Denison College Junior School Report 2014

Many exciting cross-campus, cross-curricular projects have taken place in the Bathurst High Campus Junior School throughout 2014. From transition to Stage 5 engagement programs and Gifted and Talented education, taking on the role of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Junior Studies has been a rewarding experience in developing opportunities for staff and students to work collaboratively across both campuses of Denison College.

College Enrichment in Action
Throughout 2014 we were constantly looking for enrichment opportunities that gave our students new experiences beyond the classroom, as well as giving them a forum to work with other students and teachers from across the college.

Students were selected based on interest, talent or a combination of both, from Years 7 to 10, expanding and developing their skills and knowledge in a range of Key Learning Areas including: Creative Writing, Debating, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

J.C. Burke Comes to Denison College
After attending the HSC Seminar Day at CSU, we were lucky enough to have author J.C. Burke spend a day running writing workshops with students in Years 7-10 from both Bathurst and Kelso High campuses at the Kelso High Campus Library on Wednesday 18th June.

J.C. Burke has published a number of acclaimed books for teenagers and young adults including Pretty Girl, Pig Boy, Faking Sweet and The Story of Tom Brennan which won the 2006 CBC Book of the Year for Older Readers and it is currently on the NSW HSC syllabus list.

The students from Bathurst and Kelso High campuses revelled in the chance to develop their writing skills under the guidance of a renowned author and focused on the strategy of ‘show don’t tell’ to convey the details of their stories. The students walked away with a few great tricks up their sleeve to continue working on their writing.

Drama Video Conference
A group of enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students tuned into a video conference with the Sydney Opera House for an interactive drama workshop on the 26th August. The students had access to professional actors from Monkey Baa Theatre Company who introduced them to the Given Circumstances, one of the fundamentals of acting. After some fun warm up activities focusing on breathing, movement and voice, the students asked themselves three key questions – Who is my character? Where is my character? and What do they want? With this in mind, they acted out various scenarios. For some students this was their first drama experience, while others added this to their repertoire. It was a fun morning for all involved and a great example of how technology can connect Denison College to experts and experiences.
Probus Debating
The College was lucky to receive an invitation from the Probus Club of Bathurst to put on a demonstration debate at their meeting on Wednesday 3rd September. Four Year 9 students from each campus were selected to take part – Emily Geerkens, Mark Day, Chris Peachey and Lachlan Smith from Kelso and Grace Finlayson, Gunnar Scott, Aiden Carstens and Sourin Sadrzadeh from Bathurst. The eight students gathered at Bathurst High Campus for a day of training with former Kelso High student and newly qualified teacher Rohan Faye. During the day they formed cross-campus teams and worked on developing their debating techniques. The following day at Bathurst Panthers Club the students debated a thought-provoking topic: Should voluntary euthanasia be legalised? Both sides spoke confidently, presenting strong arguments but the affirmative were declared the winners. The debate was very well-received by the Probus Club members and the debaters were impeccable ambassadors for Denison College.

Kids Teaching Kids
Throughout Terms 2 and 3 Students from 7D have been involved in the Denison College, Kids Teaching Kids Enrichment program, a cross-campus, project-based learning initiative that required students to choose a topic, research it thoroughly and develop a workshop to teach other students about environmental concerns, in particular issues based around sustainable agriculture.

The 60 students spent a number of full and half days working together looking at the different ways people learn, while developing and practicing their workshops at Bathurst High, Kelso High and at the off campus Agricultural Farm, thank you to Mr Matus. The culmination of this project resulted in the workshop showcase day held at Bathurst High Campus Gym on 25th August. All eight groups were required to present their workshop to teachers, parents and to each other and were critiqued on both their information and presentation quality. The students covered topics including water sustainability, hydroponics, aquaculture and paddock to plate, using science experiments, theatrical performances, songs, comedy and sporting activities to teach each other.

From this showcase day two groups consisting of 16 students were selected to represent our school at the Kids Teaching Kids Regional Secondary Schools Conference at Henry Lawson High School in Grenfell on 10th September, the students represented the school with confidence and clarity and I was incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the day.

As a rehearsal for this event the students selected also took their workshops on a tour to our feeder primary schools; Eglinton, West Bathurst and Bathurst Public to present their workshops to the Year 5 and 6 students who were studying environmental issues. The teachers and students were very excited to see the Year 7’s back and while they were highly entertained by and engaged in the workshops, they also used the opportunity to ask the Year 7 students about what high school life was all about. An enjoyable day was had by all involved and was an exciting edition to our transition program.

Well done to all of the students involved in the program.
**College Programs Continued**

**Iexplore**  
The Iexplore Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program continued to run successfully throughout 2014. Students from our feeder schools came to Bathurst High Campus one day per term to participate in a range of classes, workshops and activities to better prepare them for high school life. Classes that ran in 2014 included Science, Visual Arts, Food Technology, Geography, History, Creative Writing, Japanese, PDHPE and Agriculture. In addition specialist whole day workshops also ran for talented students in the areas of Dance, Drama, Band and Choir.

The Year 5 Science Enrichment program continued this year to provide enrichment and extension for gifted students in our primary schools. Classes took place Wednesday afternoons on a fortnightly basis from Term 1 until the end of Term 3 and were taught by Miss Lisa Cebokli. The focus for this group was on problem solving and higher order thinking skills. It culminated in a bicarbonate rocket competition for the students to show their family and friends the work they were involved in through the program.

An addition to the Year 5 Iexplore Enrichment Program in 2014 was a Drama program that was introduced for gifted students within the areas of Creative Arts. This program began at the start of Term 2 and continued until the end of Term 3. The students involved applied to be a part of this program and expressed their interest in the forms of Drama they wanted to explore in the application process. Elements of Improvisation, Movement, Clowning and Melodrama were covered in the workshop sessions and these styles were combined in the student’s own adaption of Alice in Wonderland, in which they performed to their family and friends during the final lesson of the program.
College Programs Continued…….

School Within a School
The School within a School alternative Stage 5 Program continued successfully in 2014 with a new cohort of students. This Denison College initiative provides a varied curriculum for Year 10 students who may be disengaged with the regular curriculum or those who have had a poor attendance record. The small group of students from both campuses involved in the program have had the opportunity to finish Year 10, while gaining some highly valuable qualifications along the way. The program of study for 2014 has included studies in Hospitality, Workplace Communications, Retail and Business Services and includes work placement and a mock interview process. The students have been taught by a number of staff from TAFE, have worked with Caroline Murphy and Kathleen Jones from Industry Links and were also taught by Maresha Downey throughout the year for Literacy, Numeracy and Healthy Lifestyle Skills. They have been supported by Headspace and youth connections and have had many experts come to talk to them about career planning.

The students enrolled in SWAS this year who successfully completed the program include; Raymond Brown, Caitlyn Silvester and Travis Simpson.

The TAFE Hospitality program culminated with a morning tea on the final lesson in Term 3 where the students catered for their teachers, the college staff involved with the program and their parents. Mr Peterson presented the students with their Certificate of Completion.

The SWAS final graduation is planned for the 9th December.
XSEL Virtual Selective High School
Bathurst High Campus has had a number of students involved in the xSEL Gifted and Talented Program in Years 7 to 10 in 2014. The students involved worked independently to complete the subjects of English, Mathematics and Science in their own space within the library and connect online with their teachers and class members who could be located anywhere in Western NSW. The students attend a residential camp each term in Dubbo to meet their teachers face to face and are involved in workshops and excursions during the camp that are aimed at advancing and extending their skills.

The students involved in this program include Breanna Woodhead, Sophia Pant and Jack Rudland in Year 10, Eve Currie, Abdellah Islam and Harriet McLean in Year 9, Aidan McBurney in Year 8 and Shane David Wilathqamuwa from Year 7 was also involved in the program in Terms 2 and 3 this year.

The remainder of the subjects and electives that these students study take place here at Bathurst High Campus and as xSEL support person it has been fantastic to see the number of awards and teacher recommendations that these students have been receiving consistently throughout the year from both XSEL teachers and their teachers here on campus.

Congratulations on all your hard work throughout the year!

Integrated Studies
This is a subject that has been studied by all Year 7 students in 2014. One period per cycle has been spent working with Mr Grant in the library to develop digital literacy and research skills, aimed at assisting students to present assignments and assessment tasks in other subjects. The other three periods are spent with their classroom teacher looking at range of topic areas and have included; High School Life, Bullying, World travel, Inventions and Under the Sea.

The aim of this course is to develop student skills in communication, reflection writing, group and independent learning, problem-solving and cross-curricular perspectives. A project-based learning task that all students were involved in that covered all these skills is the Harmony Day Travel Exhibition that took place in the school gymnasium on Friday 5th September. Each class decided on a country or a number of countries to focus on and researched that culture. The exhibitions that were presented on the day consisted of decorations, food stalls, performances, PowerPoint presentations and Information reports regarding their chosen country to share with other students in Years 7 and 8, parents and teachers. The countries represented on the day were; France, India, Mexico, USA, Belgium, Germany, Thailand, Lebanon and China. The students and teachers viewing the exhibitions were required to vote on three categories; the best overall display, the most informative and the most entertaining. The three winning countries/classes were rewarded with a pizza party on the last day of Term 3 and they were France, Thailand and Mexico. Overall the exhibition was a huge success.

The students enjoyed the morning and learnt much about different cultures in the process.
The students in Year 7 were also given the opportunity as part of the Integrated Studies course to attend an excursion in Term 4 to Sydney to the Powerhouse Museum to look at Inventions and to the Aquarium as part of the topic Under the Sea. There was a huge number of students interested in attending this trip and it sold out in a matter of days.

**Overall 2014—a varied and exciting year full of activities in the Junior School. Well done to all students on their involvement and achievement!**

**Miss Cassandra Burt**  
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Junior Studies (Rel).

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**Denison College Senior School Report**

The shared curriculum between the two campuses of Denison College again proved invaluable for students with a specific interest in a subject that clashed with another subject on the timetable or was only offered on one campus due to small numbers. Success in the shared courses is shown by the number of students from both campuses who were awarded first in these courses.

**First in Course for KHC students studying a shared course at BHC 2014**

*HSC*
- Georgina Meyers – Dance
- Mariah Northey – Photography, Video and Digital Imaging
- Gabrielle Bolt – Entertainment Industry

*Preliminary HSC*
- Brook Inwood – Food Technology
- Curtis Branagan – Primary Industries

**First in Course for BHC students studying a shared course at KHC 2014**

*HSC*
- Jacob Rankine - Primary Industries
- Keegan Jacobsen - Modern History

**Central West HSC Seminar Day**

On the 17th June, students from both the Bathurst High and Kelso High campuses of Denison College joined students from ten other Central West high schools participating in a day of revision for their upcoming HSC exams.

Students were particularly engaged by Peter Skrzynecki’s Lecture, who is an Australian Poet studied in the HSC Standard English Course. Students were impressed to be able to meet the poet and ask him questions in relation to his many works.

Jane Sherlock an experienced, enthusiastic and passionate public education speaker and ex-Head Teacher English, also gave presentations on four aspects of the English course.

Excellent presentations were also given by Bathurst High teachers Janine Browning (General Maths), Jacqui Hood (PDHPE), Catherine Reid (Dance), Mike Hogan (Chemistry), Peter Grace (Ancient History) and Cassandra Burt (Drama). Students also had the opportunity to go to lectures in a wide range of other subject areas.

A special thank you should go to Wendy Murphy from Kelso High for her excellent coordination of the Seminar for all the Central Western schools.
High Achiever’s 2013 Reception

This function took place at Charles Sturt University on the 5th February 2014.

The 2013 High Achieving students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were presented to special guests Ms Carole McDiarmid, Western Region Education Director, Mr Peter Harvey, School Education Director for Bathurst and Mr Colin Sharp, Head of Bathurst Campus, CSU. Mr Craig Peterson, Denison College Principal also presented awards and assisted the students from BHC and KHC who provided musical items during the supper.

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Miss Catherine Reid
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning (rel.)
Senior School
News from the Principal

Presentation Night
What a wonderful evening this was. Celebrating the achievements of our students is always a highlight for any Principal and the evening was well attended by parents, grandparents, carers, relatives and friends. Congratulations to all the award recipients and my thanks to Mrs Browning for her wonderful organisation.

Commendation Ceremonies
As I complete this newsletter it is nearly time for the first of our Commendation Ceremonies. Congratulations to all our students. I hope that your results reflect your hopes and expectations. Usually it is not by luck that students come out of these ceremonies pleased with their performance but rather, it is the result of hard work and persistence mixed with moments of inspiration. For any that are disappointed, I hope you use it as an incentive to do better next year.

Staff Changes
At the moment we have all positions covered for the start of 2015. A panel is currently sitting to select our new Head Teacher English and this person will be in place for the start of next year. Of course, movement of teachers can happen in the holidays but it is looking good at the moment. I hope I don’t regret putting that in writing with unexpected events occurring.

Youth Worker
Our secular Youth Worker, Lucy Spora, finishes this year. She is employed by the school and headspace under the old federal government chaplaincy and youth worker program. Unfortunately, the current federal government has ruled that schools cannot employ a secular youth worker under their funding arrangements. This decision is very disappointing and the P&C agree with me that a chaplain type position does not fit with the ethos of this public school. Fortunately, we have been able to join together with Kelso High and headspace to use other funds to employ Lucy for 2015. She is an invaluable part of our school’s welfare and support structure. I look forward to her continuing with us next year, even if it is under a slightly different funding regime.

Deputy Principals
Every three years we change the position role statements of the Deputies at Bathurst High. This gives them a chance to have a full range of leadership experiences. Next year the Deputy Middle School and Deputy Senior school will swap positions. Mrs Stirling will be the Deputy Senior School from 2015. Mrs Dunshea is taking a well earned 12 month sabbatical in 2015. I would like to thank her for her outstanding leadership in the senior years of the school over the last three years. I would like to wish her a very restful and enjoyable break. I know that we will see her around the school from time to time.

Mrs Scott will be the relieving Deputy Principal Middle School for 2015 after a whole of college merit selection process.

Xmas Break
Finally, a traditional thank you to all the different members of the Bathurst High Community. Students, teachers and all our parents and carers, have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and enjoyable new year. I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2015.

Geoff Hastings
Principal
December 2014

School Within a School
In the last newsletter, I reported on our planning for SWAS for 2015. Unfortunately, this highly-successful, award-winning program is in jeopardy due to a number of constraints beyond our control. At this stage there are a number of key components of this program that we will be unable to deliver and it is likely that a modified program will need to run.
Inquiries regarding SWAS can be directed to the Project Officer, Mr Behan (KHC), or the Head Teachers Junior Studies, Ms Townend (KHC) or Ms Burt (BHC).

Farewell Mr Peasley!
After four years at the helm of Kelso High Campus, and an impressive career in Public Schools, I would like to wish Mr Peasley (Principal, Kelso High Campus) all the best for a long and happy retirement. Keith has provided outstanding leadership over an extended period and in a range of contexts. He is widely regarded as a true gentleman and is respected for his calm, considered and professional approach. It has been an absolute pleasure working with him as part of the Denison College Management Group.

Merry Christmas
Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff, teaching and non-teaching, over the last year. Denison College of Secondary Education continues to grow into a fine establishment which is focused on excellence whilst providing outstanding support for our students across both the Bathurst and Kelso High Campuses.
I wish all of our staff, students, families and community supporters a very happy Christmas and a most joyous new year.

Craig Petersen
College Principal
A Message from the Deputy Principal Middle School

This is my last newsletter article as DP of the Middle School. I would like to start by congratulating Beth McArthur who has been selected in the 2015 Western Region Academy of Sport Netball squad. I am sure Beth will benefit from the extra support and training she will receive as part of this squad. Our Astley Cup team should also benefit!

I have read many reports over the past two weeks and it is very heartening to read about the achievements of so many of our students across all their varied subjects. I look forward to the Commendation Assemblies later in the week when our students are rewarded for their commitment and achievements throughout the second semester. Many of our students do their very best every day and thoroughly deserve the recognition that they will receive.

We had a very successful Year 7, 2015 Orientation Day last week and 150 happy Year 6 students had their last day at Bathurst High before they leave their Primary Schools and come here full time. They were all very excited and I am sure they are looking forward to the 28th January next year when they start their six years of High School.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Middle School
News from the Senior School

Congratulations to our senior students who have been selected by the Western Region Academy of Sport. This program aims to identify, develop and provide support for talented young sports people.

Alora Dickson (right) Indoor Cricket
Josh Stapley (far right) Triathlon

HSC Results
We are looking forward to hearing from our HSC students on Wednesday 17th December. Students are asked to come and share their news with us and enjoy a breakfast BBQ cooked by Rocky. This commences at 8.30am. Mr Crawford will also be available to give advice and assist students.

Year 11
Year 11 students have now completed the first term of their HSC Course. We have established the Loving Learning program to further assist students with their work. Initially, this program will run for periods 1, 2 and 3 every Wednesday. Students are encouraged to come to school and work with the teacher to complete tasks, plan study timetables, redeem N Determination work and in general, keep on top of their work. Students can request to be in this group, teachers can nominate students and the DP Senior School, Mrs Jenny Stirling will also place students in this program.

Loving Learning is just one program operating in the Senior School from 2015 to support, encourage and lead our students to improved results. Early in the year, information will be provided about senior mentoring from Mrs Sandra Chapman, the College Head Teacher Senior Studies.

Thank you to Ms Catherine Reid who has worked wonderfully in the College Head Teacher Senior Studies role this year. Her work with the Board of Studies, senior students and College executive has been outstanding.

Presentation Night
What a great evening recognising our great student achievers. I have included some of the ‘happy snaps’ I took on the night of some of our senior students.

Year 10
It has been great to hear the very positive feedback from employers about our Year 10 students currently on work experience. Congratulations to our students who are representing us so well. We are all very excited about the Year 10 dinner on the 10th December and the Commendation Ceremony on the 11th December.

Deputy Principal News
It’s been a pleasure working as Deputy Principal of the Senior School for the last three years. The Deputy Principals change roles every three years, so from the start of next year Mrs Stirling will be the Deputy for Senior students and Mrs Scott will be the Deputy Principal for the Middle School (Years 7,8 and 9), relieving in my position as I will be on leave.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer holiday and Christmas,
Presentation Night snaps
On Tuesday night, 2nd December, Bathurst High Campus celebrated the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of students for 2014 at the Annual Presentation Night.

The new School Captains, Breezy Jacobson and Ricky Daymond welcomed our distinguished guests, parents, staff, friends and carers. Breezy and Ricky were joined by the new Vice Captains Emma Siejka, Mackinlay Tikoft, Blake Arthur and Shaun David Wilathgamuwa. The six leaders need to be congratulated on the excellent way they conducted themselves as MC’s

The recipients were:

**Year 7**
Maeve Beuzeville, Jacob Bicanic, Emma Bond, Charlie Campbell, Sienna Cheevers, Max Currie, Sam Denmead, Quincy Dennis, Saskia Dorsman, Callum Goldfinch, Jack Hogan, Charlton Lew, Emily Lindsay, Tatjana Malicanin, Sophie McCauley, Hannah McNarey, Mia McPherson, Lydia Nichols, Ben Roffe, Olivia Ryan, Grace Thomas, Jemima Warne.

**Year 8**

**Year 9**
McKenzie Barwick, Kimberley Campbell, Keianne Cochrane, Eve Currie, Scarlett Elliott, Grace Finlayson, Zoe Graham, Abdellah Islam, Melenaite Langi, Paul Lautaru, Thomas Lindsay, Edward Liu, Brenna Nichols, Sourin Sadrzadeh, Ben Tullier, Jacob Zammitt.

**Year 10**
Georgia Browett, Thomas Brunton, Stephen Chapman, Sjaani Dennis, James Eggins, James Gordon, Aidan Kilburn, Kieran Lindsay, Sophia Pant, Isaiah Radburn, Jake Rosser, Sophie Ryan, Annabel Tremain, Emma Warburton, Brianna Woodhead.

**Year 11**

**The 2013 Dux - Anne Murray**

**The Excellence in Academic Achievement Recipients** were:
Breezy Jacobson, Samantha Leckie, Bradley Stratton, Stephen Chapman, Brianna Woodhead, Sophia Pant, Sourin Sadrzadeh, Edward Liu, Brenna Nichols, Jake Sheader, Kristen Mitchell, Aiden McBurney, Marcus Dege, Saskia Dorsman, Carlton Lew and Maeve Beuzeville. These students came in the Top 3 of their Year, based on an average of Semester 1 and 2. There was a tie in Year 8.
College Programs Continued…….

Eager recipients

Chill Factor warming up

Jake Sheader receives his Academic Excellence award from Mayor, Gary Rush

Mrs Browning with Olivia Ryan and Jemima Warne.

Mrs Withyman with Olivia Pugh.

Presentation?
Luna Park Excursion

The 2015 HSC Business Studies class and Year 10 Commerce class ventured to Sydney Friday 28th November to learn about Luna Park as a Business. The students got to sit through a presentation on the business aspects of Luna Park Sydney which had a focus on the topic, marketing.
In the HSC exam students are required to refer to case studies of business and Luna Park will provide them an example of a case study.
The day was topped off with the students being able to take part in the many things that Luna Park has to offer especially the rides.
For many it was an experience that they will remember from the train ride to Sydney, learning about quiet carriages, the talk and rides and the look at businesses located in and around central station.
Thank you to the students who attended and behaved so well throughout the long day.

Sharon Mendes
VET Coordinator
Presentation Night 2014 cont.....

Congratulations to all our Award Recipients.
Several new awards were included this year: the Julia Strang Photography Award and the Iiyama Sister School Award for Excellence in Japanese. A traditional award that had been dropped several years ago was reinstated, the Madam Nutter Memorial Award for Excellence in Languages. Madam Margaret Nutter was our original Languages teacher specialising in French. She taught here for over two decades from the time of World War 1 to the 1930s. Madam Nutter has been described in the 100 Year Commemorative Burr as one of the most notable teachers in the long history of Bathurst High. The award in her honour, was created decades ago to celebrate her contribution to the school.

The Academic Achievement Awards are awarded to the students with an outstanding A level across all subjects for the entire year.

The audience was entertained by Chill Factor led by Mr Andrew Smith and ex student Brent Dickson, and a wonderful performance by BHC Vocal Group led by Ms Veronica Manock.

An audio visual presentation of the highlights of 2014 was shown, which was compiled by Ms Aleeah Maffesoni and Year 9 Photography students, Savanah Graham and Mikala Graham.

Bathurst High Campus would like to thank the Leadership Team members for their assistance during the day and those who helped with ushering, entertainment and supper.

2014 Academic Excellence Award recipients
Year 9 camp

Year 9 students light writing with glow sticks and a long exposure camera shot. Awesome!

Teachers report:

This year’s camp to Milson Island was once again a highly successful and fun activity. We were very pleased with the overall responsibility and have-a-go attitude of all students involved. It was both a privilege and a pleasure to take such a nice group of students and see so many students enjoy time with other students from outside of their normal peer groups. We were also very impressed by the number of students both watching and playing Giant Chess (and playing very well, as teacher Nathan Kenny found out when he only narrowly beat Edmond Grey in front of a captivated audience). If this was anything to go by Chess is definitely making a comeback!

Well done to all Year 9 Students who attended!

-Beatrice Merriman and Aiden Stelling
Year 9 Advisors

Teachers Ms Merriman, Ms Burt, Mr Kenny and Mr Stelling
Students report:
Year 9 camp was such an amazing experience. We did a variety of activities including high ropes, vertical challenge, giant swing, kayaking, pool games and archery. We also had night games where we would all meet at the hall and play lots of different games, which had everyone interacting with people they don’t usually talk to. That’s what I loved the most about camp, talking to new people and making lots of new friends. We also went on a ghost tour where we walked around the old asylum, got to see the nurse quarters and were told many scary stories which had us jumping. While walking back to camp after the ghost tour we gathered lots of sticks to make a bonfire. It was so relaxing and great to be around. We cooked damper and did a pass the parcel. The prizes in the parcel were sparklers and other little things.

The food was amazingly good, we all had set jobs to do for the 3 days of camp which meant some of us had to get up a little earlier to help set up. Camp was just great, I really miss it and wish I could go back. I really suggest going on this camp if you get the opportunity because it was amazing.

By Keianne Cochrane and McCoy White
Year 9 camp cont.....

Above-Tyson (Hood) Mendham in action

Below-Sun safe and hydrated with Jared Sack
Year 9 camp cont.....
Almost "T-Bone Time" With Dallas O’Keeffe, Tyson Mendham, Alana Sack and Jamie Varman
Year 9 camp cont.....

BATHURST HIGH’S EBOOK LENDING PLATFORM IS HERE!
Go to: http://bhc.wheelers.co/ to register for borrowing.
This annual event between Kelso and Bathurst High in Boys and Girls Hockey has had Kelso the dominant school winning every encounter bar one, in the last 20 years. Our strong boys team having made the State CHS Finals and with the girls playing well throughout both Astley Cup rounds it meant we were going into the games well prepared. The boys won 7-2 with several goals disallowed. Scorers were Captain Riley Hanrahan with 2, Isaac Darlington – 2, and 1 each to Justin Mellor, Kieran Lindsay and Jaidyn Hunt.

The Girls lost to Kelso HC team which contained State and National players 4-0, a scoreline which everyone was not expecting considering not having any reserves on such a warm day. Captain Alana Webber, Emma Siejka and Kate Hamer were fantastic in the field as was McKenzee Newton in goalie gear on a very warm day. The final score of 7 – 6 meant that Kelso HC had lost the Kel Cooke Shield for the second time in over 20 years.

Well done to all players and parents for making the trip to support and transport players.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for WRAS – Western Region Academy of Sport for talented athletes for 2015 squads.

Alora Dickson – Cricket (right)
Beth McArthur – Netball (centre right)
Josh Stapley – Triathlon (far right)

Recent WSSA – Western School Sport Association representatives to go to CHS State competitions early 2015 For both Boys and Girls Cricket are as follows;

Tyler Horton  Kieran Lindsay  Ryan Peacock  Alora Dickson  Emily Smith  Annabel Meadley
Luna Park Excursion cont....
Year 10 Project Based Learning

During Term 4, Year 10 was given the opportunity to participate in Project-based Learning in English. Students in Ms Murphy and Ms Magill’s “Write Across the World” class focused on creative writing. Mr Cowley’s “Motoring On” class planned a road trip around Australia or another country of their choosing. They had to plan the whole trip and possible problems encountering it. Ms Strickland’s and Ms Cloherty’s classes “Zombies in Literature” studied posters and comic strips as well as graphic novels and texts on zombies. Both classes dressed up as zombies and went on a Zombie Run through the school. “Read Around the World” focused on reading different texts from different parts around the world. Ms Merrick’s students experienced texts from different cultures from around the world. In Ms Carter’s “Find Your Academic Voice” students gained a detailed understanding of the content and analysis needed to compose a coherent, critical and sophisticated essay.
Year 9 camp cont.....
Movember

A group of male staff decided to grow their Mo’s for Movember. This is a great cause and raised awareness for men’s health. We held a Non Uniform day and also ran a barbeque to raise funds. A massive thanks to everyone who was involved and who donated. The total money raised was around $1400 and we couldn’t be happier.

Is your child eligible for Disability Provisions for the 2015 Higher School Certificate Examinations?

Does your child have a diagnosed disability, a health or physical concern that may impact on their ability to undertake their HSC exams to the best of their ability? Your child may be eligible for adjustments (provisions) to assist them. The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards has an application process which is coordinated by Melisa Crossingham our Learning and Support teacher. She is very happy to discuss this with you. Please contact Melissa by calling the front office.

**Coming Events**

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**2015**

**P & C**

Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th February 2015 in the staffroom at 7:30pm.
Hope to see you there.

**Free Maths tutorials**

Reminder that Free Maths tutorials are running at Bathurst High every week. Session starts in the Information Resource Centre (Library) at 2.50pm and continues until 5.00pm. Students may attend for as long as, and as often as they need.

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### Bathurst High School

**Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours**

**2014 - 2015**

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**THEN EVERY TUESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

Regular opening hours:

- **8.30am – 11.30am**
- **1.00pm – 4.00pm**

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Denison College of Secondary Education—Bathurst High Campus—www.bathurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Volunteer Host Families Needed

Overseas students will be arriving in February 2015 and require loving host families, just like yours! Students are arriving from countries including Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Costa Rica, and many more to stay for 5 to 11 months.

Through hosting you will gain friendships that can last a lifetime. There is no typical “AFS family”, so whether you have cattle, a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family!

For more information please call Lian Drinan on (02) 9215 0077 or visit www.afs.org.au/host to make an inquiry today!

Bathurst Buslines

29 Lyal St
Bathurst NSW 2795
Ph– 6331 2744

Please make sure Bathurst High School has your correct address and if it has changed please notify Bathurst Bus lines so that when the bulk pass print out is done the pass will find your child. The passes will be printed and posted in the second week of January 2015. If your child is entering Year 7 2015, you will be required to complete a new blue application form.
Community Notices cont.....

Make Your Debut

at
Bathurst Bicentenary Highland Society

Debutante Ball

Saturday 16th May 2015
at Bathurst Panthers

For further enquiries contact
Elizabeth Evans on 6334 4970 or
Marion Pearce at pearcemr@tisp.com.au

All proceeds go to local charity
Community Notices

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT IN ORANGE

WHERE:   St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall
          Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets
          East Orange

WHEN:   Thursday 22nd January 2015

TIME:   9:45 am to 3:30pm

ENTRY FEE:   $10   [$5 for additional family member]

PRIZES:   Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
           in Under 18 and Under 12

REGISTER BY:   20th January 2015 latest
               by contacting one of the following
               Junior Chess Coordinators:
               1. Alexander Aich   Ph 6884 4561
                  alexander.aich@gmail.com
               2. Joe Cummins      Ph 6362 6882
                  heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au

WHAT TO BRING:   Your own lunch   [soft drinks and bottled water for sale]

You don’t have to be good, this is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don’t worry if you have never played with clocks. You’ll be told how they work. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Chess the clever sport
Knowing what to do in an emergency could save a life!

What would **YOU** do if your **CHILD** had a seizure?
What would your **CHILD** do if **YOU** had a seizure?

**FAMILY FIRST AID FUN**

In January 2015, St John Ambulance Bathurst is opening up their classes to a family friendly atmosphere to allow you - Mum, Dad, Guardian or Grandparent – to learn First Aid with your child or Grandchild. Come and learn a skill for life!

**WHAT’S INVOLVED AND HOW TO ENROL**

1. Contact the Bathurst office on (02) 9745 8874 or pop into our office at Shop 4, 213-217 Howick St Bathurst (Opposite Clancy Motors).
2. Choose how you would like to complete the course, choose which date suits you.
3. Make your payment in full.
4. Attend your chosen course! It’s that easy!
5. Upon the successful completion of your course you will receive a Nationally recognized First Aid Certificate that is valid for 3 years.

- This course is a great course for your child if applying for jobs whilst at school or soon to be a school leaver.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSION TIMES**

**COMPLETE THE COURSE OVER 2 DAYS**
Thursday 8th of January—9am to 1pm
Friday 9th of January—9am to 1pm

**OR**

**COMPLETE THE COURSE IN JUST 1 DAY**
Wednesday 14th of January—8.30am to 4.30pm

**OR**

**ATTEND A FIRST AID AWARENESS SESSION**
Thursday 22nd of January—9am to 1pm

*NB: this session is only an awareness course, NO qualification is gained - Just great knowledge!

**COST**

- **Full Course:** Adult $120, Child $70
- **Awareness Course:** Adult $50, Child $20

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Payment must be made in full at time of booking, prior to the class. Child must be 14 years or older. Child must be a school student and accompanied by a full paying adult. Offer only valid at St John Ambulance Bathurst
- Not in conjunction with any other offer. Regular Price is normally $195.00 per person.
NETBALL CUP & CLINIC

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2015
9AM TO 12.30PM
$45 PER CHILD

PCYC NETBALL COURTS – ORANGE

For more information call mardi on 0416 112 885 OR email mardi@life-studio.com.au
Registration closes on 23/01/15 or a $5 late fee will be incurred

ALL MONEY RAISED SUPPORTS CHILDREN WITH HEART DISEASE & THEIR FAMILIES