Focus on Support

There has been a huge change within our Support Unit for Term 3 with the establishment of an class for students with Autism. With the new class, we welcome two new permanent staff, Saranne Gorman and Renee Fisher. This has included a reshuffle of the classrooms with Support taking over P45 from PDHPE after the completion of the new Gymnasium. The transition has been a successful one with everyone settling into their new learning environments with minimal disruption.

Senior Transition

Is in place for the end of Term 3 when our Year 12 students are planning for life after school. Students will be finalising their work placements with some students hopeful of obtaining job prospects for the future. A number of our students from Years 9 to 12 are also doing work placements and I am very pleased that they are continuing to contribute and are making the program run successfully by being fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to businesses and employers within our community for their continued support of our Work Placement program.

Work Samples: Art

Jarrod Douglas has been working hard on his HSC Major Project for Art. Jarrod has chosen to do a series of artworks focusing on Betty White and The Golden Girls. This project involves sculptures, portraits and a series of scenes from the home of the Golden Girls. Other notable pieces of work include Karen Brown’s sunset piece and Riley Thackeray showing off his wooden house design that will be used to create a clay house that will be fired and glazed in the school kiln.
Support Continued…….

Dance:
The Year 7 Dance class have been having a fantastic time this year with Miss Reid. They have been working hard on creating a class music video with some of the students taking some time to showcase their Michael Jackson inspired dance moves.

Upcoming Events:
Later this term we will be participating in the annual League-Tag Carnival that will again be held in Welling- ton. Last year we experienced success, taking out the Division 3 Shield. This year we will look to step up into the senior ranks and hopefully have a shot at the 1st Division title after narrowly missing out on bringing the carnival to Bathurst over the last few years. This event is the biggest carnival on the Support calendar and is one the whole unit participates in.

Left-Karen Brown’s “Sunset”

Above-Riley Thackeray showing off his wooden house design that will be used to create a clay house that will be fired and glazed in the school kiln.

Left to right: Reggie Happ, Claire Humphreys, Peter Lawson and Steven Bonham.
News from the Principal

Development of Gym and Performing Arts Centre

It has been pleasing to see the extensive use of the new facilities for classes in all sorts of different Key Learning Areas. We now have a moveable stage for assemblies and we are installing the video facilities as soon as possible. The fitness laboratory is nearly ready for use with all the equipment installed and it is all systems go. In the upstairs classrooms lessons are taking place in virtually all key learning areas and, already PDHPE have expanded their learning experience and included dance as an area of learning in Year 10 PDHPE. I am sure that all our year 10 students enjoyed their first PDHPE dance experience.

Meanwhile the Performing Arts complex is all systems go for an end of year finish. People passing in Piper St would see a large hole where the foyer of the hall used to be and the hall itself is now a shell, ready for the refurbishment to come.

We are working towards an open day as soon as our fitness lab is ready to go and fully functional. This will be a day where parents can come in and look at normal classes taking place.

Parent Teacher Nights

It seemed to go well – is there any feedback re things that we can do better? There were some early technical hitches as we tried to marry the needs to the system with the need to make semester 1 teachers available but we have a mechanism for this now. P&C have given us invaluable feedback on the good points and areas to improve for this system. It will continue to develop.

Bring Your Own Device

Discussions have begun regarding the development of this policy. The College Management Group of Mr Peasley ( Kelso High Principal ), Mr Petersen ( College Principal ) and myself have determined that this will be a common policy across the whole college. Our technology team is being coordinating this policy development with a team from Kelso High Campus.

One thing the policy will NOT mean is that all students will have to bring a device or have to have a device in front of them. The basis of the policy will be one where some students are bringing a device and others are not.

The policy will be implemented for years 7—12 at the beginning of 2015. Any questions or concerns, please ring me as feedback is vital.
A Message from the Deputy Principal Middle School

Year 8 and 9 students received elective choice information for 2015 last week. These are due to me this week. Please talk to your child about their choices and remind them they are due in. Those students who hand them in on time will get priority.

The elective booklet has a huge variety of choice for students. All electives will not run as sometimes only a few students choose a subject. Students in Year 8 (year 9 2015) need to select 5 subjects, so if one of their choices is not available they can receive their 4th or 5th choice.

Students in Year 9 (Year 10 2015) may have a clash with their electives as they move from three electives in Year 9 to two in Year 10. If this occurs, I will interview the student and also get them to discuss changes that may need to occur with their parents.

There are new vocational subjects that students in Year 10 can start. They can then continue these through Year 11. These include Retail Operations and Information Technology. Students interested in these should talk to the teachers listed in the elective booklet and read the description of the subject for more detailed information.

On Wednesday 13th August, there will be a Visual Arts and Photography exhibition of student works from 6pm-7pm in the Keppel St block. This is a great opportunity for parents to see some of the outstanding works our students produce. This may also be a chance for students in Year 8 to see the types of work they will produce in these elective subjects next year.

Our Iexplore program continues this term. Year 6 students will attend Bathurst High for a day in either week 5, 6 or 7 depending on their primary school. Their Orientation Day is on Wednesday 3rd December.

The transition program at the school allows the Year 6 students many opportunities throughout the year and ensures an easier transition to high school.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students this term. I have enrolled quite a few new students over the past two weeks. We welcome regular contact from parents and encourage the use of our parent portal. If any parent does not have access to the portal please phone the office.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Middle School
Year 12

Students are preparing for the Trial HSC Exams commencing week 5, 11th August. The exam timetable is on the website and students have a copy of this. Please be aware that your child must be present for every examination and if unwell should make an attempt at the exam. If your child is so unwell that they are absolutely unable to attend, a Drs Certificate is a requirement for the rescheduling of the exam. If your child experiences misadventure which prevents attendance or best performance, evidence of the misadventure is necessary. Students are in the review phase of their preparation for the exams and many have sought extra assistance from their teachers. Discussions regarding learning and the exams are expected. Please encourage your child to seek help if needed. We wish Year 12 all the best in the Trial exams and in the HSC practical exams.

Year 11

The Preliminary Course has 5 weeks left to run and Week 9 and 10 are the End of Course exams. Students need to be on top of their deadlines for the submission of assessment tasks. Ms Manock is available to assist with time management strategies for those who might be finding juggling the dates tricky. Students should be planning their revision time in readiness for the exams in 5 weeks’ time.

Year 10

After a very successful Future Directions evening, it’s all systems go in the development of the timetable lines for 2015. It has been fantastic working with students and parents in choosing courses. The next step will be the interviews with you and your child commencing Week 6, the 18th August.

All the best for the second half of term 3,
Strings players take over Bathurst

This week students from Denison College – both Bathurst and Kelso Campus, hosted string players from Sydney. Students from Chatswood High and Castle Hill High School visited our area for a series of workshops and performances with our students. This 3 day long tour enabled our string players to experience what it’s like to play with a full orchestra and make new friends along the way. In all, nearly 70 string players were involved in the days, and toured some of the local primary schools, including Carenne, Bathurst South and Bathurst West Primary. The tour ended with a performance at Abercrombie House, which gave students the opportunity to perform in groups and also as soloists. The students from the city were able to spend time learning what life and school is like in the country and had a wonderful time staying on a local farm. This is the second year for this event, with last year proving a great success. We are already planning for next year and hope that it will be even bigger, with more students involved.

Beatrice Merriman
Music Teacher
Denison College
Bathurst High Campus
Australian Geography Competition

7 Students participated in the 2014 Australian Geography Competition with Isaiah Radburn (Yr 10) and Esmond Gray (Yr 9) receiving Distinctions and Sophia Pant (Yr 10) a credit for their efforts. Catherine Walther, Sierra Flynn-O’Brien, Brianna Woodhead and Callum Goldfinch also participated.

Sharon Mendes

Library News

BATHURST HIGH’S EBOOK LENDING PLATFORM IS HERE!
Go to: http://bhc.wheelers.co/ to register for borrowing.

Guess what!!! Bathurst High library now lends **e books**. This means that students can use their school login and go to the website that is shown in the graphic above. They can then borrow from a huge library online.

It is so simple to do and the ebooks will work on just about any technology device—laptop, tablet, phone etc etc.

Just go to the website and all the instructions are there. For further information see Mr Grant in the library.
**Coming Events**

- 6th August 2014
- P & C Meeting 7.30pm

- 11 August 2014
- HSC Trials commence

- 22 August 2014
- Last day HSC trials

**Please note....**

**P & C**

Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

P & C email address pandc.bathursths@gmail.com

**Community Notices**

**Circus Class**

Ever wanted to learn acrobatics? Aerial hoop? Juggling? PCYC Bathurst has a new exciting circus class for kids aged 12-15yrs. Wednesday nights at 6pm. First class is free so why not come down and give it a go! For more info call 6331 2191 or just turn up on the night!

Bathurst PCYC | Bathurst PCYC

T 02 6331 2191 | F 02 6332 4406 | M | Cnr Morrisset & Commonwealth Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

To find out more about Kids Teaching Kids visit www.kidsteachingkids.com.au

Denison College of Secondary Education—Bathurst High Campus—www.bathurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
**EDGELL JOG - FREE RUNNING SHIRT**

The Edgell Jog is on September 7th and Bathurst High wants to have as many people participate as possible. The event is a 7km run or walk and the first 50 people to enter from Bathurst High School will get a free running T-Shirt.

There are two ways to enter

1 - Collect an entry form from the front office and complete and return this form to the office with you entry fee
2 - Enter online at [http://www.bathurstedgelljog.org.au/](http://www.bathurstedgelljog.org.au/)

If you enter online, you need to inform Mr. Gillmer in the HSIE staff room (or email [luke.gillmer1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:luke.gillmer1@det.nsw.edu.au)) and let him know you have entered so he can arrange your free running shirt.

Friends, family and teachers can compete on behalf of Bathurst High and will also receive a free shirt if they are amongst the first 50 entrants to list Bathurst High as their "team or school" on the entry form.

Last year we had the biggest group of entrants in the event and we want to win this again! So get involved! We will have a Bathurst High tent on race morning where you can meet before the race.

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**Are you or someone you know depressed?**

The Depression Recovery program is for people with depression or for those who wish to understand depression and the recovery process.

**Depression Recovery Program**

**Where:** VERTO – Training Centre 277 Howick st, Bathurst.

**When:** Starting 4th August 2014 for 9 Presentations.

**Time:** 7-9 pm.

**Bookings:** 0263690634 or 0413966388

Community Notices cont.....

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Find out how you can become a Global Citizen — Attend an AFS Open Day

Interested students and their families are invited to attend an AFS Student Exchange Open Day on Saturday, 2 August, from 11am at the Bathurst Public Library to find out more about the different AFS exchange programs.

You will be given the chance to meet overseas AFS exchange students, volunteers and AFS returnees. They can tell you all you need to know about what it is like to go overseas and what to expect. It will be an informative day, with lots to learn and fun to be had!

AFS Intercultural Programs is a non-profit, volunteer-based organisation that offers intercultural programs in more than 54 countries. In 2014 more than 200 young Australians will embark on an intercultural exchange in over 35 different destinations across the globe including Iceland, Switzerland, Thailand, Panama and Germany.

AFS Australia has sent over 15,000 Australian teenagers overseas and hosted more than 25,000 international exchange students since 1959.

When: Saturday, 2 August 2014, 11am-1pm
Where: Bathurst Public Library 70-78 Keppel Street, Bathurst
Who: Interested students and families, past and present AFS host families and students, school representatives, and AFS volunteers
Why: Have fun and learn more about the world you live in!

To register your attendance visit www.afs.org.au/opendays

For more information on how to become an AFS Exchange Student or for information on the upcoming Open Day, please contact:

Jason Heath
02 9215 0077
Jason.heath@afs.org

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For further details on AFS' programs please contact Jason Heath at the AFS National Office on: (02) 9215 0077
Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers

Preparing you for your P’s

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

Saturday 9th August 9am – 12pm

To Book:
Ph: 6330 1400 or email cevana@skillset.com.au
Skillset
341 Havannah St Bathurst

Fantastic opportunity and only $140 for 20 log book hours
WRAS 2015 Scholarships

Nominations are being called for the following 2015 squads

Basketball
Cycling
Hockey
Lone Star
Para-Sports
Softball
Triathlon

Preliminary information and nomination forms are available under the ‘Downloads’ section of the WRAS website www.wras.org.au

Trials will be held for Basketball, Hockey, Softball and Triathlon
(date, time and venue are included in the sport preliminary information)

HOW TO NOMINATE:
Please complete the nomination form for your chosen sport
and submit by email to taylor.ren@csu.edu.au

NOMINATIONS CLOSE:
7 August 2014 – Hockey and Triathlon
14 August 2014 – Basketball, Cycling, Lone Star, Para-Sports, Softball

Late nominations cannot be accepted

WRAS graduates currently representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games + Mark Renshaw, Edwina Bone and Kurt Fearnley
The safest way to and from School may be absolutely FREE!

Most children are eligible for free school bus travel.

Contact Bathurst Buslines

Phone: 6331 2744

Discounted Term Passes available to non-eligible students

27 Lyal Street Bathurst, www.bathurstdbuslines.com.au