FOCUS ON PRESENTATION NIGHT AND MUSIC
Presentation Night and Music cont.....
Band 2015

It has been a very successful year for our Band program with competitions, festivals and concerts. Swing Factor, as always, has been very busy with invitations to perform at local and regional events but Chill Factor, Serious Fun and our newly reformed Concert Band have also enjoyed memorable performances.

The annual Big Band Blast Festival in Port Macquarie is now an important event on our calendar with Swing Factor and Chill Factor members making the long road trip north on the last weekend in June. Chill factor were invited to perform for the first time on the main stage and they produced a high quality set which was well received by the large crowd. Swing Factor opened the event on the Friday night and they were invited to do a live recording which will be used as promotional material for the festival. The band was one of only four selected for this honour.

Shortly after the festival Swing Factor headed for Sydney for the NSW Band festival where they were invited to perform with Jazz legend James Morrison. The band gave a stunning and professional performance and they were rewarded with another gold medal. Swing Factor also performed at the Bathurst Illumination festival.

The Bathurst Eisteddfod in August was one of our most successful with Swing Factor and Chill Factor taking out both the Secondary Schools and Open Stage Band sections and Serious Fun taking out the Junior Section. The high point of the Eisteddfod, however, came from the Concert Band who reclaimed the trophy in the Secondary Schools band section. This was a tremendous achievement for a band which had been rehearsing for less than twelve months.

Thanks to all staff, students, parents, siblings and grandparents who help to make our band program one of the most successful in the country. Your efforts are appreciated!
Presentation Night and Music cont....

Presentation Night 2015

On Tuesday night, 1st December, Bathurst High Campus celebrated the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of students for 2015 at the annual Presentation Night. The new school captains Emma Warburton and Kieran Lindsay welcomed our distinguished guests, parents, staff, friends and carers. Emma and Kieran were joined by the new vice captains Annabel Meadley and Aidan Kilburn. The six leaders need to be congratulated on the excellent way they conducted themselves as MC’s. The recipients were:

**Year 7:** Lucinda Begg, Elouise Clark, Lily Cole, Ella Davis, Ben Denmead, Hamish Dinger, Thomas Elibank Murray, Ivy Foxall, Ariana Hamilton, Finella McBurney, Brett Morgan, Nicole Nichols, Konrad Oakes-Barber, Timothy Porter, Tahlia Spicer, Sabine Trevillion, Alex Wallace, Neesha Ward, Joshua Wooderson

**Year 8:** Maeve Beuzeville, Jacob Bicanic, Emma Bond, Shay Burke, Max Currie, Sam Denmead, Saskia Dorsman, Tyler Glossop, Callum Goldfinch, Sarah Hardie, Jessica Kennedy, Johnathan Lane, Emily Lindsay, Hannah McNarey, Mia McPherson, Lydia Nichols, Jonathon Noonan, Ryan Sargeant, Grace Thomas, Jemima Warne, Melissa Yahyaoglu

**Year 9:** John Attard, Leah Barber, Ade Carstens, Matthew Cole, Sienna Cosgrove, Phoebe Dawson, Marcus Dege, Charlie Dunbar, Frederick Gunning, Patrick Halsey, Charay Ludick, Niamh McAdam, Aidan McBurney, Louise McNarey, Rameez Merchant, Kristen Mitchell, Tabitha Morgan, Lachlan Pietsch, Rosa Press Hayes, Olivia Pugh, Bobbi Ralls, Jake Sheeder, Christopher Sullivan, Frank Tremain

**Year 10:** Aidan Carstens, Eve Currie, Breanna Davey, Holly Davis, Scarlett Elliott, Grace Finlayson, Jack Hawley, Patric Henderson, Levi Horne, Nick Johnson, Kate Kennedy, Thomas Lindsay, Edward Liu, Matthew McCauley, Harriet McLean, Tyson Mendham, Brenna Nichols, Brandon Pearson, Molly Peters, Ella Purser, Tammay Rege, Sourin Sadrzadeh, Lillian Stocks, Viniththa Vasanthakumar, Braydon Wicks, Jacob Zammit

**Year 11:** Ashley Bell, Georgia Browett, Thomas Brunton, Taylor Busato, Stephen Chapman, Ellie Doheny, James Gordon, Amber Gorst, Megan Jobson, Arna Lew, Samuel Lew, Kieran Lindsay, Sabrina New, Wyatt Nicolson, Felix Quinn, Jack Rudland, Sophie Ryan, Abigail Scarborough, Thomas Scott-Palmer, Storm Siejka, Renee Stephens, Annabel Tremain, Emma Warburton, Dylan White

Brandon Kober Brown **Year 12 2015**

Kyne Hanlon **Dux 2014**

The Excellence in Academic Achievement Recipients were:

**Year 7:** Lucinda Begg, Finella McBurney and Timothy Porter

**Year 8:** Maeve Beuzeville, Saskia Dorsman and Grace Thomas

**Year 9:** Niamh McAdam, Kristen Mitchell, Lachlan Pietsch and Jake Sheeder

**Year 10:** Eve Currie, Brenna Nichols and Molly Peters

**Year 11:** Thomas Scott Palmer, Annabel Tremain and Emma Warburton

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 9.

Congratulations to all our Award Recipients.

The Patron of Bathurst High for 2015, Jennifer Browning, was a special guest and the P and C, along with all of the Bathurst High Campus would like to thank her for her time to attend our ceremonies this year.

The audience was entertained by the Concert Band led by Mr Andrew Smith and a wonderful performance by BHC Vocal Group led by Ms Veronica Manock. An audio visual presentation of the highlights of 2015 was shown, which was compiled by Ms Aleeha Maffesoni and Photography students, Liv Johnson and Zoe Graham.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Janine Browning for her outstanding organisation and coordination of the highly successful evening and she expresses her thanks to the Leadership Team members for their assistance during the day and those who helped at the Presentation.
Presentation Night and Music cont.....

Presentation Night Award winners for 2015
News from the Principal

The last newsletter for 2015 sees the school ending as it began, with everyone trying to cover as much educational territory as possible before the shutdown at the end of the week. The school can still be contacted in a limited manner through the holidays on the school email address bathurst-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. This email address will not be checked every day but will be checked on a regular basis through the holidays.

Thank you to all our students and teachers for such a huge and consistent effort through 2015. We continue to move forward in so many ways. The school would not run without our fabulous support staff—in administration and in pastoral care through our Learning Support Officers and Aboriginal tutors. Our cleaners work hard every day to keep the school as clean and neat as possible. General Assistant Rocky Evans and Gordon, his volunteer offsider, make sure the school doesn’t fall apart. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment, hard work and excellence.

Finally to all our community—have a wonderful and restful break an I look forward to new challenges and triumphs in 2016.

Geoff Hastings
Principal

Year 10 completed their final year of the junior school with a Commendation Assembly on Thursday morning and an End of Junior School Dinner on Thursday night. Students received Commendation for their work throughout the year. Three extra awards were given for Academic Excellence and Improvement from Charles Sturt University. These students were Tom Lindsay, Nick Johnson and Natalie Davis. They are to be congratulated for all their work throughout the year. Year 11 students receiving CSU awards were Liam Wright and Boadicea Nicholls.

Many Year 10 students also completed one or two weeks of Work Experience. I have heard many great experiences and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those businesses who hosted our students.

Year 11 students have had a good start to their HSC year and have had a busy few weeks completing assessments. It is important that they take some time out over these holidays as it will be their last real break before their HSC exams in October next year.

HSC exam results will be available on Wednesday and parents and students should contact me if they have any concerns over their career paths and university admissions at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their work throughout the year and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Senior School

This is my last newsletter as relieving Deputy Principal. Next year I will be going to Kelso High Campus as the Deputy Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents / carers for all their efforts and hard work throughout the year. It has been a privilege to be the relieving Deputy Principal and I very much look forward to staying in close contact with the school through Denison College. I would also like to say a particular thank you to the student advisors who support me so much in my work. Bathurst High Campus has excellent pastoral care and supports for students and the work of the student advisors is exemplary.

Congratulations to all students who received awards at Commendation Assemblies on Friday. It is always a great way to end the school year. It is also an opportunity for students to reflect on their progress and set goals for the New Year. Hope everyone has a well-deserved, safe and restful Christmas break. I look forward to keeping in contact with the school in 2016!

Stephanie Scott
Relieving Deputy Principal
Middle School
Victor Chang Awards

Dr Victor Chang AC was a pioneering cardiac surgeon who came to national prominence because of his team’s extraordinary success in performing heart transplants. His success was largely due to his curious and enquiring mind and his passion for discovery. The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute was established in 1994 to focus on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart muscle diseases.

The Victor Chang School Science Awards were established to promote and inspire students to pursue a career in science or health and medical research. I had the great pleasure of being able to attend the Awards ceremony in Dubbo on 18 November to see Kieran Lindsay (Bathurst High Campus) and Kieran Gilbert (Kelso High Campus) receive this prestigious award in recognition of their achievements in Year 11 science.

As part of their award, both students will be invited to tour the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Sydney and will have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned researchers who are all working towards finding cures for heart disease.

Photograph: Mr Petersen with Award recipients Kieran Gilbert (L) and Kieran Lindsay (R)

Year 7 2016 Information Nights

On Tuesday 24 November both campuses held information sessions for Year 6 students from our partner schools who will be entering Year 7 2016. It was great to see so many excited, and some nervous, students and parents in attendance at both campuses. This was a great opportunity for parents and family to meet key staff members have enjoy a tour of the campus facilities.
Visits to the Halls of Power

During the middle of November, I was able to attend a number of meetings with colleagues to talk with a number of politicians at state and federal level in relation to school funding and other educational matters. The importance of securing an ongoing model to ensure that all schools are funded to a minimum resource level and delivering the full six years of Gonski funding were high on the agenda. It is through strategies such as these, that we will be able to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their potential, regardless of their location, family circumstances and background.

Photograph: Mr Petersen and colleagues with Tanya Plibersek (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)

Merry Christmas!

As we draw to the end of the year, I would like to thank the entire Denison College of Secondary Education team for the tireless work and hard effort during 2015. I look forward to the release of the HSC results on 16 December and following the continued success of our students.

To everyone, have a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday.

Craig Petersen
College Principal
On the 11th of November, the under 15’s girls netball team versed Oberon High School. The game was held in the school gym which was a fantastic venue. Our girls won the game very convincingly 51 - 24 and worked hard for the whole game despite the very hot weather. Thank you to the parents who spectated and supported the girls. We now play against Lithgow in the 2nd round on the 3rd December.

Sally Hennessy
Community notices

PCYC Safer Drivers Course
For Learner Drivers

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: $140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

Our next courses will be held on:

- **Saturday 12th December 2015 @ 9am**
- **Saturday 9th January 2016 @ 9am**

To book in, check out our website [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)
For more information, call us on 6331 2191
or email bathurst@pcycnsw.org.au
www.facebook.com/BathurstPCYC
January Holiday Clinic

3 days

Date: Mon 4\textsuperscript{th} - Wed 6\textsuperscript{th} Jan 2016

Time: 8.30am–11.30am

May enrol for individual days

No tennis experience necessary

AGES 5-15 YRS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

For bookings or more information please call the

Bathurst Tennis Centre
63313786 / 0419499467
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### Learn To Play Golf

**Kid's Golf**

**This Xmas School Holidays**

Learn to play golf @ Bathurst Golf Club on 11, 12 & 13 Jan. Includes coaching from Golf Professional Matt Barrett. Includes equipment, snacks & games of golf & prizes, lots of fun. 9.30am to 3.00pm each day. Ph: 63311379 for more details. Spaces are Limited. Can attend 1, 2 or 3 Days. www.bathurstgolf.com.au

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### Please note....

**P & C**

Our next meeting will be on February 3rd in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.
COUNSELLING for PARENTS, FAMILIES, and CHILDREN 12-18
Confidential counselling and advice is available at Veritas House for a wide variety of issues including parenting, conflict, relationships between parents and children and friends, grief and loss, bullying, teasing, and much more.

Please ring Graham Palmer on 6332 2277 for more information about this free service.

EGLINTON ALLSTARS NETBALL
If you would like your daughter to be involved with netball next year why not join the Eglinton Allstars. we will be doing registrations towards the end of February. keep checking our website www.eglintonallstars.com & our Facebook page Eglinton All-stars netball team for more information.
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School Holidays Golf Coaching Clinic

When: Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th Jan 2016
Where: Bathurst Golf Club & Bathurst Golf Driving Range
Details:
- Coaching provided by Bathurst Golf Club Professional Matt Barrett.
- Swing correction and improvement of your golf swing.
- Long game and short game instruction.
- On the Golf course instruction, etiquette and rules assistance.
- This clinic is suitable for kids aged 7 years and over.
- Learn to play golf on the Bathurst Golf Course each day.
- Lots of games, prizes and fun.
- Cost is $50 for the day per child.
- This includes range balls, snacks and equipment if required.
- Please bring lunch, drink, Hat and collared shirt for boys.
- Starts 9.30 am @ Golf Range & finishes at approx. 3.00pm at Club

For more information contact the Golf Shop on 63311379 or to book go to www.bathurstgolf.com.au/proshop to book online.