The Personal Development, Health and Physical Education department is already off to a busy start in 2013. This year we have welcomed our new member of staff, Mr Paul Abbott who has come to us from Portland Central School. Mr Abbott has had many years of experience teaching PDHPE and he will certainly add expertise in a number of areas. Ms Amanda Bergan has left our faculty for sunny West Wyalong High School and Mrs Jenny Forster has picked up a full time teaching position at our sister campus at Kelso High. Mrs Cassie Hanrahan is continuing her stint as Road Safety Consultant for the Western Region and she continues to take full of the professional opportunities that are to be found in this role.

Last Wednesday, our annual swimming carnival was very successful with a large number of the student body enjoying a great day of swimming and sunshine. Wentworth house again proved to be too strong blitzing the other houses by almost 100 points and winning the day with 297 to Evans second on 206, Blaxland on 158 and Lawson on 143.

Swimming Age Champions 2013
12 Boys – Bailey Hannaway
12 Girls – Olivia Pugh
13 Boys - Matthew Cole
13 Girls – Hannah Smith
14 Boys – Cameron Smith
14 Girls – Jenna Murphy
15 Boys – Brad Ward
15 Girls – Rosie Hogan
16 Boys – Josh Stapley
16 Girls – Meg Dawson
17 Boys – Jordan Price
17 Girls – Caitlin Davis

This week the NSW All Schools’ Triathlon Championships was held in Penrith at the International Regatta Centre. Josh Stapley in the Senior division finished a very creditable 20th overall and 9th in the CHS State Schools section. Danielle Pearson after a tough swim finished 17th overall and 7th in the CHS State Schools section and Brooke Tuynman after a tumble off the bike coming out of the transition zone rallied to finish back in the pack valiantly, something always tough to do following something like this! At the time of writing our team consisting of Danielle Pearson, Emily-Jane Woodhead and Brianna Woodhead were getting ready and will compete on Friday.
CHS knockout team selections are well underway with many of our open sporting teams working towards finalising team lists and having their first round knockout games coming up in the next few weeks. Western School Sport, WSSA, Knockout and Western Selections will be held for many sports over the next few months. It will be important for students to follow instructions for team selection trials, trainings and team information during roll call. WSSA sports coming up soon include;

- **Open Boys’ Cricket** team travel to Orange to play Canobolas High School in Rd 1 of the WSSA Cricket Knockout on **Friday 1st March**.
- **WSSA Girls’ Hockey** trials on next week, **Friday 1st March** at the Hockey Centre.
- **Western Region Swimming Carnival** on **8th March** in Dubbo, big team of 15 swimmers looking to make CHS.
- **Open boys’ and Girls’ Touch Football** will play Oberon HS in Oberon on **Monday 11th March** in round 1 of the WSSA Knockout.

Scott Matheson – previous Western Champion and Blake Arthur playing **WSSA Golf Championships** at Wentworth Golf Course on **Monday 18th March**.

**Athletics Carnival** coming up in under 4 weeks, **Tuesday 19th March**.

It will be exciting to see the Gymnasium project take shape during the year, adding a new dimension to the delivery of our subject area, all the PDHPE staff eager to see what will unfold with this fantastic facility in 2014. We are expecting a fantastic year in sport with many junior athletes filling the gaps left by Yr 12 students from last year and them becoming key members in the retaining of the Astley Cup, something not done since 1962,63,64. Also 2013 is a commemorative year being the 90th year that the Astley cup has been in existence, making it the oldest running sporting visit in NSW schools, if not Australia. All the best to our teams this year and many thanks to those parents that continue to support the PDHPE staff, School coaching staff and help in transporting students to buses in the early mornings and late nights.

Mr Darren Hamilton
HT PDHPE
News from the Principal

School Size and Staffing
It is pleasing to see that we have once again increased in size. This is a real testament to the work of the teachers and students at the school because it reflects community confidence in what we do as a learning organization. This year the school will have 940 students and the increase in staffing should allow us to continue to provide smaller classes in Year 7 English, Maths, Science, History and Geography as well as PDHPE. In addition we should be able to create a seventh year 10 class in the compulsory areas to reduce the size of the large classes that currently exist in the these subjects.

Mrs Howard and Mrs Alphonsus are currently developing a new timetable and this should be in operation within the next three weeks. The changes will necessitate some movement of Year 10 but the benefits of the smaller classes will outweigh the disruption caused by creating them. They will be very welcome to students and teachers.

Congratulations to All
We have numerous student and school successes in a very short time this year. I was very pleased with the feeling around the swimming carnival. It is not just the chance for the best swimmers to display their skills but a day that adds to the relationships that develop between students and also between students and teachers. This has a benefit that is more subtle as positive relationships are critical for learning and positive relationships forged in the informal atmosphere of a swimming carnival will transfer to the more formal atmosphere of the classroom. I would especially like to congratulate the year champions for their outstanding swimming.
Also, I would like to congratulate Emily Jane Woodhead from Year 11 who beat students from all schools in Bathurst to be awarded the CWA Scholarship worth $1000. In addition, congratulations to Melanie Arthur from Year 12 who was won the public speaking section at the Lions Youth of the Year Competition. Thank you to the CWA and Lions for supporting the young people of Bathurst.

The Gym and Performance Space
The design stage is now just about complete. The project is on time and tenders will be called shortly. The time to allow the tenders to be prepared and then decided is about 8—10 weeks. I have included some renderings of the proposed appearance of some of the new facilities.
Enrichment Opportunities for 2013

The Denison College team has a particular focus on student enrichment opportunities for Junior Students. The first college enrichment activity took place on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February with 25 students from both campuses participating in a Visual Arts Enrichment Workshop at headspace.

A combined College team drawn from students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge hosted at James Sheehan Catholic High School in Orange on Tuesday, 5\textsuperscript{th} March.

Planning is underway for the Mind Marathon hosted by East Hills Boys High School. The Denison College team performed extremely well in this activity last year and I am looking forward to similarly outstanding results in 2013. An exciting development in this year’s program is the opportunity for girls to also be involved in the expanded program.

Information about these or other College enrichment activities for junior students can be directed to Ms Bertolin (BHC) or Mr McFarlane (KHC).

Year 7 2014 Information Night

An Information Night for parents with children starting high school in 2014 will be held on Tuesday 7\textsuperscript{th} May (Week 2 next term), with sessions being run at both campuses. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone with children who are currently enrolled in Year 6 to visit the school, speak to teachers and tour the facilities at both campuses.

Additional information will be included in the next newsletter, or you can contact your nearest campus for details.

Craig Petersen
College Principal
Years 7, 8 and 9 are now well under way with Semester One and Bathurst High classes. Sporting and Cultural groups have also started for junior students and they should be aware of the school notices during roll call so they can make themselves available for each selection and trial that is open. It was pleasing to see so many junior students at the recent swimming carnival and my congratulations goes out to all competitors and those age champions. Best of luck to those students who have made themselves available to travel to Dubbo for the upcoming Western School Sport Association Regional Championships. Year 7 students will need to start returning important Camp information to school, camp medical forms and permission notes being important for the organising teachers at school and for the camp to help out with ordering food. This camp for year 7 will be one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences that the year 7 students will do during their time in years 7 to 9. Year 9 students were reminded last week by Mr Grace that their behaviour will be an important thing to monitor during the year as this will play an important part in determining the eligibility to attend the Year 9 camp to Milson Island later in the year.

The “Meet the Yr 7 teacher” afternoon in our English block on Wednesday was a successful night, allowing parents to receive information on the year 7 courses. Parents were able to ask questions and gain a stronger understanding of the content of the first semester for each subject that your child is in this year. I look forward to meeting parents at other times throughout the year and would encourage the proactive use of communication between school and home so that learning is the focus.

Bathurst High Campus is keen to support students and parents in reducing the incidence of bullying. Seeking teacher’s help in notifying us of this type of behaviour and then to have teachers follow this up with a range of measures is the key to the process of reducing this type of behaviour. The use of social media like Facebook, Kick and Twitter incur a range of social skills to use these sites successfully. Some students may not have developed these skills fully and may use these sites for more hurtful uses. I urge all parents to monitor their children’s use of Facebook and other forms of social media. It is also a timely reminder that students need to have their phones switched off and placed within their bags during class time unless teachers have specifically requested their use as an educational tool.

Most students have set a good platform for study and success, demonstrating positive class behaviour and attitudes towards their own learning as I walk around the school. It is the start of the year that is important to develop these positive attitudes. I am pleased to see students in every classroom working and trying hard! I look forward to seeing more of this continue as the year progresses.
**News from the Senior School**

**Year 12**  
Mid-course examinations commence Thursday 4th April and finish on Thursday 11th April. Students will be issued with the timetable shortly. This will also be available on the website. It is very important that students speak with me if they have any concerns about the scheduling of exams. It is expected that students attend every exam, unless they are sick and have a Drs Certificate, or have evidence of misadventure.  
Best wishes to our students as they prepare for their exams.  
Melanie Arthur represented our school in the Lion’s Youth of the Year contest recently. Congratulations to Mel who won the public speaking section of the competition.

**Year 11**  
On the 7th March, school for Year 11 students will be held at Mt Panorama. Students will undertake the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program. This program is designed to teach young drivers of the dangers and often life-long consequences of speeding. Every Yr 11 student is expected to attend. A BBQ lunch is provided.

**Year 10**  
All the best to Emma Farr and Cameron Jones who have nominated for positions on the Bathurst Youth Council. They are active members of the SRC and as a leadership group in the school, the SRC is organising shade for the area outside the canteen and are canvassing ideas for the BHC 100 Year celebrations. Student Advisers Peter Grant and Veronica Manock have asked for payment for the Yr 10 Jerseys by 12th March. The jerseys are $75. Once payment is in, the jerseys can be ordered. The Year 10 jersey then becomes part of the uniform to be worn to school each day.

Enjoy the second half of Term 1.

Gaye

Left- Emma Farr  
Right- Cameron Jones  
Gaye Dunshea  
Deputy Principal-Senior School
Schoolkids Bonus

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SRC Report

It is already shaping up to be a very productive and busy year for our SRC members. In our first meeting students nominated the local Lions Club Bushfire Appeal as a worthwhile cause for some fundraising. We collected coin donations at the swimming carnival and during roll call on Friday the 15th February. We were very proud to be able to present $237.85 at the Auction held in Keppel St on Saturday. Councillor Ian North was very happy to accept the donation from our SRC President Hailee Provest. Thank you to everyone who supported our first fundraiser of the year.

SRC members are in the process of finalising plans for shade and seating on the terrace just outside the canteen. So we will be doing some more fundraising for this project in the near future.

Right—Hailee Provest & Councillor Ian North.
"NSW School-based Adolescent Vaccination Program 2013"

Each year NSW Health with education authorities to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

In 2013, a specialised team of nurses will visit our school on four occasions to implement the program in the following way:

**20**\textsuperscript{th} March 2013- 1\textsuperscript{st} visit
Hepatitis B- Dose (All Year 7)
HPV- Dose 1 (All Year 7 and Year 9 boys only)

**22**\textsuperscript{nd} May 2013- 2\textsuperscript{nd} visit
Varicella (All Year 7)
HPV Dose 2 (Year 7 girls only)

**7**\textsuperscript{th} August 2013- 3\textsuperscript{rd} visit
Varicella (All year 7)
dTpa (All Year 7)

**23**\textsuperscript{rd} October 2013- 4\textsuperscript{th} visit
Hepatitis B Dose 2 (All of Year 7)
HPV Dose 3 (All Year 7 and Year 9 boys Only )

Consent packages have been distributed to students to bring home. Please note however that we have been alerted by the Ministry of health that a small number of Parent Information Kits which contain forms for parents to read and sign for school vaccination may be missing important information.

Please check that all information is included in the Parent Information Kits:

- parents of **Year 7 female students** should receive a pink **Year 7 Girls** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 4 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child sheets for:

  1) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (pink)
  2) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
  3) Hepatitis B envelope (green)
  4) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)

- parents of **Year 7 male students** should receive two envelopes:

  - a blue **Year 7 Boys** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 3 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child sheets for:
Vacination Program 2013 cont.....

1) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)

2) Hepatitis B envelope (green)

3) Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)

- an olive green Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet

- parents of Year 9 male students should receive an olive green Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet.

If all the information is included and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please read the Information for you and your child sheet, sign the Consent Form and return the signed Consent Form to your child’s school. If you do NOT wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the Consent Form.

If any information is missing from your Parent Information Kit, please contact your child’s school immediately and a replacement Kit will be provided.

Please complete the necessary forms and return them to the school as soon as possible. Your child can hand them to their roll call teacher, who will send them to the office.

Notices

P & C
Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday 6th March in the staffroom at 7.30pm.

Please be aware that there are NO eftpos facilities available at the canteen at this stage.
**Coming Events**

- 27th February  
  - Year 7 Meet the Teacher afternoon 4 - 6pm
- 6th March  
  - P & C AGM
- 8th March  
  - Western Region Swimming Carnival-Dubbo
- 19th March  
  - Athletics Carnival
- 29th March  
  - Good Friday
- 4th April—12th April  
  - HSC Mid Course Examinations

**Community Notices**

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BLUE MOUNTAINS MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE - PERTHVILLE
Practical Self Defence Every 2nd Sunday, Perthville Hall
◆ Simple, easy to learn self defence techniques based on Japanese Aikido and Jujutsu
◆ Improves fitness, health and coordination
◆ Develops confidence, self esteem, self discipline and focus
◆ Group training for ages 5 and up
◆ Non-aggressive and non-competitive

Conducted by experienced and qualified instructors in a fun, safe and positive learning environment.
Call 0432 701635 or email stevemagee81@gmail.com

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International Friendship Harmony Day Celebration
Live Cultural Music & Entertainment
Multicultural Finger Food
Children’s Activities
Prizes

Tickets available Bathurst Information & Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Russell Street
Adults $10  Family $20  Child Over 12yrs $5  Under 12yrs Free
Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre (BINC) would like to thank the following businesses for their support: Maalouf’s Restaurant, Tamarin Indian Tandoori Restaurant, Sushia, Vic’s Pizza House, Mitre 10, Fifty 8 George, Bernardi’s Supa IGA, Ellie’s Cafè, Chef Li Chinese Restaurant, Annie’s Old Fashioned Ice Cream Palour, Thai Buddah

Join us Saturday, 23rd March 2013
6pm - 10.00pm, Bathurst City Community Club
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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The Eglinton All-Stars Junior Netball Club
caters for girls aged 5-16 years who would like to play netball in the Bathurst Netball Association’s winter competition.
Our rego days will be held at Breakfree Financial Management, Cnr Russell & Rankin Streets, Bathurst on:

Sunday 24 February 9-11am
Monday 25 February 4-5pm
Wednesday 27 February 4-5pm

For more information and rego forms please visit our website www.eglintonallstars.com

BCCC & PCYC
present
Club 29 Neon Underage Dance Party
Thursday 28th March @ Bathurst City Community Club 29 William St, Bathurst
6-12 years from 5 pm to 7 pm Tickets $10 (soft drinks and lolly bag included)
13—18 yrs from 8pm to 11pm Tickets $20.00 (soft drinks and food included)
Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Dancers
Tickets available at the door or pre-purchase them from PCYC & BCCC
Drug & Alcohol Free event—No Passouts
Community Notices cont……..

Student Injury Insurance
Student Injury Insurance is available for purchase through P&C Federation on the 31 January 2013 through to 31 January 2014.
For more information regarding our Student Injury Product please visit our website www.pandc.org.au (click on to ‘Services’ then ‘Insurance’) where you can access the Financial Service Guide, Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording.
If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Ela Comertpay on email insurance@pandc.org.au or phone 1300 885 982.
Please contact the school office for a Student Injury Insurance application form.

Tutoring
Tutoring for Junior and Senior students with HSC tutoring specialising in English Advanced, English Extension 1 and 2, Ancient History and Drama from post HSC student with Band 5’s and 6’s in specified subjects, Ministers Award for Excellence in Student Achievement and Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year Finalist. Contact Ruby on 0413 240 126 for bookings and enquiries.

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