

# Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Umina Campus



## September Newsletter



# Principal Letter



Term 3 has been a whirlwind of activities and opportunities at BWSC Umina Campus. We are beginning to formulate the timetable for 2020 and finalising elective choices so this process can move to the next stage. Students and their families have been very supportive in their returning of subject choices so we can assess which electives will run. If there are any students who haven't handed in their subject selection forms, they need to make this a priority.

We're very proud of our school and enjoy the visits we have from partner primary schools and other visitors. We have been hosting Kindy Visits to our farm over the past few weeks and our Agriculture students have enjoyed the experience of showing the Kindy students around the farm. As well, we've been very lucky to have such lovely spring weather for these days. Our Transition program continues this term with the scheduled Year 5 visits to the Umina Campus. These students from our partner primary schools were treated to some exciting learning experiences as well as a tour around the school. Thanks to our wonderful colleagues in our partner primary schools who accompanied their students and who prepare them so well for their transition to high school.

Congratulations to our political leaders of the future who participated in Future Council and developed plans and strategies to address local issues. Our future is in very safe hands. Thanks also to Ms Lewis who continues to build productive relationships with our business community that translate into work experience opportunities for our students. Congratulations to our students who participated in CHS Athletics recently and also to the staff who supervised and helped run the event. The Multicultural Food Festival was a resounding success with our students and staff who were treated with culinary delights from around the world. Thanks also to Mr Westerhof and the school band who entertained us during the festival. Our students who attended the excursion to Zoo Snooze are recognised for their excellent behaviour and participation in this fantastic excursion.

However, a special shout out to Mr Bateman who stayed behind to sort out our bus that broke down, Ms McMahon who accompanied the students back to school and Ms Murray who organised the replacement bus to bring our students home. What a team!

I am so proud of the efforts of our students in the Premier's Reading Challenge. BWSC Umina Campus has logged a record 601 students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is unprecedented and not only tells us our students are enjoying reading but also that they value reading and the learning that occurs from wide reading. The skill and love of reading provides students with the lifelong ability to learn and grow. I'd like to acknowledge the passion and drive of Mrs Linda Harvey, our Librarian, who has systematically built a culture of reading amongst our student body as well as a Library rich in reading opportunities and experiences.

We look forward to the Science Lab refurbishment that should begin soon and welcome ideas from all stakeholders to continue to build our College community.

Kerrie O'Heir  
Principal

# *Deputy Principal*



As Term 3 draws to a close we can reflect on another busy and productive term at BWSC Umina. One of the highlights was our CAPA team that went on the road to deliver a showcase to our partner primary schools for Education Week. The students 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.

Kindy farm visits, Snow Trip, work experience, excursions, YAM to name just a few of the experiences our students have been involved in this term. Once again I would like to acknowledge the amazing staff who go above and beyond to ensure that the students get the most wonderful opportunities.

The BWSC Ski Trip 2019 was a complete success due to the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff. The trip was seamless thanks to the months of prior planning and organisation from Kelli Price. All the students had a great time learning new skills and learning about communal living. For many of the students this was their first time to experience snow and had so much fun learning new skills and hitting the slopes.

Well done to all our students that took part in the Premieres Reading Challenge in 2019. Our exceptional librarian Linda Harvey has done an amazing job in encouraging and guiding a record number of students to complete the challenge in 2019. Reading and literature are an important part of life, learning and education.

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. All the best for the coming holiday. I trust that the students and staff have a relaxing break and return in Term 4 refreshed and rearing to go for our final term for 2019.

Warm regards  
Ash Jackson  
Deputy Principal

# Team 1

*"Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits"*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Team 1 students who were involved in the Year 9 Multicultural Food Festival! Thank you Matt, Jaxon, Kyle, Blake (9.1.2), Josephine, Jade & Cianan (9.1.1)

We are entering the crunch time for assessments for Semester 2, 2019 and **Team One**derful are working efficiently and diligently across all subjects. Students will be looking to finish Term 3 on a high note by fulfilling all course outcomes whilst acknowledging our school's core values.

**Maths:** Year 7 have just completed Decimals and are now learning about Length and Perimeter. They will be doing lots of practical lessons calculating the length and perimeter of various things around the school. Both year 8 and 9 are learning about equations. The assessment for this term is due in week 10 for all years. It's a portfolio of the work that they have been doing throughout the year. This will be in the form of their book work.



**Science:** 711 have been studying Classification and Cells. During the practical examination in week 8 they demonstrated their ability to focus a microscope, draw specimens and use a key to identify unknown chemicals. 811 have been studying human growth and reproduction...very interesting! 911 have been studying Plate Tectonics in Science. In AVID we have been working on resumes and cover letters in preparation for mock interviews.



**English:** 711 AVID English has been making great use of the new lawn space on campus. The students have spent a few fine days in their drama groups giving voice to characters and bringing stage directions to life. 811: Who knew Little Red Riding Hood is actually a teenager lost in the city? That Cinderella is less than perfect? That Goldilocks is just very annoying? Students have considered all of these angles and have created DVD covers for twisted fairy tales as part of their term assessment whilst year 9 are studying TED talks and beginning to create their own.

**HSIE:** Years 7, 8 & 9 are all beginning new topics; Year 7 will be studying Ancient Egypt, Year 8 will be studying Australian Colonisation whilst Year 9 will be studying World War 1.

**Tech Mandatory:** Year 7 are still working hard on their LED clocks in woodwork whilst Year 8 are creating a tie dyed pillow in textiles.

**PD/H/PE:** Years 7, 8 & 9 have all been issued with their new assessment tasks for the semester and are working very hard to submit the best results possible. Year 9 will continue through with gymnastics whilst year 7 begin their fitness testing unit and year 8 will be playing touch football and soccer.



Mr. Ford – Team 1 ATL

## **Team 1 Events Update.**

All Team One parents are invited to attend Parent Teacher Night, 17<sup>th</sup> of September

Year 8 Plate Game 11 25<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 Rookie Bowl Game 11 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Wishing all students a safe school holidays 28<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> October School resumes Monday 14<sup>th</sup>



# Team 2

TERM 3 HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY TERM FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF AT BWSC. STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING HARD ON THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT TASKS OUTLINED BELOW IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR SEMESTER 2 REPORTS. IF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS STUDENT PROGRESS AT SCHOOL, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER.

## **7.2.1 - Current Assessment Tasks:**

**Science – Practical Microscope Assessment**

**Maths – Class Work Portfolio**

**English – ‘1 pager’ on 2 weeks with the Queen**

**HSIE – Investigating the Ancient Past – Research Task**

**PE – Gymnastics**

**HEALTH – ‘Food, Glorious Food’ Recipe Research Task**



## **8.2.1 & 8.2.2 – Current Assessment Tasks:**

**Science – Student Research Project**

**Maths – Class Work Portfolio**

**English – DVD Cover on Adapted Fairy-tale**

**HSIE – Medieval Speech**

**PE – Gymnastics**

**HEALTH – Mental Health Brochure**

## **9.2.1 – Current Assessment Tasks:**

**Science – Unit Exam**

**Maths – Class Work Portfolio**

**English – T.E.D Talk on ‘When a Monster Calls’**

**HSIE – Making a Nation – Source Analysis**

**PE – Gymnastics**

**HEALTH – Body Image Analysis**



# Team 3

Students in Team 3 are ending the term strongly and working steadily on a variety of tasks, including assessments. Some noteworthy activities are 831's current Art study called *Plant Forms in Art* which will include the creation of lino print artworks. This involves designing a print inspired by natural forms which will be transferred onto a lino tile and then carved using carving chisels. They have recently finished their one pagers about printmaking artists.

In HSIE, Year 7 have been working hard researching the ancient site of Pompeii. These students have been creating presentations on the ancient site, focussing specifically on the ash bodies that were found. Both classes are doing an amazing job on this task! Finally, in English, Year 8 are completing the *Twisting the Tale* unit on appropriated fairy tales and the drama adaptation of *Frankenstein*. Year 7 are working hard on their one pagers about the play *Boy Overboard* and Year 9 are preparing to present their speeches on the novel *A Monster Calls*.



Year 8 one pagers on printmaking artists



831 studying *Frankenstein*

# Team 4

In Science, 9CAPA have just completed their unit on tectonic plates, where they have been studying for an upcoming exam. They are about to start the topic 'Material' where they will be looking at atomic structure as well as acids and bases. In Maths, they are concluding their unit on trigonometry. In English, students are completing their novel study and will soon start their assessment where they will watch a 'Ted Talk' and complete an ICT piece. In HSIE, students have been working on their assessment regarding changes in Australia over the past century and have begun their core study "Australian's at War".

Year 7 have just completed their assessment for History, where they looked at studying the ancient past. They have started the Egyptian unit, with the lovely Miss A, who is an intern from Newcastle University. In Science, Year 7 have completed their unit on cells and are starting the unit, 'Classification'. In Maths, our students have completed fractions and are starting decimals. Students have completed a test on fractions as part of completing this unit. Year 7 are concluding their novel study where they have been looking at 'Hitler's Daughter'. They will start their assessment shortly. Our Year's 7's are separated into 3 different TM classes. Woodwork, Cooking, where students are about to make blueberry muffins and electronics, where they are completing their flow charts and led night lights.

In Science, 8CAPA have just started their growth and reproduction topic. Which means the due date for their SRP is coming up. The English unit currently being completed is 'Twisting the Tale'. Maths has students completing their topic on equations. 8CAPA is separated into cooking and sewing for TM. Our sewers are completing a bag or pillow and those in cooking have made pancakes, bruschetta and burgers so far. 8CAPA are also in Art, where they have just finished their masks and French.





# Team 5

Spring has sprung, Team 5 has bee..... (n) buzzing with activity. We are very proud of our Team 5 students who have been working diligently to complete fabulous assessment tasks in various subjects. Huge congratulations to all our awesome students from 751, 752, 851 and 951 who have achieved Gold PBL level, they will enjoy a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 25 September.

752 have been working hard to complete their assessments in PDHPE, History and English. They are producing some fantastic work. Their effort is commendable!

Team 5 has been working really hard on their HSIE assessment tasks. It's really exciting to see the hard work and motivation that our team is putting in to their studies!

Please enjoy the photos below of our fantastic Team 5 students.



# Team 6

## Meet our Ag Farm Stewards

**Kaylee** and **Alex** have played an important role as Ag Farm stewards this week at school. Chosen for their leadership skills, the girls are part of a team of students who greet and introduce local kindergarten and primary school children to our wonderful Ag farm.

Kaylee said, 'Year 7 students show the children the smaller animals such as chickens. The Year 9 students show the cattle.'

For Alex who would like to help mistreated animals when she is older, the highlight of the week was 'sharing time with friends on the farm'.



## What makes for a great weekend?

*One where I don't have to worry about any assignments* **Caitlin**

*Going to the footy in Sydney and having a barbecue afterwards* **John**

*A long weekend* **Chelsea**



*Hanging out with friends all day and laughing with them* **Aimee**

*A day without responsibility* **Joseph**

*A grand final soccer weekend and also hanging with family and friends* **Bella**

*Sleeping until 1pm, eating and then watching movies* **Anna**

*Going to Sydney with friends* **Vivienne**



## Things to do every school night

*Check your timetable for the next day*

*Pack your equipment and PE gear*

*Organise your uniform*

# Team 7

Team 7 students have demonstrated an excellent commitment to learning and are continuing to build positive and respectful relationships with teachers and peers.

In addition to this, Team 7 students have completed many assessment tasks and are eagerly anticipating the results. We encourage all students to collaborate with their classroom teacher and value the feedback that is given to assist in improvement.



Team 7 students are reminded that 'hoodies' and incorrect footwear are not to be worn at school. The school jumper and appropriate black leather footwear must be worn.

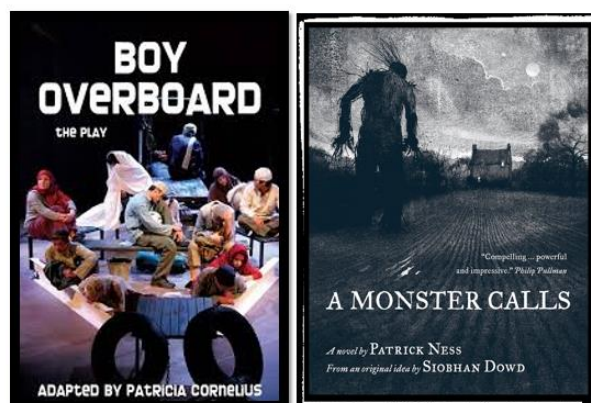
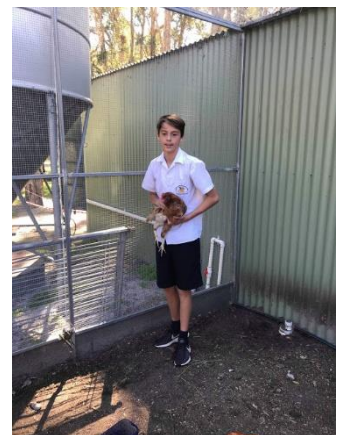
**Science:** Congratulations to 7.7.1 for completing the Cells and Classification assessment task. In this task students were required to focus a microscope, draw/label cells and solve dichotomous keys.

**Agriculture:** 7.7.1 are learning to become farmers and horticulturists in their Paddock to Plate unit in Technology Mandatory. The students are enjoying caring for the animals and preparing the soil for growing their vegetables

**English:** Year Seven are currently finalising a close study of the play *Boy Overboard*. The mature, thoughtful way in which students in 7.7.1 have approached the themes in the play has been highly impressive. The Year Seven assessment task for this term is a Visual Representation - a One Pager - and a Reflection Statement, which is due in week nine.

Year Eight are completing the 'Twisting the Tale' unit. Students in 8.7.1 and 8.7.2 have developed a deep understanding of the concepts at the core of the unit - appropriation and intertextuality. The Year Eight assessment task for this term is a Visual Representation - a DVD cover - and a Reflection Statement, which is due in week eight.

Year Nine students are undertaking a novel study. Students in 9.7.1 are studying Patrick Ness' novel *A Monster Calls*; the way in which they have engaged with the text has been outstanding. The Year Nine assessment task for this term is a presentation - a Ted Talk - which is due in week nine.







**Rewards:** Our TSP students who have been working exceptionally in the classroom and demonstrating Umina's values were rewarded with football.

Crushes are currently leading the tri-series 1-0 in the year 8 plate. The Ferrets hold a 1-0 lead in the Rookie Bowl series.





# Team 8

This time of Term 3 sees Team 8 busy with adding the final touches to their PBL projects. For parents and care givers for Year 7 and 8 students in Team 8 please keep a look out for your invitation to a very special night. Both evenings will see our amazing students showcase their achievements in Project Based Learning. We are looking forward to seeing you all on the night.



Kind Regards,

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# Library

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

What's happening in the

## BWSC LIBRARY

**TUTORIAL  
TUESDAYS**

Homework centre  
is open every  
Tuesday afternoon  
until 4pm

Term 3 continues to be a great time to celebrate reading with events such as the Australian Reading Hour on September 19, and Banned Books Week, September 22. We are also celebrating the achievement of 608 BWSC students who completed their 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Our banned and challenged book display is a great conversation starter with our students about the power of words and freedom to read. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Our collection of banned and challenged books include the Harry Potter series, Alice in Wonderland, The Giver and To Kill a Mockingbird.  
Happy reading

*Banned book display  
Banned book week Sep 22-28*



# *SRC*

## Legacy Badge Day

Students from our SRC had a very early start to support Legacy Badge Day again this year. After meeting at 5:50am, students sold assorted Legacy Badge day goods and collected donations. Our students raised over \$1400 to support this event.



# *Interact Club*



## **BWSC Interact Club**

Our Interact Club is excited to be able to support one of our Year 7 Project Based Learning initiatives, *Give Hope Help*. This project aims at providing care packages to long term patients at Gosford Hospital children's ward. Interact members will fundraise early next term to ensure that the necessary funds are available to make this project happen.

Our next meeting will occur at 8am on Wednesday May 22 (in the library), where we will discuss our local and international projects.

All students from Years 7 to 9 are most welcome to join us.





# Careers

## **Year 8**

Year 8 have had to challenge themselves in recent lessons researching odd jobs and learning the correct methods of typing. Most students found the touch typing techniques difficult to say the least, but I feel pleased that they have been exposed to the correct methods and hope that some take it on board. Learning the correct techniques of operating the keyboard will increase their typing skills dramatically. This will not only benefit them in their future careers but enable them to reduce their school workload when completing assessment tasks and the like.

## **Year 9**

Although all cover letters and resumes have been turned in, many students have failed to submit their work. Would you please remind your child to hit the 'submit' button in google classroom as work not submitted cannot be marked. Mock Interviews commence December 9th-11th. Once again, any parent who would like to join our panels are more than welcome. It is a great day for both students and panel members.

## **Work Experience**

Congratulations to Bree Skye-Pritchard who successfully gained employment after her work experience at Woy Woy McDonalds. Other students out this term include; Mia Harper-Tory who worked at the Reptile Park, Harrison McCarthy who travelled to Foster and worked at the Department of Primary Industry Fisheries, Riley Green and Dylan Hooppell who continue to work 2 days per week in pergola installation and building and Jason Taylor who had a great time at Terrigal Pet Resort.

More opportunities for work experience will come up in Term 4 and I have quite a few students who have expressed an interest in participating. Students wanting to try their skills in general maintenance and gardening will be able to attend either the Peninsula Village or Umina Caravan Park in Term 4.

## **TAFE**

Applications for the TAFE YES program are now closed. Successful applicants will be notified shortly.

Yet another busy term for Careers!

Nerrida Lewis

## OFFICE OF SPORT





# Spring School Holiday Activities

Get the kids active for the winter school holidays with one of our exciting activities on the Central Coast!

Activity / Location	Dates	Time	Cost
Archery (indoor) – Gosford	30 September or 8 October	12pm – 2pm	\$20
Gymnastics (indoor – 2-day) - Tuggerah	1-2 October or 8-9 October	12pm – 2pm	\$30
Parkour (indoor) - Tuggerah	1 October or 8 October	2pm – 4pm	\$20
Sailing – (3-day) – Gosford	2, 3 & 4 October or 9, 10 & 11 October	9:30am – 3:30pm	\$195
Surfing – (3-day – Avoca Beach	2, 3 & 4 October or 9, 10 & 11 October	3pm – 4:30pm	\$95
Surfing – (3-day) – Umina Beach	2, 3 & 4 October or 9, 10 & 11 October	10am – 11:30am	\$95
Tennis (3-day) – Gosford	1, 2 & 3 October or 8, 9 & 10 October	9am – 3pm	\$140

### Book online or call the numbers below:

 Central Coast Regional Office  
C/- Ourimbah Campus,  
Brush Road, Ourimbah 2258

 02 4348 6700 or 13 13 02

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then search by Central  
Coast Region





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