TAS classes across the board have made an impressive start to the school year. It is very important that all students maintain their efforts, work busily, each of you to the best of your personal ability.

Our photos showcase students working in our Trade Training Facilities. We recently enjoyed hosting a visiting group of Japanese students from Toyo High school. Our students looked after them for the day giving them a range of experiences within our faculty. I’m sure they will remember their visit fondly for many years to come.

Our Aquaculture facility is now stocked to capacity with both Brook Trout and Jade Perch, a total of approximately 2400 fish. Students hope to grow out these fish to a marketable size in 5-6 months. An interesting fact is that Jade Perch has an incredible 2483mg/100gm of omega-3 oils in the flesh. Omega-3 is essential for promoting proper nervous system and mental function, and maintaining healthy cholesterol levels. Students who are participating in our aquaculture programs develop both life and desirable work skills. Team work, problem solving, responsibility, animal care and communication.

We are continuing to extending our already diverse range of curriculum options to meet the needs of students within our local community.

Patrick Ford
HT TAS Faculty.
TAS elective fees and footwear reminder
TAS elective subject fees enable subjects to run. Please pay these fees. If help is needed please contact Mr Hastings, Mrs Stirling or Mrs Dunshea so arrangements can be made.
We require the support of Parents or Guardians to ensure students enrolled in TAS electives wear the appropriate heavy vinyl or leather upper shoes to school.
Any student not wearing the appropriate footwear will not be permitted to participate in a workshop/kitchen activities.

Stage 5 timber project. Students also do metal projects.
Harvesting vegetables from the farm garden.
Working at the aquaculture facility.
Testing water quality at the fish farm.

Mr Hastings welcoming our Japanese visitors and exchanging gifts.
Toyo students about to make lamingtons with Mrs Batchelor.
Showing visitors our aquaponics system.
Students feeding the horses.

Mrs Batchelor serving pavlova to our Japanese
Toyo High students enjoying lunch.
Toyo High Principal receiving a gift from Mr Hastings and to the right Toyo and Bathurst High students.

Left-Working in the aquaculture facility.
Right-Yr 10 working on a design task.
New Timetable
The new timetable has been created and the extra classes are running in Year 10, Year 12 Construction and Year 8 Technology. Once again this will create rooming challenges for the school. We are entitled to another demountable but demountables remove significant areas of playground and green space and this could otherwise would be available at recess and lunch so we are not going to install the extra classroom. Our rooming challenges will be resolved when the new classrooms associated with the gym and the performance center come online. In the meantime, we will continue to use spaces that are not designed to be timetabled rooms such as seminar rooms for smaller classes so that all classes have the most suitable learning space. Thank you to Mrs Howard and Mrs Newell for the many hours of work that have been done to put together this timetable in such a short space of time. Thank you also to all the teachers and head teachers for their support with the administrative tasks necessary to get the timetable in place. Our wonderful administration manager, Mrs Burgess, came in on a Sunday to make sure all the timetables had been printed off so students could receive them Monday morning.

For a school of this size to put together a completely new timetable in three weeks is quite an achievement and it demonstrates the capacity and commitment of all the staff at Bathurst High to students and their learning.

New Arrangement for Newsletter Distribution
This our first newsletter that we are distributing primarily through electronic media. Parents and students will be sent an email and text message when the newsletter is available as a pdf on our external website and our internal Millennium website. Parents who still want the newsletter to be given to their student in paper format, should contact the school office to arrange this. I am very happy to receive feedback (either positive or negative) on this initiative. Please email me at geoffrey.hastings@det.nsw.edu.au. Each e newsletter saves the school about $200.

Review of Wednesday Arrangements
We are starting a review of the early finish arrangements on a Wednesday. Initially, the review will take place internally and these results will guide questions for parents and students. I hope to have the review complete by the end of term. The review will inform the school organisation but term 2 will run the same as this term will the results are analysed and considered. P&C will be the forum for discussions with parents if any changes need to be made.

Evaluation of the Community of Bathurst High
Each year the Commonwealth government does an analysis of the make up of our community and publishes the results on the Myschool website. In 2012 the analysis shows that Bathurst High is a true comprehensive high school. Students come from all backgrounds, high socio economic to low socio economic, non English speaking, Aboriginal and so on. I am very proud to be the Principal of a comprehensive high school. Our students benefit in all sorts of ways, formal and informal. More of our students go on to university than is the average for Australian school but students are also very successful in achieving apprenticeships and work opportunities post school.

How You Can Help
From next year, the funding we receive from the state is going to be delivered in a very different way. The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) will mean that the school will be funded based on it students and the nature of the parent community. It is important that parents have their occupation and education registered as part of the family enrolment information. It is not compulsory but every piece of information will help all the students of this school as the information will attract more funding and resources.

Easter
It is many years since we have had an Easter celebration separate to the school holidays. I hope everyone has a safe 4 days and that Year 12 are studying hard in preparation for their Mid Course Exams.

Geoff Hastings
Principal
News from the College Principal’s Office

Primary Partner Transition Activities
The iLearn (KHC) and Iexplore (BHC) programs have commenced for 2013 and have been a huge hit with students and teachers alike. These are our transition programs for students who are currently in Year 6 and are anticipating enrolling at one of our campuses.
Students get the opportunity to visit the campus and participate in some secondary experiences and access some of our specialist facilities for the first time.
In the past, these activities have been supported by the Helping Hands: Transition to Year 7 grant from the NSW Government. Unfortunately, this funding is no longer available to schools.
For information about these programs, contact Mr McFarlane (KHC) or Ms Bertolin (BHC).

Enrichment Opportunities for 2013
The first college enrichment activity took place on Friday 22nd 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 participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge hosted at James Sheehan High School in Orange on Tuesday, 5th March, accompanied by Mr Stelling (BHC) and Mr Luccarda (KHC). Late in the afternoon the team was coming first, but were pipped at the post in the last event for the day and came a very pleasing third place in a field of eight.
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.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program
Approximately 140 Year 11 students from both campuses participated in the annual RYDA program at Mt Panorama on Thursday 7th March. This is an exceptional safety awareness program. My thanks to Mr Bolus (KHC) and Mr Baillie (BHC) for coordinating the activity. Thanks, as well to Rotary for providing the opportunity.

Central West HSC Seminar Day
The senior team are currently preparing the program for the annual HSC study day which will be held on Tuesday 25th June at Charles Sturt University. We are anticipating 300 students from throughout the central west will attend. Presenters will be HSC experts with experience teaching and marking the HSC. This year we are also hoping to have a significant keynote speaker to open the event. All students who are serious about maximising their HSC results must attend.

Craig Petersen
College Principal
It is great to be back at school after a few weeks of long service leave. Thank you to Darren Hamilton who relieved in my position whilst I was away. We are already more than half way through the term.

Year 7 had three fantastic days at Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Camp last week. I would like to congratulate all the students for their outstanding behaviour and participation. Thank you also to the Year 7 student advisers, Mrs Withyman and Mr Downs for all their time spent organising the camp and to the other teachers who worked many long hours over the three days.

The Year 11 Peer Support leaders are always commended on their outstanding display of leadership by the camp staff and this year was no exception.

Year 9 will go to Milson Island Camp from the 14th to 16th of August. Initial letters will go out at the start of term two to allow plenty of time to pay off the excursion before it occurs.

Most students have assignments and homework and the majority of students are able to complete these within the designated timeframe. Please talk to your child and check that they are on track to complete these tasks. If they are having difficulty with homework and assignments they should seek help from their classroom teacher. Their student adviser will also help them develop a plan to complete tasks and organise support if required.

The number of students late to school is continuing to improve. Students are reminded that if they are late to school they should bring a note explaining their reason for lateness. If they arrive during roll call they must attend the late roll call. If they arrive after roll call finishes they must see the Deputy Principal to sign in. These students will be given a detention if they do not have a note explaining their lateness.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Middle School
News from the Senior School

Congratulations to:

Emma Farr and Cameron Jones (Yr 10) for gaining positions on the Bathurst Youth Council. They will be active members working as a voice for young people in Bathurst.

Ebin Kunnumel on gaining a school based traineeship. We support a range of options for students for completing their HSC. School based traineeships guarantee employment as the student undertakes their HSC studies as well as a National Qualification.

Students in Year 11 who attended RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness at Mt Panorama last week. Our students were excellent representatives of BHC.

Attendance

A reminder that it is essential to account for every absence you child might have. Please provide a note or ring the office to explain absences. Senior students who have frequent absences jeopardise their ability to complete specific courses and put their Preliminary and HSC at risk.

Uniform

Leggings/tights are NOT part of our uniform. Students are expected to wear the uniform track pants, shorts or skirt. Students will be asked to change if they wear leggings or tights to school.

Welcome

We have welcomed a number of new students to our school this week. It is great to see them settling into the routines and making new friends.

Gaye Dunshea
Deputy Principal-Senior School
On March 13th-15th year 7 attended Lake Burrendong for their year 7 camp. A total of 164 students including year 11 peer support leaders, and 8 Bathurst High Campus staff went along for 3 days of fun, sun and peer interaction. Students represented Bathurst High Campus well and participated in a range of activities including kayaking, archery, rock climbing, mountain bike riding, canoeing, grass skiing, raft building and orienteering.

Here are a few words from some of our year 7 students about their experiences at camp:

**Joshua McIntosh**: “I had fun, it was really exciting and there were new activities that I hadn’t tried before.”

**Zarlia Griffiths**: “I had fun going canoeing but it wasn’t fun capsizing”!

**Shania Hammond-Brennan**: “Grass skiing was fun but very scary”.

**Jackson Duff**: “I thought it was great to have a chance to get to know your friends and peers better, while participating in a range of fun activities”.

The year 11 peer support students did a great job supporting and encouraging the year 7 students during the 3 days of camp. They demonstrated excellent leadership skills and initiation running night time activities and peer support activities during the day. The year 7 students bonded well with the year 11 students and would turn to them for help and advice when they needed it. A huge thankyou to all the teachers involved in the camp. They gave up time away from their lives to provide this experience to the students. Peter and I were very happy with the success of the camp and very proud of our year 7 students. We have had a huge amount of positive feedback from parents, students and staff regarding the experiences we all gained whilst camping at Lake Burrendong.
Music News from the Senior School

Congratulations to Swing Factor's Danika Smith in Year 10 who has been offered the Second Tenor Saxophone position in the Jazz Workshop Australia National Jazz Orchestra. She has been selected as one of twenty of the most promising young Jazz musicians in Australia between 14 and 19 years of age and at 15 she is one of the youngest. The band will rehearse in Sydney throughout this year before flying out on a tour to New York and Barbados in January 2014. Former Swing Factor member James Sewell, who graduated from Bathurst High Campus last year will be joining Danika on the tour playing Alto Saxophone.

Congratulations also to Danika (this time on Baritone saxophone) and fellow Swing Factor members, Saxon Nichols (Alto Saxophone) Year 10, and Cameron Smith (Trumpet) Year 8, who have been invited to join the NSW Schools Festival Honour Big Band. They have been selected as some of the top players from the Jazz bands who participated in the NSW Band Festival in 2011. This will be the second year in a row that Danika and Cameron have performed with the Honour Band.

Our three Jazz bands Swing Factor, Chill Factor and Serious Fun, have been invited to perform at the first ever Big Band Bash Festival to be held on the 1st of June in Port Macquarie. Each band has been invited to perform a 45 minute set at the Festival and to participate in New Orleans style street parade. The NSW Honour band will also be performing at the Festival.

Swing Factor has also been invited back to the Caloundra Music Festival in October this year. Last years performance was one of the high points of the year with band playing support to the Cat Empire, John Butler and the Living End.

There will definitely be some busy but exciting times ahead for our Nationally regarded Jazz musicians and bands.

Andrew Smith

Retail Work Placement

Thank you to the employers that have recently hosted year 12 Retail students - Coles supermarket, Westpoint IGA and Inspirations.
The work they do with our students is much appreciated and very beneficial to the skill development of our students.
If any other employers would like to host any of our students could they please contact me.

Sharon Mendes
VET Coordinator
HSIE Teacher
**iExplore**

Over the last 3 weeks, students have visited Bathurst High for the iexplore program to assist in them transitioning to the High School next year. Students have come from Bathurst Public, West Bathurst Public and from Eglinton Public. There have also been some students here from Meadow Flat, Rockley public schools as well as from Cathedral, Holy Family, Assumption Catholic Schools.

Students participated in classes in Science with Mr Stelling and Miss Cebokli, Japanese with Ms Magill and Mrs Wolfe and Creative writing with Ms Carter. They all had a great day and all students represented their schools very well and participated fully in the activities.

Welcome from the Maths staff for 2013
Year 7 have settled very well into a routine and are working hard.
Year 11 have assessment tasks on Wks 7 and 8. Start revising!
HSC Mid Course starts 8 April
For study tips refer to Study Guide booklet received in Year Assembly. Listen to your teacher’s ideas and jot them down. The Board of Studies website also has some.
There will be a new timetable because of our Year 10 numbers. This means class reshuffling.
Thank you for your patience

**Choc Challenge**
Four friends who live in different parts of town plan to meet at a footy match. They all leave at the same time, using different methods of transport.
Jim lives 9.25 km away and travels by bus which has a speed of 15km/h
Jack lives 18.75 km away and uses his car which has an average speed of 30km/h.
Fred lives 6.5 km away and cycles on his bike at 10 km/h.
Steve lives 2.5 km away and walks at 4km/h.
Who arrives first?
Submit your answers with working to Mrs Krajcer in the Maths staffroom and correct answer wins!
Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is an event organised in several locations around NSW by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with local Rotary clubs. The event was hosted by James Sheahan Catholic College, Orange.

Bathurst High Campus joined with Kelso High Campus to participate as Denison College for this event targeted at Stage 5 students.

The event is designed to challenge students to solve problems within a narrow set of parameters set by organisers. The challenges involved students using equipment not generally found in schools. This gave students an opportunity to utilise new and specialised equipment, use their learning and understanding from school studies and to work cooperatively and creatively as a team.

There were eight activities for each school to complete on the day. Activities were varied and included designing a Mars rover, building a hovercraft, building a catapult, setting up a scale model of an electrical transmission grid, building a tower to withstand an earthquake, building an air powered car, building a bridge and building a working satellite dish.

Denison College won the electrical transmission grid activity by a considerable margin and finished a very creditable overall 3rd on the day. The day was a great experience and we hope to participate again next year.

Aiden Stelling
Science Teacher
Cricket Records Smashed

Bathurst High have scored an impressive win over Canobolas High in the first round of the Alan Davidson Shield. Batting first, Bathurst High reached a huge total of 3 for 387 runs off 40 overs. After a search through the archives this would appear to be a new record total. An impressive batting display included Tyler Horton smashing 76 runs off less than 35 balls and Kyle Aubin scoring a fine captain’s knock of 104 retired not out. However, the highlight of the innings was Ryan Peacock (Year 8) scoring a memorable century on debut for Bathurst High Campus. Ryan finished with 104 not out in an impressive innings that displayed his outstanding technique and ability to play a wide variety of scoring shots. Again, this would appear to be a new record at BHC with such a young student making a century on debut in an Open competition.

Our bowlers are also to be commended as Canobolas were dismissed for 94 runs in their innings. Michael Tobin showed impressive speed and bounce and finished with 3 wickets for 8 runs off 5 overs. Our other opening bowler, Trent Baker bowled with speed and accuracy and finished with 1 wicket for 3 runs off 3 overs. A range of bowlers were used with other wickets going to Josh Sargent (3), Jarrod Edwards (1) and Mitch Rooke (2). Our wicketkeeper, Scott Matheson also did a very tidy job behind the stumps, particularly keeping to our opening bowlers, who bowled with a great mix of speed and swing.

Our next match is against Orange High School to be held in Bathurst.
## Creative Arts Extra Curricular Rehearsal Times

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This will be updated to include Drama production rehearsals as soon as they have been finalised.
"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:

22nd May 2013- 2nd visit Varicella (All Year 7)
HPV Dose 2 (Year 7 girls only)

7th August 2013- 3rd visit
Varicella (All year 7)
dTpa (All Year 7)

23rd October 2013- 4th 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.

**Coming Events**

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**Notices**

**P & C**
Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.
Next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday 3rd April in the staffroom at 7.30pm.
Hope to see you there.

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

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**Community Notices**

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