friends and family*

*My family has left me*

*The bones of other dogs*

*The sun is down and the nights are long*

*There in the corner, my mother and father.*

*The sound of freedom is like a prison cell.*

*They took my father into the room. He never*

*Came back.*

*I cry and cry. Now it's time to say, "Goodbye. Goodbye."*

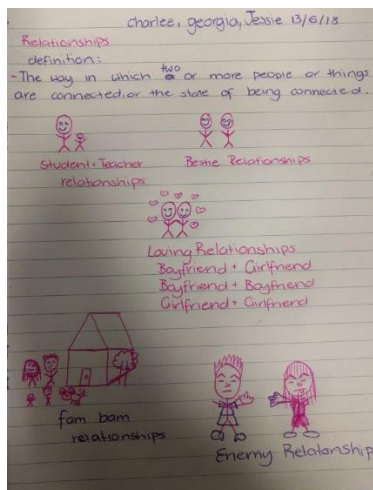
*My friends are gone.*

*The food has disappeared.*

*My family has left me.*

*The light is bright and is long.*

*The sound of life has gone.*



By Charlee, Georgina and Jessie



By Preston, Shane and Keegan



### 731 Science

In Science, year 7 have been learning how to separate soluble and insoluble solutions. Here they are having a filtration competition after learning how to correctly fold filter paper.



### 831 Science

Year 8 have been studying rocks. They have learnt that all rocks are made of minerals. They conducted flame test to identify minerals as different minerals have different flame colours.



# Team 4

Team 4 students have been studying the following topics in each of their subjects:

SCIENCE: Separating Mixtures (Year 7), Physical/Chemical Change (Year 8), Diseases (Year 9)

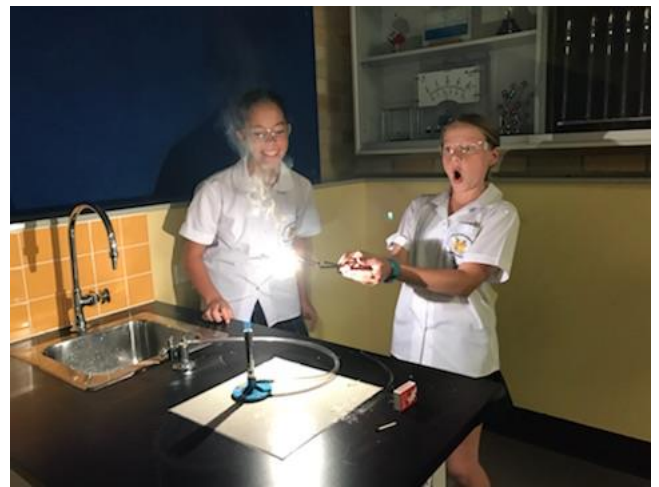
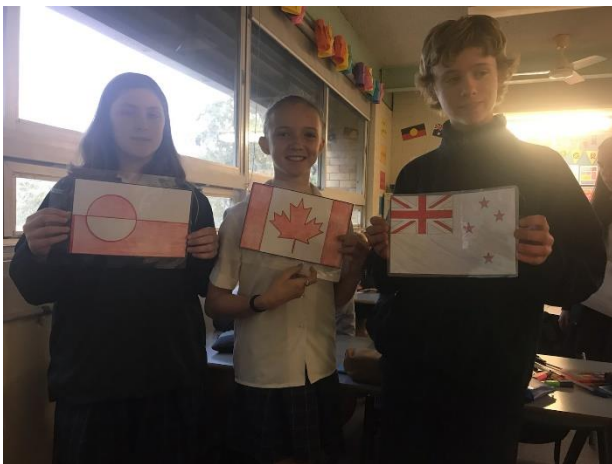
MATHS: Probability (Year 7), Index Laws (Year 8), Linear Equations (Year 9)

ENGLISH: My World Film Study (Year 7), Analysing Australian Poetry (Year 8), Creative Writing (Year 9)

HSIE: Geomorphologic Hazards (Year 7), Interconnections (Year 8), Changing Places (Year 9)

HEALTH: Nutrition (Year 7), Risk (Year 8), Drugs & Alcohol (Year 9)

PE: Volleyball (Year 7), Basketball (Year 8), Badminton (Year 9)



# Team 5

## Operation Learning CODename: Team 5

**Geography:** 7.5.1 - students are currently studying Natural Hazards & Disasters! They are learning about tsunamis, earthquakes, severe thunder and hail storms, bushfires, cyclones, tornadoes and many more! There is a major focus on the geomorphic processes and how they are formed as well as examining the social, economic and environmental impacts of each disaster. Students are also enjoying conducting their own research into a hazard of their choice!

8.5.1 - students are currently studying Interconnections! More specifically, they are examining how the world is connected through technology, trade and tourism. Students are engaged and are increasing their understanding and learning about the various ways they are connected to the world each lesson!

9.5.1/9.5.2 - students are currently studying Urbanisation - the process whereby more people are moving to cities! They have been studying population trends closely, examining push and pull factors of urban life vs suburban and rural living and will soon be conducting their own group projects on how we can build sustainable future cities!

**English:** It has been a busy semester in Team 5 English. Year 7 are working through a unit of work "My World" which explores their world and the world around them through picture books and poetry. It is a good opportunity to learn new skills such as visual literacy and develop empathy and understanding for experiences that are different to our own. Year 8 have focused on Australian Poetry this term, beginning with traditional poetry and concluding with modern and indigenous Australian poetry. The traditional poets explored included Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson and the class managed to successfully compare their different perspectives on the Australian identity in an essay. Year 9 also studied poetry and focused on the work of indigenous Australian poet Oodgeroo Noonuccal. They focused on several of her poems and explored ideas of cultural, personal and historical perspectives. Year 9 are now working on Creative Writing and exploring the seven steps to successful story writing.



# Team 6

With the cold weather well and truly here, it is important that students are warm at school. The school uniform has warm jumpers and jackets. Students wearing non-school uniform items will be asked to remove them at school and loan items made available.

Cold weather brings plenty of illness with it too. If your Child is sick please make sure you inform the school by either replying to the text message, phoning the school or sending a note when they return.

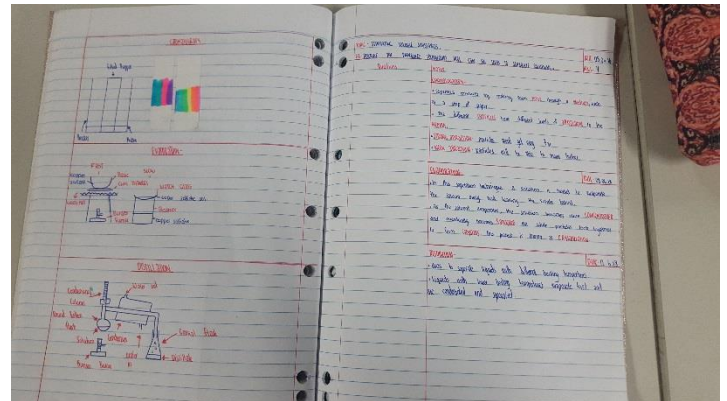


Students in 761 AVID lessons have been working on analysing their tutorials and their organisations. They are making great progress in reaching their goals.

In music students were given a musical instrument to research and created stunning One pages.

Science has seen 761 learning about different mixtures and the many ways they can be separated.

This has allowed the students to complete many practical activities such as looking at the different inks used to make textas with Chromatography.



861 have been working hard on completing their self-portraits in art. Some amazingly creative students in the class.

In English Students have been looking at Slam Poetry and writing a poem to perform for the class.

Science lessons have seen students learning about chemical reactions and signs that chemical reactions have taken place. Students enjoyed testing for hydrogen gas being formed with the POP test!

961 students have recently reviewed their learning goals and how they can achieve them through the use of their Year 9 Graduation Booklets.

In Geography they have been studying migrations and ways in which Australia can deal with a growing population.

Ms Thepsiri  
Acting Assistant Team Leader

# Team 7

Team 7 have been working hard in and out of the class room throughout Term 2. We would like to congratulate the following Team 7 students on making and representing the BWSC cross country team at the Zone Carnival held at Adcock Park; Cade Hatfield, Shae Quenelle, Logan Sayer, Darcy Roser, Anton Hardie, Riley Mowbray, Oscar Barker, and Harley Barker. Special mention to Logan Sayer and Cade Hatfield for making the regional cross country team.

## 7.7.1 English

Congratulations to 7.7.1 who were the first class in the school to have every student complete the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2018.

## 7.7.2 English

In English 7.7.2 are currently completing a film study on Moana. As part of this they will study film techniques and concepts from the film and how they relate to their world. They have also recently completed a listening task in class with Sienna Coates, Atila Bun and Samuel De-Vivo all achieving commendable results.

## 9.7.1 Mathematics

In Mathematics 9.7.1 have started a new unit of work on Data and Statistics. The class have been working collaboratively to collect and analyse data in class.



## Team 7 focus for term 2

Listening and following directions. Team 7 students have been focusing on being mindful of the words we use when speaking to others.

Shout out to all of the team 7 students who attended and competed in the school athletics carnival for 2018.

# Team 8

Team 8 has embraced another busy semester and are now starting to prepare for an exciting Semester Two. With the majority of Semester One assessment tasks now complete, it is a time to consolidate new knowledge and fine tune skills before embarking on the next semester of learning.

Ms Heighington and Mr Phillips are constantly impressed by the level of dedication to studies shown by Team 8. Here, Mr Brown leads 7S1 students through Geography presentations on natural disasters.



Kind regards,

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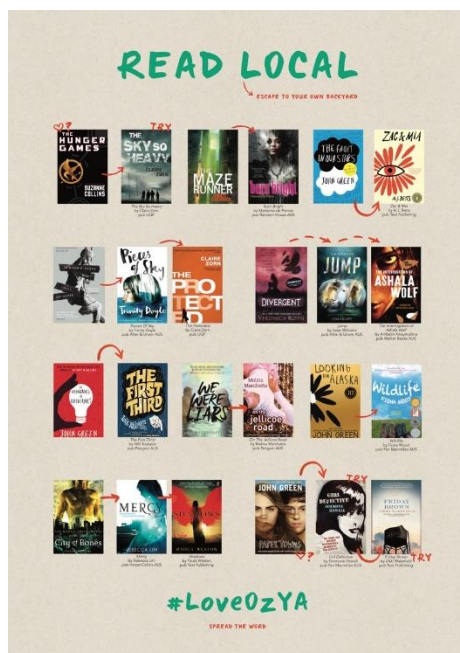
# Library

Congratulations to the 210 students who have already completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge! With just over 10 weeks left, we are busy encouraging students to keep reading and achieve this goal. The weather is helping, with cold mornings making time spent before school reading in our beautiful warm library very inviting indeed.

Our Manga club will launch next term with many students already having registered to be part of this exciting new school-based club.

Year 7 have been learning how to cite sources of information using APA Referencing style (used Years 7-12 at BWSC). Students have referenced books, digital photos and online material as part of their library lessons, learning how to correctly acknowledge the intellectual property of others.

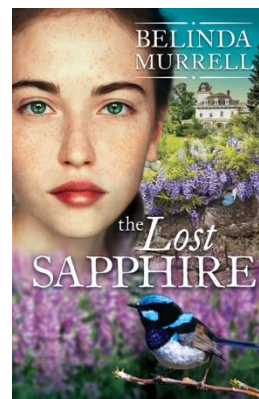
Happy reading :-)



## New books...

*Our latest library additions include:*

- Ingo: Helen Dunmore
- The Tide Knot: Helen Dunmore
- The deep: Helen Dunmore
- Life in the flames. Chris Morphew
- The Jolly Regina: Kara LaReau
- St Clare's: The middle years: Enid Blyton



# SRC

One of our main projects that we have worked on this semester was to address student suggestions to have an additional change room for when we have multiple PE and Sport classes at the same time. Our captains and vice captains met with Mr Walker and school executive to propose changes that we could undertake to make this happen. After much discussion with various people, the SRC were able to action a plan to:

- a) recommission a disused change-room which has doubled the amount of change-room space
- b) create a bike and surfboard storeroom
- c) organise the sports store in the hall to accommodate the stage and sporting equipment in a practical and user friendly way.

We had a day off class where we moved and sorted this, together with Mr Cooper and Dave's assistance. We are so proud to say that the work is over and these rooms are all revamped and ready to use.





# *Interact Club*

Several of our Interact team joined Woy Woy Rotary at a High Tea by the Sea to celebrate the induction of their new board of directors. Woy Woy Rotary continue to support our Interact Club through our meetings and other club activities.

Our Interact Club is organising a Pizza fundraising event to support our International project, a school in Jinja, Uganda. We are hoping to further our previous contribution to this school with the addition of some new school resources.

Our Interact Café continues to be busy as we ensure that any student who may need some food during the school day, can receive this.

If you would like to make a difference in our community, come along and join our team.

Mrs Harvey and Ms Baynie  
Interact Co-ordinators



Logan, Sam, Lorilee and Jordan from our BWSC Interact Club with Jayne Mote and Annette Karton from our sponsors, Woy Woy Rotary

# Careers Corner

Students attended a very successful Barista course on Friday 25 May as many students had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Turnbull who happened to be on the same train in the morning. The course was so popular that it had to be increased to 20 participants, with many reserves now on the next list for the final course in August. Permission Notes are on the BWSC homepage under 'Careers'. A big thank you to Ms. Beckinsale and Mr. Ward who accompanied the students on the day.

The final White Card course will be held at school on 14 September. Notes can be found on the BWSC Homepage under 'Careers'.

Year 9 are on the way to creating outstanding resumes. They have had several lessons already drafting their work and are now entering it into google classroom. It is imperative that all students have their resumes in google classroom by the end of term as I would like to start looking at them over the holidays. If your child already has a resume, they have been asked to bring them in and type them up onto google classroom. Having them on google classroom means that students can make any additions to their work when they go to the Woy Woy Campus.

Year 8 have had an introduction to the correct techniques of touch-typing and have also discussed resumes and their contents. Students who wish to start their resumes before we work on them in Year 9 can access more assistance from the BWSC Homepage under Careers – 'Mock Interviews'.

Ms. Lewis



# *Athletics Carnival*

The Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 31 May at Adcock Park, Gosford. Congratulations to all students that attended the Carnival. We had 8 bus loads of participants, making it a very enjoyable and successful day had by all. Well done to all the participants and especially to those who made it to Zone.



***The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 August at Umina Campus***