

*Brisbane Water Secondary
College
Umina Campus*



November Newsletter



Principal Letter



How quickly has this year gone?

This is the last newsletter of the year and we have a lot to celebrate. This year our campus was nominated for NSW Government School of the Year and achieved some very pleasing results in the NAPLAN examinations. I'd like to thank my dedicated and hardworking staff for their tireless efforts and for providing the wide array of opportunities available to our students.

In the past few weeks we have so much to celebrate. I'd like to personally congratulate all the recipients at the Sports Presentation Awards. We have a range of very talented sports people who have excelled across a wide range of sports. To see students representing the College in over ten sorts is a testament to the commitment and school pride that make this a great place to work,

It has also been a massive year for CAPA with the production of Alice in Wonderland an example of the vast talents of our students. The CAPA programs is carefully nurturing our students, as we have represented at the highest level in a range of dance, aerobics and performance experiences across the region, state and nationally.

It is my pleasure to announce two appointments since the last newsletter. Firstly the vacant Deputy Principal position has been substantively filled by Ash Jackson. His efforts as our Head Teacher PDHPE and as Relieving Deputy Principal have been outstanding and his appointment has been incredibly well received by staff, students, parents and caregivers. We have also appointed Brett Marchant as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. Incredibly well regarded, Brett has excelled in a variety of roles at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus and will be a welcome addition to the teaching faculty in Term Week 8.

There are also two other vacant positions which we are trying to fill prior to the end of the school year. We are deep into the recruitment process for a Support Unit and Science positions which would commence in the New Year. At this point I'd like to thank the efforts of the P and C who regularly give of their time to help me select the best possible staff to guide our children.

The continual drive to improve the facilities at our school will continue over the break. We have work currently being undertaken under Integration Funding to support our students with vision impairment. Additional stairwells and obstructions will be painted to improve visibility, whilst handrails have been added in areas to assist our students. In early 2019 we will begin the redevelopment of Labs 1 and 2 in the Science block. These are two of the remaining rooms that have not been renovated over a long period of time. The cost is considerable at \$500,000 and it is envisaged that there will be some disruptions as the work progresses. That being said, our students will have state of the art facilities to pursue their passion for Science in the very near future.

Overall, 2018 has been a very exciting time at BWSC. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your going support and look forward to a great 2019.

Have a great holiday and wonderful Xmas.

Warmest regards
Brent Walker

Deputy Principal



Welcome to the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus community. Term 4 has been an exciting and 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 future BWSC students from our partner primary schools have been visiting the campus this term as part of our transition program. These students have been engaged in a variety of activities that they can look forward to and students and teachers have been very excited during the introduction to secondary studies. A big thank you must go to Mrs Murray and the team of teachers committed to providing these outstanding lessons. Also, thank you to our wonderful peer leaders who have done a wonderful job mentoring our Year 6 transition students.

Year 7 are completing a course on surf survival and competency in the water. This is an extremely important program due to the environment in which we live. Completing the surf survival qualification will enable our students to participate in sports and activities involving water when they become our Year 8 cohort. I am also very pleased to announce that some of our very best and brightest student athletes recently competed at the intercollege sports competition. Every BWSC athlete performed within the spirit of fair competition and sportsmanship.

This term will see the formation of the BWSC Junior AECG. This has been an exciting prospect for the campus as we look to further increase the cultural and leadership opportunities for our Aboriginal students. BWSC students also took part in an information exchange and transition excursion with the senior campus in preparation for next year. We are also looking forward to the announcement of our BWSC 2019 School Captains and Vice Captains.

Congratulations to all our recipients at the Sports Awards Dinner for 2018. These award winners have done a tremendous job of representing the BWSC campus and are to be commended for their efforts. Well done to all staff across the college who make the

celebration of student achievement possible with all their hard work. Thank you to all staff for their dedication in coaching school representative sides and giving up so much of their time.

Once again another outstanding year for all stakeholders of BWSC Umina Campus.

Wishing all students, staff and community members a safe and happy holiday.

Ash Jackson
Deputy Principal

Team 1

8.1.2 - have spent Semester Two learning about a range of different textile techniques. They have applied a technique called 'sharpie dying' to their hacky sack designs and will spend the remainder of the semester making pillows to suit their "ultimate chill room".

8.1.1 - have been creating a range of dishes in Food Technology throughout semester two, last week they learnt about using flour as a thickening agent to create a yummy Mac and cheese sauce.

Year 9 - are currently learning about Food for Special Occasions, weeks 3 & 4 have been spent putting a lot of effort into some amazing birthday cake designs. (Work from Aidan Downey lollipop cake, Katie Newman watermelon, Macaron cupcakes Gemma Crowhurst, chocolate cake Tahlia O'Sullivan)



711 Food Technology students worked hard this term designing their pizza muffin faces and landmarks. They had just as much fun eating them as they did creating them!



AVID

This week 911 (AVID) are attending The Illuminate: NextGen Challenge. This is an intensive week long program that allows our students to experience first-hand what it takes to be an entrepreneur. Students will be learning what it takes to start a new business, working through the process of developing an idea, refining it, ensuring it connects with customers and is viable - all the way up to pitching for investment to get it off the ground. Not only will the students learn about important business skills, they will also learn more about useful life skills including stress and team management, independent learning, budgeting, planning, creative thinking and public speaking. The challenge is being held at Newcastle University - Ourimbah Campus and is a wonderful opportunity for our students to visit and work within our local university.



Team 2

There have been great things happening recently in team two-riffic with students gaining both academic and sporting success. Here are some highlights.

Many of our students are having a wonderful educational experience with the TAS teachers. Below are snapshots of some Year 7 students making a pasta dish and a Year 9 elective student with his individually designed cake.



Other exciting news includes our very own Georgie Clune of 7.2.1 who was the junior winner, as well as the ladies winner, of the 2018 Everglades Country Club Pro-Am. Georgie also won the longest drive! Georgie loves her golf and is working very hard at becoming the best. We are all very proud of her.



In Year 8 we had Bianca Lewis out on work experience. Bianca may only be small but grit, determination and skill saw her working with large machinery in the tough business of excavations.



Team 3

Science

Year 7 have been learning about Forces this term. Their favourite practical was using the Van der Graaff generator. They have also made marble tracks and inertia trucks, balloons to demonstrate static electricity and investigated buoyancy.



ENGLISH

731 have been doing a novel study on Blue back. They are reading through the book and are doing some fun activities to engage with it.

MATHS

Year7 are studying time this term. They are learning about analogue and digital time, 24 hour time and time zones.

HISTORY

Year 7 are studying Ancient China having just completed a unit on Ancient Egypt. They are enjoying learning about different cultures and how day to day life was different for people living in that e

Team 4

This term, our CAPA students have been working on their auditions for the end of year CAPA concert which will be held on the 11th of December. Our CAPA students are also going to school spectacular, where our students will be watching multiple acts from around New South Wales.

In Maths, 7CAPA are doing *Algebra* and *Two Step Equations*, where students have a take home assessment task due in week 8. In English, Year 7 have been doing a *Poem Study*, when they have recently finished their assessment. In Science, students are focusing on *Cells*. In History, Year 7 have just started their study on *Ancient China*. Students have just completed the *White Ribbon* topic in Health and focusing on Team Work.

In science, students have started a new topic called *Energy* and have completed their science yearly exam. In English, year 8 have been looking at *Film Techniques*. Year 8 have been looking at area, volume and ratios in Maths. 8CAPA have been studying *Polynesian Expansion* in History.

In science, Year 9 have been studying forensics. Students have just finished a film study in English, where the focus was *Power*. In maths, students have been learning about the importance of *Interest*. In history, students have been completing their core study on *World war One and World War Two*.



Team 5

Kyla Wadeson, Tamika O'Grady and Tanya Smith achieved a Rock Stars of Maths Award in the MangaHigh competition. Below is a photo of the girls with their award and their very proud Mathematics teacher Mr Clarke.

First Prize of a \$50 voucher in our 'Dare not to swear' poster competition was won by John Lennard in 751. Awesome work John, congratulations from your Team 5 teachers.



Team 6

Term 4 is well underway. Grades are being finalised, Rewards Excursions organised and Semester Two reports written.



Students should acquire as many any Positive Behaviours (PBs) as they can each day in class and in the playground. PB levels will be finalised in the coming weeks and students who have attained Platinum and Gold level will be eligible for the Rewards Excursion.

9.6.1 students should be prepared for their mock interview . Their resume and cover letter should be completed and printed, business-like clothing arranged, and interview preparation underway.

motivation
is what gets you started.

commitment
is what keeps you going.



What is the hardest thing you have ever done?

Maths test **Liam**

Adjusting to a different culture and environment. **Tejnoor**

First day of high school **Oscar**

Waking up on a school day **Tyler**

What do you like doing in your spare time?

Ball up **Matt and Jack**

Take my Bull Arab, Sasha for a walk **Jordan**

Work on making an outdoor setting from pallets **Nick**

Go horse riding **Ashleigh**

Hang with friends and relaxing at the beach

Angelle

Calisthenics, boxing and sleeping **Shahida**

Chores, looking after my dad, playing fortnite **Josh**

“ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY IS GETTING YOU CLOSER TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE TOMORROW”-UNKNOWN

Team 7

Science: In science, 771 and 772 have been studying forces, and have been completing experiments to help them better understand the forces that are in our everyday lives, such as: wind resistance, gravity, and simple push and pulls. They have recently completed their yearly examination with results to be handed out in Week 6.

English: In English, Year 7 have now complete their final assessment for the year, on poetry forms and features. For the remainder of the term students will study a variety of texts with a focus on how food connects us. Year 8 have finished their unit on genres in film, and are now completing a novel study on Mary Shelley's, *Frankenstein*. Students in 971 have completed their film unit on 'Power,' and are engaging with a unit all about advertising and marketing.

Music: Year 7 students have recently completed their aural skills assessment, which tested their listening skills. They are now working diligently towards their keyboard performance assessment task. They have been using both left and right hands, developing fine motor skills and melodic perception.

Technology Mandatory: In Term 4, Team 7 Food Technology students have had fun designing and creating pizza muffins to complete their My Restaurant Rules unit. They have also made caramel drop biscuits.

HSIE: Year 7 have now complete their yearly history assessment. They will spend the remainder of the term working on ... Year 8 students are ... Students in 971 have been learning about World War II and the implications of this on life in Australia.



TEAM 7 EVENTS UPDATE

As a White Ribbon school we want to do all we can to promote the message of White Ribbon. Here are some of our 771 superstars making White Ribbons which will be sold to the community.

Team 8

This month, Year 7 Team 8 students had the opportunity to test themselves with Technology Mandatory *Robotics Challenge*. Students utilised the state-of-the-art Umina Campus iSTEM room to build robots of the future.



Ava and Maya hard at work, giving life to their robotic creations.



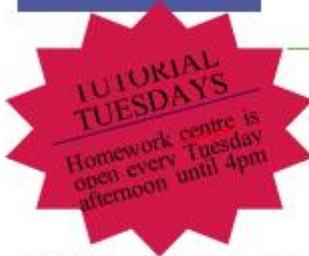
Emily and Jodie having fun and planning the construction of robots

Library

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

What's happening in the

BWSC LIBRARY



This month our library display encourages our students to read the movie!

Whilst the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) may be over, we have just printed out the 2019 PRC student challenge cards - so students can start reading and recording now. We have a huge selection of new titles in our library and available through our eBook selection (Wheelers eBook app).

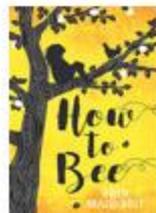
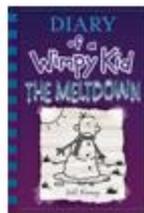
With stocktake underway it's a great time to remind students to return all completed English loans and Library books to the library.

Happy reading :-)



THE NO.1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MATTHEW REILLY

THE THREE SECRET CITIES



SRC

Bandanna Day fundraising

Students from our SRC have once again contributed to a great cause by raising funds through a cake stall and selling bandannas for CanTeen. Team SRC raised \$500 through cupcake sales and sold \$300 worth of bandannas. A big thank you also to our Interact students and students from 9S1 and 9S2 who contributed cakes for sale. Awesome effort all round.



Careers Corner

YEAR 8

Year 8 are coming up to their last few lessons this term and are currently learning all about body language, communication techniques and the world of work in preparation for their Mock Interviews next year.

Most students have now been asked to start collating their school reports for this year, along with all certificates and awards as they will require them for their Mock Interviews in 2019. It is important that students start gathering all of these documents so that they are well prepared and do not misplace anything before the interviews. Students are advised to purchase a plastic sleeve folder or small box and place all school, sporting and extra-curricular awards/reports into it. It is anticipated that students will then have an impressive portfolio to take with them on the day.

YEAR 9

Year 9 only have 1 or 2 lessons before the Mock Interviews (December 5-7). I trust you have all received the information regarding the changes to the Mock Interviews this year.

Students will come out of class, participate in their interview and return to class. Students are still encouraged to dress up. An area of the library will be available for students who would like to hang up their interview clothing etc. Students can place their items in the library before roll call.

Students are expected to bring their cover letter, resume, portfolio and a work sample with them to the interview.

If students need to print off any work they must see me before November 16th. Our school library also offers printing at a small cost.

Any student who is away on the day of the interviews will be interviewed the following week. Please email me if you already know that your child will be absent. Allocated day and times are up on the BWSC Umina website and outside my office (upstairs A block)

I look forward to seeing them all on the day.

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White Ribbon Day

As a White Ribbon School we want to do all we can to promote the message of White Ribbon. A White Ribbon assembly will be held on Friday 23rd November where all the students will be wearing their white school shirt to raise awareness for this very important message.

Some of our students have been busy making white ribbons that will be sold in the community to raise money on White Ribbon Day.



Book Packs

Don't forget that the 2019 Year 7 and Year 8 Book Packs are available to order online through the OfficeMax website

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/>

You will need to enter our school Access Key: 5RU3Q

Packs are available for students in mainstream and AVID and Year 8 CAPA students are required to add an extra item to their packs, so keep a lookout for the Subject/Class Note.

Year 9 may use exercise books of choice and will be informed by their class teachers at the beginning of the school year, of any other requirements.

As this is our last Newsletter for 2018 we would like to wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

