

*Brisbane Water Secondary
College
Umina Campus*



August Newsletter



Principal's Letter



Welcome back to Term 3 with numerous engaging and inspiring activities taking place. I must start by thanking so many of our dedicated staff for all their efforts in organising and coordinating many extra-curricular activities and functions whilst still delivering quality teaching within their classroom.

The Brisbane Water Learning Community hosted the combined Term 3 Staff Development Day with the theme for the day being “The experts within.” Numerous staff from Umina Campus volunteered their expertise to provide quality professional learning to staff across a broad spectrum of education topics. The day culminated with some very inspirational words from three-time Australian Paralympic gold medallist, Kurt Fearnley. A huge thanks to all those staff that facilitated sessions and to Paul Gilmore and his team for organising the event.

Special thanks to Maurice Goolagong (AEO) and the Aboriginal Education Team for the inspiring and respectful manner that they implemented the vast array of activities and functions for NAIDOC week. It was touching to hear so many heartfelt words being said for the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made and continue to make to our community and our families within our Brisbane Water Learning Community. It was a wonderful week of celebration, and whilst the official week is over, I hope we all keep the words of ‘Because of her, we can’ in the forefront of our minds long into the future.

Last week was an honour to be relieving in the role as Principal. It was an absolute pleasure to address our community and take time to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the Top 20 academic achievers at the Mid-Course Academic Assembly. These students have demonstrated their ability to communicate, collaborate, be creative, think critically, and persevere in times of adversity across all of their subjects. They were very fortunate to hear some very inspiring words from one of the College’s very successful former students, George Margin. A huge thank you to George and all the Parliamentary, Educational and P & C guests that took the time to attend the day. Whilst we took time to celebrate these high achievers, I would also like to congratulate all Umina Campus students that

have worked equally as hard and have been able to achieve their personal best not only in class but in all aspects of school life. A big thank you must go to Angela Cox and Pat Crouch in organising the event and to Andy Westerhoff for the performance of the school band.

On Wednesday evening we hosted our Education Week Open Night. It was a wonderful showcase of the amazing learning experiences that our Campus offers. With over 450 community members passing through our gates, it was so joyous to watch our current students work alongside our staff to provide engaging experiences for members of our community. A massive thank you to all the staff and students that volunteered their own time to provide this showcase. A special thanks to Susie Murray and the organising team for their hard work over many weeks.

There are a number of staffing changes occurring this term. These changes are an excellent way for our staff to gain valuable experience and just one of the ways in which we have been recognised regionally for building the capacity of our staff. For the first 5 weeks Mr Gilmore is on leave and Mr Walker is relieving College Principal. I have taken on the role as Principal, with Miss Cox relieving as Yr9 Deputy Principal and Mr Crouch Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Mr Jackson is acting in the unfilled role of Yr8 Deputy Principal with Mr Myszkowski relieving as Head Teacher PDHPE. Mr Shearer continues as relieving Team Leader of Team 7. Mrs Hannah replaces Mrs Brown as Head Teacher Wellbeing, with Mrs Brown gaining valuable experience at District Office as a Learning and Wellbeing Advisor. Miss McMahon continues as relieving Head Teacher HSIE and Mr Gosden Team Leader of Team 2.

This term is very busy, and I encourage you to stay connected via our many digital mediums.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Adam Montgomery
Relieving Principal
Umina Campus

Deputy Principal



Welcome to the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus community. Term 3 continues to be a very busy term in 2018 as we remain committed in meeting the diverse academic, sporting and cultural learning aspects of all our students at BWSC Umina Campus. Our dedicated staff have done an amazing job organising representative sporting opportunities and CHS knockout events, CAPA concerts, excursions, art projects and literacy and numeracy programs throughout the learning community.

I encourage all Year 8 parents and students to attend the Stage 5 Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 15th August at 6pm. Your support for your student/s is very much appreciated in providing guidance and direction to our students making elective choices to produce positive learning outcomes. The evening is an opportunity for students to have some independence and choice in their educational pathway. I would like to also thank our wonderful and dedicated staff for their professionalism in attending the evening and providing expertise, information and guidance to make informed decisions concerning elective selections. Umina campus has a large variety of electives and professional teachers to meet the learning interests and passions of our students.

Well done to all our students that took part in the Premieres Reading Challenge in 2018. Our exceptional librarian Linda Harvey has done an amazing job in encouraging and guiding a record number of students to complete the challenge in 2018. Reading and literature are an important part of life, learning and education. Linda and her team are passionate about reading and infectious in passing on a love of reading to our BWSC students. I would also like to congratulate our 11 students that have been nominated to receive the Premieres Medal as part of this year's challenge for their exceptional effort.

Wishing all our lucky students and staff attending the 2018 Ski Trip best wishes and hopefully fresh powder conditions. Thank you to our exceptional staff for their organisation, commitment and spending time away from families to provide our BWSC students with an amazing experience at the snow. For many of the boys and girls that attend, this will be the first time they experience the snow and are very excited about learning a new skill and hitting the slopes at Smiggins.

The Year 9 to 10 transition programs have continued this term. Our Head Teacher of Secondary Studies has been busy preparing our Year 9 students for the educational rigors of the senior college and tirelessly providing information to make the transition as seamless as possible. Some of our upcoming events include Aboriginal Transition Day, Cultural Activity Day and our Parents BBQ to take place in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3 and Weeks 1& 2 of Term 4.

I would also like to thank all the BWSC staff involved in the Education Week Tours taking place at our partner primary schools in the community. The students attending have done a tremendous job of showcasing the very best of our dance, gymnastics, music and drama performances and we commend them on their efforts and dedication. The staff and students here at BWSC take pride in excelling and doing our very best in all our educational endeavours.

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.

Ash Jackson
Relieving Deputy Principal
Umina Campus



Team One

We have had a great start to Term 3...gymnastic lessons, cooking delicious food, Science experiments, Commerce stalls, and lots of other activities!
We have celebrated NAIDOC week and Open Night.



Year 7 Science in a Spin



Recently 7Sc.1.1. have been learning about the topic Mixtures and as part, have been learning about centrifuge.



Students experience first-hand the effect of centrifuge on non-homogenised milk.

Guest appearances by Jeremy Eastwood, Louisa Sutherland, Logan Noake, Tom Dempsey, Bella Karsenbarg and Steven Curry



English



All students have been bookworms busily completing the 2018 Premier Readers Challenge. Across the team 100's of books have been read – well done!

Maths



7.2.2 have been preparing themselves for the Manga High's online Maths competition. They are excited to demonstrate their Mathematical skills for the 'Rock Stars of Maths' challenge.

NAIDOC Week

To celebrate NAIDOC week students participated in a range of activities in keeping with this year's theme 'Because of her we can'. In his class, Mr Baker treated all students to an Aboriginal dreamtime story read in French.



Science

7.2.1 have been studying plant and animal cells in Science. Our budding young scientists had a great lesson preparing their own specimens to view under a light microscope. The students were able to view onion cells and identify prominent organelles such as the cell walls and nucleus.



Year 8 Technology Mandatory

Textiles - looking 'Sharp'



Some of the class displaying their designs.

Guest starring Sophie Cowan, Hannah Cross, Jasmine Harris, Georgia Langsford-Smith and Zoie Macleod.

Recently Year 8 Tech. Mandatory - Textiles has been experimenting with methods of textile surface decoration.

Sharpie dyeing has been a hit with the class, allowing them to create a range of beautiful designs.

TEAM 4

Our CAPA classes will be attending Education Week this week to showcase their talent at our partner primary schools. The production of 'Alice in Wonderland' which involves a number of Team 4 students is in full swing and will have two shows on the 19th and 20th of September. Our CAPA students are a variety of acts at variety night to parents and future students.

7CAPA

Year 7 have been investigating the ancient past in history and are about to start a study on Narrabeen Man. Students have been studying a play in English called 'Boy Overboard'. In Maths Year 7 have just finished decimals and starting algebra. They have just finished habitats and are starting a study of cells in Science. Some of our Year 7's have started Ag this term and the others have started to build a box in Woodwork.

8CAPA

Year 8 have started history for the semester and have been studying the Medieval European Period. In English Year 8 are studying picture books. In Maths, they are studying algebraic equations. Students are focusing on gymnastics in PD/H/PE. Our Year 8 classes are doing needlework and cooking in TAS.

YEAR 9

In English, Year 9 have been finishing off their creative writing Assessment Task. In History, students have been looking at Australia at the turn of the century, and equations in Math.



TEAM 5



Team 5 students - sampling new tastes 😊



Our students have embarked on many different lessons with a focus on collaborative skills across the key learning areas.

Year 7 class have shown themselves to be a cohesive group who have adjusted well into BWSC.

There has been a focus in Mathematics and Science on computing skills, which has been taken on-board enthusiastically.

Year 9 have students learning Shakespeare and working very hard across all classes.

Ashleigh Blair (9.5.1) said it best this week:

"Throughout all lessons I've had during the term, I've become more of a learner every hour".

What's happening in the

Where is your reading journey going to take you this year?

BWSC LIBRARY

TUTORIAL TUESDAYS

Homework centre is open every Tuesday afternoon until 4pm

This month our library display celebrates the 2018 Book Week theme 'find your treasure'.

August is a great time in the library. We have our foyer display celebrating the Book Week theme "find your treasure" with a treasure chest full of great short-listed reads from the last couple of years, as well as the Children's Book Council of Australia's short-listed titles for 2018. Our students are totally spoiled for reading choice! Congratulations to the 476 students who have already completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge! With just 2 weeks left, we are busy encouraging students to keep reading and achieve this goal.

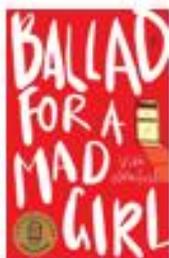
During Term 3 we are trialing audio-books through our eBook supplier *Wheeler's*. Students can access our audio books through the Wheeler's app, they just need to choose our library and enter their DET Portal username and password. Need help with eBooks – come and see us in the library.

Year 7 have been building their digital literacy skills by developing an understanding of how search engines work to learn how to best choose keywords for their future online searches.

Happy reading :-)



Children's Book Council of Australia
Book of the year:older readers
(shortlist)



2018 SRC

Dance Party – Winter Wonderland

Wednesday August 29 is the date we will be hosting our 2018 SRC dance party. The theme *Winter Wonderland* was chosen to allow a festive (Christmas in July – style) theme where students can come together and enjoy some fun with their friends in a safe and friendly environment.

This is the last school dance party for Year 9 – so make the most of it and come along. Monies raised will be used to support our World Vision sponsor child and will also go towards our fundraising efforts for our drought-affected farmers.

Tickets will go on sale soon and must be pre-purchased from school and require parents or caregivers to sign the SRC Dance Party Permission note. Hope to see you there!



TEAM 7

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today"

Team 7 have made a strong start to Semester Two. Students in Team 7 are demonstrating consistent engagement with new content across all subjects. With most subjects introducing new topics, students have been able to engage with a range of collaborative tasks, as well as individual learning experiences to further their knowledge in each subject.

Mathematics: 971 have been studying all things trigonometry. In this unit, they learnt the theory of this subject in class, and then used their knowledge in the field to find heights of trees and angles of elevation around BWSC-Umina.



Technology Mandatory: Team 7 Food Technology students have been working hard to prepare for a busy term in the kitchens. This week they have focused on hygiene, safety and using the correct equipment for the job. They had lots of fun making chocolate truffles!

PDHPE: In Health this term, Year 7 has started the topic, "Keeping myself safe". In this topic students learn about positive and negative risks and the reasons why some people take risks. Students will collaborate with their peers to evaluate the types of risks and how to decide when to take them. In PE, students are developing their skills in Softball and are participating in a round robin throughout the term.



English: In English, Year 7 have started their 'Drama' unit, focusing on the play *Boy Overboard*, adapted by Patricia Cornelius. Students are exploring both the textual and physical elements of drama in class, and will complete a visually focused assessment task later this term.

871 have now started the unit 'Twisting the Tale', and are working on adapting and transforming traditional fairy tales into new stories for modern audiences.

971 students have now completed the unit on Creative Writing. 971 developed a range of diverse and creative tales for their assessment tasks. For the remainder of the term students in 971 will study Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.



Music: In Music, Team 7 students have been working hard refining performance pieces on the guitar. They have been collaborating with their peers, and composing riffs as part of their Composition assessment. The performance assessment is due in Week 7.

HSIE: All Team 7 students have now started studying history. Year 7 are beginning their historical studies with a unit called 'Investigating the Ancient Past', where they are learning about the key time periods, terms and skills required to study history, and complete historical case studies. 871 students have started the study of Medieval Europe, focusing on the key elements of feudal life and society. 971 have begun their study of modern history and are focusing on the federation of Australia before moving on to learn about Australia's involvement in World War I.

Team 7 Sporting Update.

This term in Team 7, Crouch's Crushers are once again favourites to defeat Shearer's Sheepdog's in the Rookie Bowl, as well as the Year 8 Plate TSP series. These two sporting events are a well-deserved reward for Team 7 students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour this year to date.

TEAM 8

As the year progresses, time continues to fly, but we must remember that we are the pilot. Semester Two will prove to be a busy time at school for all Team Eight

classes. However, it is important that students take the time to reflect on their progress throughout Semester One and set learning goals for the remainder of the year.

This semester will see our Year Eight students select elective subjects. This is an exciting time as students begin to make decisions about their individual educational pathway. And, our Year Nine students will undertake transition activities to ensure they are prepared for senior studies at the Woy Woy Campus. Please do not hesitate to be in contact if you would like further information, or if you feel your student would benefit from additional support in either of these areas.

Year Seven Project Based Learning

We would again like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year Seven students in Team Eight on their truly exceptional approach to Project Based Learning last term. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the students' guests who were in attendance for the presentations. In Semester Two, students will be undertaking a community-based project and we are all very excited to see the development of their initiatives.



EDUCATION WEEK OPEN AFTERNOON

A massive thank you to our wonderful community for coming to experience our school during our Education Week Open Afternoon. It was an awesome celebration of BWSC Umina and Public Education and we are very proud to be able to share it with you.

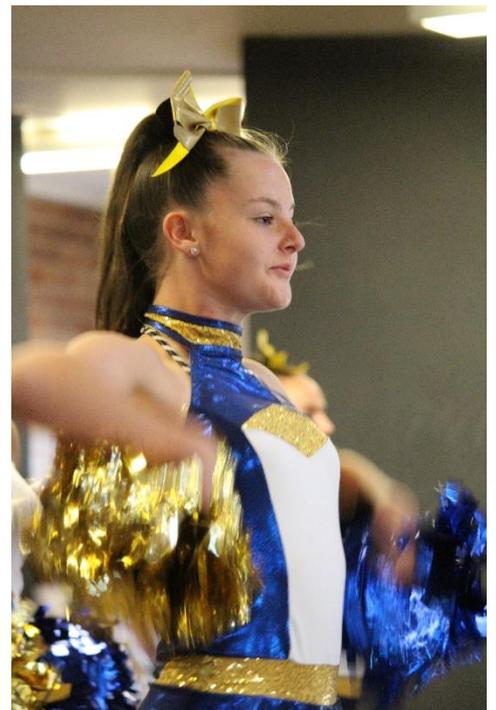
Congratulations to our lucky door prize winners: the school uniform going to N. Hauser and the Backpack to C.Eade 😊

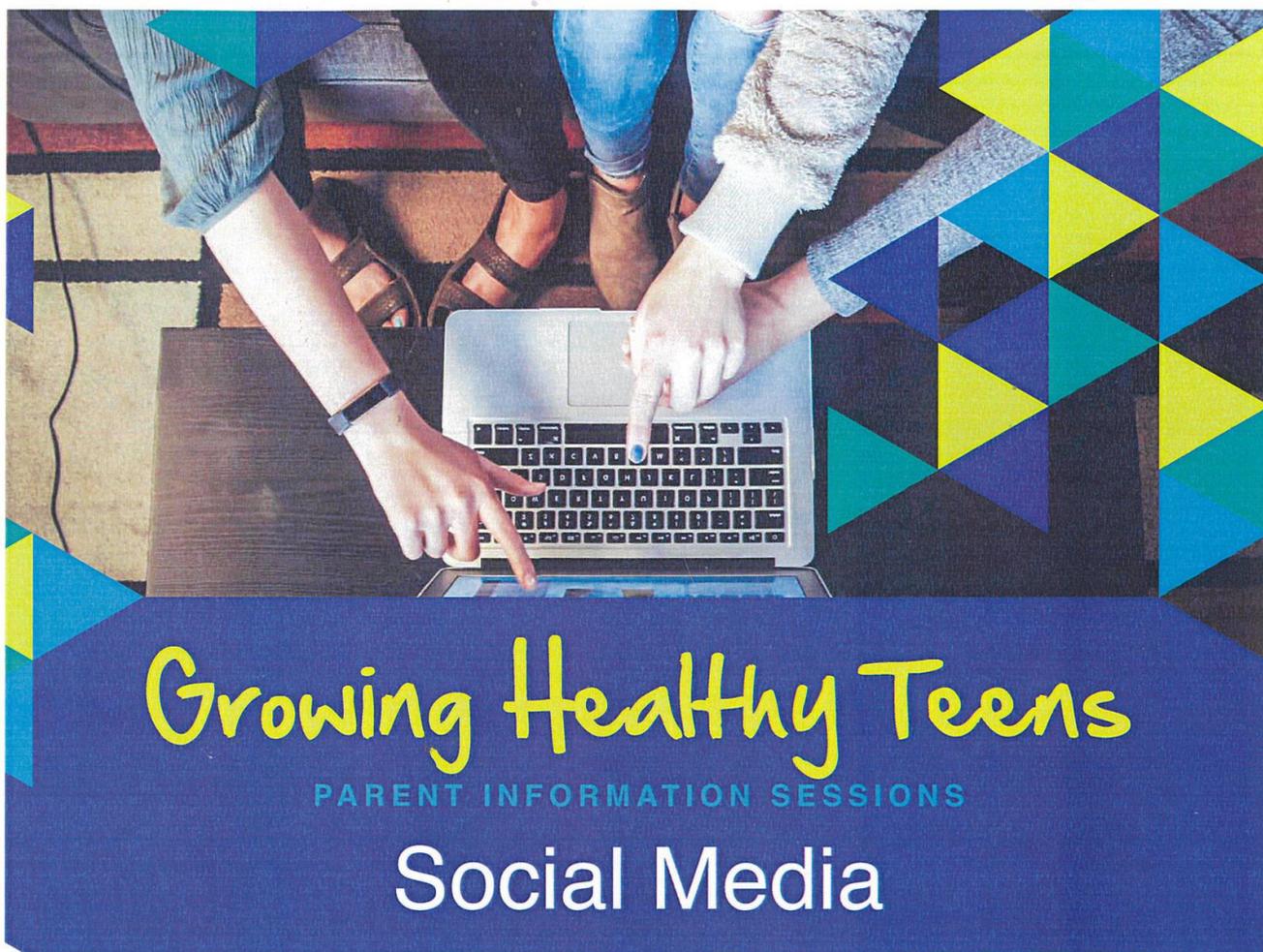






EDUCATION WEEK TOUR





Growing Healthy Teens

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Social Media

Coast Community Connections' Evolution Youth Service is hosting two sessions for parents of young people to learn more skills about social media usage and its dangers.

Young people can be the biggest threat to each other's safety online, as well as their own, and there are laws governing digital-media activity.

Tracey Young from the Children's Court Assistance Scheme will present to attendees with information about the laws around 'sexting'. Other support services will also be present for a Q&A.

Date: 12 September 2018
Times: 10am or 7pm session
Where: Coast Community Connections
Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy
Register: Bookings are encouraged, please phone 4341 9333



coastcommunityconnections.com.au

BRISBANE WATER SECONDARY COLLEGE



IS PROUD TO PRESENT



Disney Alice in Wonderland JR.

STARRING THE TALENTED STUDENTS OF THE BWSC CAPA CLASSES

PERFORMANCES IN THE

BWSC UMINA - MOVEMENT STUDIO

Tues 19th & Wed 20th September 2018

STUDENT MATINEE PERFORMANCES 11.10am

PUBLIC EVENING PERFORMANCES 6PM

Our next College P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 19th September, 7pm at our Umina Campus.