Focus on English/Lote

Along with the rest of the school English and LOTE have had an extremely busy and productive start to the year. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new staff who are teaching English; Ms Renee Strickland, Ms Melissa Crossingham, Mr David Manion, Ms Pagean Huggett and Mr Chris Bell. We welcome back Ms Rachel Magill from maternity leave to job share with Ms Judith Murphy. We also welcome Ms Josephine Haley to job share with Mr David Cowley.

Renee Strickland completed her Diploma of Education at the University of Wollongong last year and has found herself in the Bathurst High English department. From the South Coast, Renee is enjoying the move to Bathurst, although having recently shaved her head for the World's Greatest Shave she may be a bit cold for her first Bathurst winter.

Melissa Crossingham completed a Bachelor of Education at Southern Cross University in Coffs Harbour NSW in 2009. In 2010, she moved to Cowra and taught at the local High School for three years. She then moved to Orange and worked in a range of schools before accepting the Learning Support and English teaching position at Bathurst High School. Melissa says she enjoys exploring the local area and visiting the range of sites on offer in both Bathurst and Orange.

David Manion grew up in Dubbo with both his parents in secondary education. He began his own teaching career in 2012 and he says he is very happy to be back here at Bathurst High Campus after completing a practicum with us for his degree.

Pagean Huggett was born in Lake Cargelligo and then went to school in Sydney, Orange and Albury. She graduated from Charles Sturt University in 2013 and is thrilled to be employed at Bathurst High Campus teaching English and working closely with students identified as needing literacy support.

Chris Bell grew up in the region attending school in Orange and then completed his double degree in Wagga Wagga and taught in the Riverina area. He says he is very excited to have returned to this area 18 months ago, teaching in Orange and then at Kelso Campus. Chris also says he is proud to remain a part of Denison College and for the opportunity to teach as a member of the Bathurst High Campus. He is currently teaching junior Technology and Applied Studies, senior Advanced English and Ancient History.

In week nine Miss Strickland and Miss Crossingham’s Year 11 English Studies students, as part of their assessment task, undertook mock job interviews at the Industry Links Office in Bathurst. Students were dressed in the appropriate clothing for an interview and conducted themselves in a way that represented the school with pride.
English Continued......

Each student was interviewed by a panel of two local professionals from a range of professions such as council, apprenticeship training, business management and local industry. Taking about twenty minutes for the interview to be completed, students were then given personal feedback about their interview skills and responses. The feedback we received about the students’ performance was exceptional and we were both very pleased with their maturity and professionalism in conducting themselves in a workplace environment.

The standout students of the day were Grant Jones, Maddie Lynch and Jarrod W Edwards. Congratulations!

A big thank you to Carolyn Murphy from the Industry Links Office who co-ordinated the interviews and ensured the day ran smoothly.

Students studying LOTE this year have already completed 2 assessment tasks and participated in a cultural exchange program with Toyo High students from Tokyo Japan. Students enjoyed a BBQ, visiting the AG Farm and making Lamingtons together. A very big thank you must go to Ms Veronica Mannock and the vocal group, Mr Andrew Smith and Swing Factor, and Mr Pat Ford and the TAS faculty for making the 2 days a huge success.
Unfortunate for us, but not for Lithgow High, is the appointment of Mr Brett Jeffers to HT English. He will be leaving Bathurst High at the end of term after a very successful and productive 2 years, which saw the introduction of a film club and the annual spelling bee thanks to his efforts. He also attained the position of HT Literacy last year. Mrs Renetta Wolfe will replace him in this position for the remainder of the year.

In the first 2 weeks of Term 2 Year 7 and Year 8 students will be participating in the Annual Spelling Bee competition. The Literacy team are working hard to coordinate the event and we are expecting fantastic results from students again this year. We think it is a wonderful opportunity for students to brush up on their spelling skills before NAPLAN testing and the grand finale event is always exciting to witness.
Staff Changes

We are saying farewell to some long serving staff who have made a significant impact at the school and some staff who have been here a much shorter length of time but who have still made quite an impact.

Firstly, Mr Jim Browning leaves us to become Deputy Principal at Mudgee High after many years and a few different stints at Bathurst High. Mr Browning arrived from Broken Hill in 1986. This weekend, despite the fact that he officially leaves at the end of term, he has volunteered to show a reunion of the class of 1989 around the school. He was a Year Advisor for these ex students.

Over many years, he was involved in Astley Cup, Mock Trial, Schools in Parliament and numerous other co-curricular activities. He has also been an outstanding teacher in HSIE with specialisations in Geography, Economics, Business and Legal Studies.

He left when he was appointed Head Teacher HSIE at Kelso High in 1998 but became the project manager for the establishment of Denison College in 2006. He returned to Bathurst High as relieving Deputy Senior School in 2010 and 2011 before being appointed as Head Teacher Senior Studies in 2012.

We wish him all the best in his new role.

Mr Brett Jeffers was appointed as an English teacher in 2012. He has made a significant impact in a short time starting film studies as a year 10 elective and being appointed Head Teacher Literacy Mentor as part of the national partnership funding in 2013. He has initiated many professional learning initiatives in the school in this role. He has been appointed as Head Teacher English at one of my old schools—Lithgow High. Congratulations and thank you Mr Jeffers.

Thank you also to James Hundy who has worked as a Student Learning Support Officer at the school for several years. He has been an outstanding mentor to the students in his care and many of them owe James a great deal for the way he has helped them through their classes.

Finally to Keely Ings who has been a replacement teacher in HSIE. Keely is moving to Kelso for the rest of the year. She has done a very professional job as a beginning teacher learning her trade this term and I am sorry to lose her but glad that she will still be contributing to the college.

I will be on leave for the first 5 weeks of term 2. Mrs Dunshea will be my replacement as Principal, Mrs Sheader will replace Mrs Dunshea as Deputy Principal Senior School and Mrs Howard will replace Mrs Sheader as Maths Head Teacher.

Thank You Bathurst High

Thank you to all the students who come in to our school every day and do their best. They are truly safe, respectful learners. At a school like Bathurst High this is nearly all the student body.

Although it seems like a short time with everything going on, there is no doubt that an 11 week term stretches everybody and I am sure all the students, with the exception of Year 12 deserve a break. Year 12 deserve a break but they need to keep revising and studying, though probably not at the same level as before the exams.

I am sure that all the teachers and support staff are ready for a well deserved wind down for a couple of weeks. Teaching adolescents is a wonderful vocation but it is demanding and exhausting.

Thank you Bathurst High.

Geoff Hastings
Principal
A Message from the Deputy Principal Middle School

The term has flown by and I have been most impressed with the way in which Year 7 have settled into High School. Many students have received Commendation and Recognition awards at our assembly this week. These awards are given to students for their efforts and achievements and students are to be congratulated for their commitment to their school work. Our transition to High School program Iexplore definitely helps with their settled start to the year.

Our extensive extra-curricular opportunities for students continue to amaze me. This term students have had the opportunity to be involved in:
- Music, dance, film and vocal groups held regularly after school
- Excursions to the Sewerage Treatment Works, Dance workshop & performance at the Parramatta River-side Theatre and a Bangarra dance workshop
- Events at school including Women in Aviation, Snake tails and a Gaming workshop
- Whole school activities including the swimming and athletics carnivals
- Special days at school such as Green Day for the environment and Shave for a Cure raising funds for Cancer research
- Visits from Toyo High School in Japan
- Year 7 Camp
- Many opportunities for students to participate in school sports teams competing in state and regional competitions.

As the winter approaches please be aware of our school uniform policy. Girls must not wear black tights to school. They must wear navy shorts, skirts, trousers or track pants. All track pants worn by students must be plain navy with no stripes or logos. These are available from the school uniform shop. The shop is open on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Canvas shoes are also not part of the uniform. Students should wear a solid shoe or jogger. Canvas shoes are not appropriate for any practical classes.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to a busy term 2 when students return.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Middle School

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Stop Press—Congratulations Mrs Toohey!!!!!

Mrs Toohey, our long serving science lab assistant is the Bathurst Citizen of the Month! What a wonderful and well deserved honour. Congratulations from all of us, Mrs Toohey.

Geoff Hastings
News from the Senior School

Congratulations to Christina Truslove and Daniel Gunning who have accepted a Retail School Based Traineeship (SBAT) with KFC. Congratulations also to Emily Smith who has an SBAT in Electrotechnology. The combination of work and study means they will complete their HSC whilst gaining industry experience.

Congratulations to Kaleb Grey, who is a member of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) Student Advisory Group (SAG).

Yr 12 Mid Course Examinations
Yr 12 students have almost completed the examinations and are looking forward to a well-deserved break. Please note that Year 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher Evening is on the 21st May.

Thank you to two of our Yr 12 exchange students Francesca Manzoni and Giorgia Gnech from Italy, for their very entertaining and insightful presentation at the last school assembly.

The Central West FACS day will run on the 8th May. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to attend Charles Sturt University who are hosting a Careers Market and tertiary awareness day.

Yr 11
All Year 11 students will be participating in the Denison College Study Skills Day at Charles Sturt University on the 10th April. The day is free and students are provided with transport to and from the venue. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about time management, wellbeing and specific techniques for effective study and learning.

Year 10
A very large number of students in Year 10 contribute to our school through their involvement with dance/drama/music/film club/sporting teams/volunteering and more.

Please contact Mr Peter Grace the Year 10 Adviser to discuss ways your child can be more involved in co-curricular activities.

Gaye Dunshea
Deputy Principal-Senior School
Year 7 Camp

On Wednesday the 12th of March, 128 Year 7 students and 29 Year 11 Peer Support Leaders went to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp for three fun-filled, exciting and exhausting days. The weather was hot, perfect for a slip and slide when we arrived. Over the 3 days, students enjoyed activities including rock climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, paint combat, initiatives, archery, grass skiing and many more.

As Year Advisors, we were very impressed with the way that our students conducted themselves, and it was fantastic seeing everyone having a great time participating in activities and making new friends.

Thank you to all the staff who attended and the Peer Support Leaders for giving up their time and for helping the camp run smoothly.

We look forward to continuing a great year as Student Advisors.

Sally Hennessy & Josh Lawler
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Round 2 Alan Davidson Shield

Bathurst High have beaten Forbes High in Round 2 of the Alan Davidson Shield held at Forbes. The match was reduced to 30 overs, given the previous night’s rain and an ominous weather forecast for the remainder of the day. In difficult scoring conditions the field was wet and heavy and the pitch was skidding quite a bit from rain the night before.

Bathurst batted first and scored 5/152, which we were very happy with, considering the conditions. Our openers of Kyle Aubin and Scott Matheson scored 23 each and played smartly by taking quick singles where possible. Tyler Horton (30 runs) and Ryan Peacock (26 runs) both made excellent starts and looked good before being dismissed by outstanding catches. Kieran Lindsay batted solidly and finished on 23 not out. Josh Sargent also contributed and was not out on 5.

Our bowling and fielding was outstanding as we limited their opportunities for quick singles, took our catches and dismissed Forbes in the 23rd over for 73 runs. Wickets went to Tyler Horton(4), Aidan McBurney(2), Ricky Daymond(1), Josh Sargent(1) and Ryan Newell(1). Kyle Aubin also recorded a spectacular run-out, diving and throwing for a direct hit. Aidan McBurney (Year 8) bowled particularly well on debut, swinging the ball with consistent line and length. Scott Matheson also did a great job at wicketkeeper in difficult conditions.

Our next match is against Kelso High.
Samantha Burrow recently participated in the Junior Girls (15 years & under) CHS Singles Championships that were held in Parramatta from the 4th-7th March 2014. There were 64 spots in the main draw which included some of the best junior players in the State. Samantha was the only Western Representative.

Samantha started the week off playing well and won her first match in the main draw 9-0. Her second match was against the Number 4 seed and she proved to be a bit strong, going down 0-9. This loss then put Samantha into the consolation draw which consisted of 32 positions. Following a Bye in the First Round, she won her next two matches 9-5 and 9-1 which qualified her for the semi-finals. Samantha lost the semi-final 9-4 which meant she then had to play off for 3rd and 4th. Samantha won her playoff match in convincing style (6-1), meaning she finished 3rd overall in the consolation draw.

In speaking to Samantha, she was very happy with how she played over the three days in Parramatta and felt it was a great learning experience.

Congratulations Samantha!
The Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams travelled to Orange to compete in the first three rounds of the Western Region knockout for basketball on the 7th March.

The boys played against Canobolas, Cowra and Lithgow. Unfortunately, we lost the first game by 12 points and this put us into the crossover with the first team from the other pool. We won convincingly against Cowra by 24 points. Trent Baker and Isaac Gorham were able to control the game with some strong passing and great drives to the basket. Kyne Hanlon was ever present running wide lanes to create an option for quick passes.

Ricky Daymond and Ryan Sack were able to attack the basket and take second chance shots regularly throughout the day. Stephen Chapman was able to successfully score from the short corner after others had attacked the basket and made smart passes to the free player. Adam Heal was hampered with injury early in the day, so we were a player short for most of the day. The last game against Lithgow, we started slowly but made a strong comeback to lose by only 15. The boys showed an increase in skill level and determination as the games progressed. This looks good for Astley Cup with some promising performances at different stages throughout the day.

The Girls team had an incredibly successful day winning all games convincingly. The girls showed some significant improvements in fundamental skills and ability to work together. The smallest winning margin was 33 points, the largest 60. Some fantastic rebounding by Jess Fearnley and Kate Hogan and Claire Woolmington set the foundation for some quick outlet passes and second scoring opportunities in attack. Olivia Doble, Amy Powell and Alora Dickson were persistent in defence and created numerous turnovers from opposing guards. Bri O’Keefe was able to position herself effectively in both attack and defence taking some hard knocks as people tried to stop her scoring. Zarlia Griffiths was able to score some important baskets inside the key with much taller opposition.

Congratulations girls on your fantastic efforts.

I would also like to thank Mr Lawler for his assistance coaching the teams.

Katrina Ferris
Bathurst High PDHPE Teacher
Mr Browning and his HSC Business Studies class celebrate his appointment as Deputy Principal of Mudgee High School. He will commence at his new school in Term 2.

Preliminary Legal Studies Excursion

Legal Studies students visited Bathurst Local Court recently to witness real cases and learn about the operation of a working courtroom. The group were welcomed by a representative from the Court House and given a guided tour. They had the opportunity to sit in the dock and in the Magistrates' chair. The students were then able to witness cases for several hours including some very interesting matters including AVO's and drink driving cases. Finally the Magistrate spoke with the students about the legal system. The entire group were a delight to take on this excursion and they represented the school admirably while we were out in the community. This group will visit Parliament House and the District Court in Sydney early next term.

Luke Gillmer
# Coming Events

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# Please note....

**P & C**

Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

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# Community Notices

**KFC Bathurst**

“KFC Bathurst is now hiring casual Team Members. Please apply online at kfcjobs.com.au. If you have any questions, please contact the store on 6331 3123.”
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln said “The best way to predict the future is to create it”

Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Help determine the future resilience, diversity and global awareness of your children and family.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, 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.

Learn To Play Golf

This school holidays 14, 15 & 16 April.

Learn to play golf at the Bathurst Golf Club this Easter holidays. Includes coaching from Golf Club Pro Matt Barrett for 1, 2 or all 3 days. Equipment provided, play golf & lots of fun. 9.30am to 3.30pm. Phone 63 311379 for more details or email proshop@bathurstgolf.com.au.
Move with us at the

Macquarie Mile — Sunday Stroll

Sunday 18 May, 2014
from 11am—2pm
Bicentennial Park, Bathurst
For more info: 6331 2388

- Free entry
- Free live entertainment
- Free animal petting zoo
- BYO picnic or buy your lunch from the stallholders.

Drop your gold coin donations into our tins on the day. We’re fundraising for our services for people with a disability.
Community Notices cont........

BATHURST CYCLING CLUB

P.O. Box 317, BATHURST. NSW AUSTRALIA 2795.
www.bathurstcyclingclub.com

The Bathurst Cycling Club prides it's self on providing a friendly and fun environment for people of all ages to enjoy cycling. The Bathurst Cycling Club is offering some holiday fun with a FREE of charge Road Riding Skills Day for 10-17 year olds.

Time Date: Monday 14 April, 8:30 sign on/registration for a 9am start.
Where: Sulman Park at the top of Mt Panorama. The course is fully enclosed and car free.
What to Bring: A road worthy bike (brakes working) • Helmet • Enclosed footwear • Gloves (if you have them) • Ability to ride a minimum of a Kilometre • Packed lunch and drinks for the day.
What you will learn: Riding in a bunch • Swapping off turns • How to sit a wheel • Correct Cornering technique • Ride a Team time trial • Ride a Time trial • Start Techniques.

We encourage parents to stay and be involved. Bring your bike!

Coaching is provided free of charge by NSW Cycling Federation accredited coaches. The course will be held in a safe environment with some fun thrown in.

Spaces strictly limited so get in early by contacting
Damien Bennett on 0432 987 990 or Marian Renshaw on 0427 011 802.
Or email: bathurst.junior.cycling@gmail.com

Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

Lads, Dads and Grandads Program

Get back to nature and enjoy a boy’s only weekend away!

16th – 18th May 2014

16th – 18th May 2014

$160 – 18 years and over

$140 – 7 – 17 years

Bookings close 2nd May 2014

For more information phone: 02 6846 7403
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Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th April 9am -1pm
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