Focus on English

After five Head Teacher terms at Jindabyne Central school, I have returned to take up the HT English position vacated by Sandra Chapman. As an ex-student of Bathurst High, and the mother of three ex-students, I feel very close to our students, staff and community – this is ‘home’.

What a change a year can make! There are many new faces on the English staff as well as some endearingly familiar ones. What has not changed is the strong work ethic and commitment of all staff to improving the engagement and educational achievements of students.

Another new addition to our staff in 2015 is Mrs Luisa Simeonidis who is a potential replacement for superwoman. A mother of four, Luisa worked in xsel before returning to full-time employment this year. A volunteer leader with Guides, Luisa has an active out-of-school-life and classes have benefitted from her organisational skills, practical ideas and creativity. Apart from co-ordinating Book Club, she also coaches the Year 9 and 10 debating teams.

The next member of the team, Ms Natalie Howard, arrives from Grenfell at the beginning of Term 2. We are indebted to Mrs Susan Baldock for, once again, hearing our call and capably ‘filling in’, bringing wisdom and extensive experience with her. Mrs Baldock has delayed her own travel plans in order to be of service.

2015 is shaping up as another huge year in English with reflections upon the programs introduced last year for the national curriculum in Years 7 and 9, as well as new programs for Years 8 and 10. A new Prescriptions List for HSC classes has meant changes also to Preliminary texts and courses. It is no wonder the English staffroom is always a hive of activity with lots of positive energy and intellectual debate.

English teachers continue to make a difference in the school community. As I am composing this entry, members of the English staff are currently supporting Year 7 students on their camp – Ms Eleanor Cloherty (Year 7 adviser), Mr Chris Bell and Mr Nathan Kenny. I am sure there will be lots of stories when they return.

Mr Chris Bell will be introducing Warhammer to BHC and already runs a Film Club (with popcorn) every second Thursday at lunch and after school.

When I look around the Staff Common Room, I see so many ex-students that it truly does feel like a big family. I am pleased to be back and proud to be part of such a dynamic, principled and highly skilled Faculty.

Lesley Wade
Head Teacher English
Year 9 & 10 Debaters meet each Wednesday to practice debating and public speaking skills. Anyone is welcome.

**Murder on Hope Street**
As reported by Jackson Duff, 9ER. As part of our Unit on Crime Writing.

“Ms Simeonidis walked into H21 on Friday 6 March 2015, to find Mr Hastings lying dead on the classroom floor with what looked to be a bullet wound to the chest. There were no apparent witnesses to the crime. All students and Ms Simeonidis were questioned and all have reliable alibis. However, further investigation will be made into the Senior Executive as many are believed to want Mr Hasting’s job and this could lead us to the cold-blooded murderer.”

(nobody was really hurt in this mock-murder)

*(Principal's Note: My money would be on Mrs Stirling Jackson)*

8EA had the privilege to work with local author Paul Stafford, as part of the Bathurst 200 Writing project which was funded by the Heritage Council of NSW and Arts NSW. The students spent a day workshopping their first publishable non-fiction article on their chosen local identity, Major James Morisset, who was an interesting military commandant in the Bathurst colony in 1823. The students then met via video conference to formulate their historical fiction story which was told from the viewpoint of one of the convicts being lashed as a result of upsetting Morisset. The article is in the current editing process and will appear soon in the Western Advocate as part of the lead up to the Bicentenary.

*Luisa Simeonidis*
The term is over half way through, most years have finished their first unit of work in English with some excellent results!
Year 7 have finished their Autobiography Assessment Task as part of the All About Me unit of work, where they wrote about their life so far and how they have overcome challenges. They are now starting a study of the Horror genre——spooky!

Year 8 have been reading a variety of historical fictions for the Historical Fiction unit of work and have written their own piece in this genre. Year 8 will now move onto a study of Heroes!

In Year 9, the Who Dunnit unit was a hit as students solved crimes, analysed handwriting, created their own criminals and looked at gruesome Medieval punishments! Leaving Home is the next unit for Year 9 where they look at a variety of texts based on the concept of leaving one’s home for a range of reasons.

The Year 10 Something Wicked unit looked at villains in Shakespearean plays and contemporary texts such as Star Wars. The Year 10 students wrote a narrative under examination conditions, inspired by a Shakespearean villain, and some of the drafts they submitted were exceptional! Survival and Endurance is the next unit for Year 10, where they will examine texts which depict real individuals who have survived and endured incredible things——prepare to be inspired!

The senior years have been working studiously towards their upcoming examinations and assessment tasks. Year 11 have an assessment task in Week 8 on their Area of Study of Change in which they are to complete a written response and an oral presentation. Year 12 Standard students have been examining Wilfred Owen’s poetry while the Advanced students have compared *Metropolis* with Orwell’s *1984*.

**Competition Brewing in Year 7 and 8 Debate Club**

The Premier’s Debating Challenge is quickly approaching! After having a vast wave of interest from Year 7 and 8 students to join Debate Club, we have been undertaking a “debate off” to choose our team of four to represent the school in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The following students are part of the Bathurst High Years 7 and 8 Debate Club and have been competing for one of the four positions: Isabella Glawson, Tyler Glossop, Melissa Yahyaoglou, Jemima Warne, Lily Cole, Emily Soames, Jade Soames, Elouise Clarke, Lydia Nichols, Peter Kusely, Jacob Molkentin, Emma Jackson, Jack Hogan, Max Currie, Shane David Wilathgamuwa, Lain Berry, Tanya Rege, Abey Dinger, Emma Harvey and Harvey Shead. Results of these preliminary debates and the names of the four students to represent the school in the Premier’s Debating Challenge will be available next newsletter. Wish them luck!

**CWA Public Speaking**

All BHC students are invited to enter the annual CWA public speaking competition that will be held in May at Kinross, Orange. A maximum of three students from each Stage group are allowed to attend. Speakers can select from a range of interesting topics and prepare their speeches before the date.

*Jude Murphy – Public Speaking Co-ordinator*
News from the Principal

Bring Your Own Device Update

I have been very pleased to go into numerous classes and see students using their own device in lessons. It is a very different scenario to the school supplied laptops. Teachers are using Google classroom to deliver work to students through their device. At the moment we are using our pod laptops to add to the devices that students are bringing but I am now confident that students who do decide to buy a device and bring it to school will be using it extensively in class.

Part of our Bring Your Own Device policy involves the use of mobile phones. The policy on mobile phones is that they are turned off and out of site unless a teacher specifically asks students who have a mobile phone to use them in class. Examples of such use could include their use in Dance for music, in science as a photography device and in other classes as a homework diary.

Consequence for the misuse of a phone eg to answer a text from parents is that the phone is confiscated for the rest of the day. It is important that parents only contact their child on their mobile at recess, lunch or before and after school. If there is an urgent message then please contact the office on 633137655 and we can ensure that it gets through straight away.

Teenage Fads Come and Go

From my perspective of decades working with in 6 schools it always seems to each generation of teenagers that they wrote the book on how to be a young person. In fact, in my experience the condition of “teenagehood” is a universal human one and themes are repeated from one year to the next. Those themes include belonging, working through relationships with others, developing resilience, rebellion, worrying about the future and their place in it and working out who they are and what they stand for. All the overlays of technology and the way young people are connected to each other are variations on the themes I have outlined. I am more than happy to admit that instantaneous connections introduces some different complexities at times but I maintain that the major themes remain the same.

One of the issues regarding things that come and go that has appeared this term is the practice of “dacking” amongst a few male friendship groups. While think it is a joke at the time, inevitably it ends up with one of them going to far or it being done to someone who does not think it is a joke. For this reason we take a very dim view of this and the consequences could be severe.

Performing Arts Theatre and Gym Opening

What a wonderful morning and thank you to all our special guest including the Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole who opened our wonderful facilities on behalf of the Minister for Education. The official party were treated to a Dance lesson for our senior ensemble before moving to the Theatre for Swing Factor and Vocal Group and then on to the upstairs classrooms for a physics lesson and through to the Fitness lab to watch a year 10 PE class. All this before the assembly in the gymnasium and morning tea in our new foyer provided by the hospitality classes.

Geoff Hastings
Principal
The HSC Mid Course exams will be held from Monday 23rd March. Students have copies of their exam timetable. If they are going to be absent for an approved reason they should see me to reschedule an exam before the exams start. They should at this stage have a structured study time along with the time they need to complete homework and assessments. Don't forget that free Maths tutoring is available in the library on Wednesday afternoons.

Year 11 students have a Study Day on Tuesday 31st March. This day is a combined Kelso Campus and Bathurst Campus day and will be held at our school starting in the Performing Arts Theatre. All Year 11 students have a copy of the assessment policy and should ensure they follow the correct procedures when submitting assignments. Students who have study periods in their timetable should be using this time effectively to complete some of their homework and assessment work at school. They can work in the library, the canteen area where they can work at tables and have a snack, or sit outside at the tables in the Hope St area. They cannot leave the school or sit in other areas of the school. If your child is finding Year 11 difficult or one particular subject difficult please contact us and talk to their teacher, student adviser or myself.

Year 11 students should also use millennium to create their calendar showing when their assessment tasks are due in all their subjects. They were given a large calendar to support this.

A group of Year 10 students visited Bathurst Base Hospital this week engaging in a program run by Royal North Shore Hospital on safe behaviour. They saw first hand the effects of risky behaviour and discussed how they could support each other. Some students found the day quite confronting but spoke to me of how great it was and how much they learnt. Matt Holden, our Police Youth Liaison Officer was also a part of the program. A special thank you to him, the program staff and our teachers, Beatrice Merriman and Pat Ford for making it such an effective program.

Please encourage your child to seek support if they are having difficulty with any aspect of their schooling: their assessments, class work, school/work commitments etc
It’s hard to believe that we’re getting close to the end of the term – time has certainly gone very quickly!

I saw Year 7 off at the bus stop for their first school camp. It was great seeing so many excited faces. I’m also enjoyed going to Burrendong and seeing them in action.

Year 7 are also to be congratulated for their fantastic effort in the school’s annual Green Day. Every year, Year 7 participate in cleaning up around the school to promote the importance of keeping our environment safe and clean. A big thank you to Mrs Lesley Krajcer, the school Environment Team and the Maths faculty who coordinate this activity.

This year we are very excited to be introducing the Ismo (In School Mentoring Opportunity) program to our school. This is a program where volunteers from the community, who have been formally trained in mentoring, work with our students once a week for one hour. Fourteen students from Year 8 or 9 will be involved in the program in Terms 2 and 3. More information about the program will follow.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Alderton, Saraya Coe, Jada Taylor, Jakub Walker-Ellis, Jed Powell, Yollander Merz and Rachael Forrest-Scales. These students were all involved in the Bangarra Dance Workshop to audition for the 2015 Schools Spectacular Aboriginal Dance Ensemble. Their audition piece was fantastic. We also have a number of other Year 7, 8 and 9 students who will be auditioning for the 2015 Schools Spectacular Dance. We wish them the best of luck! A big thank you to Ms Catherine Reid who does a fantastic job coordinating the dance at the school.

Earlier in the term, some Year 8 students had the opportunity to work with well-known children’s author Paul Stafford on improving their writing skills. There is more detail about the success of the workshop in the newsletter – but it’s another example of the range of opportunities students get at Bathurst High Campus. If your child isn’t involved in any extra-curricular activities I encourage you to talk to them about the benefits that this can bring.

Congratulations to all those students who have been receiving positive incidents on millennium. It’s great to see so many of our students consistently striving to do their best.

Well Done!

Stephanie Scott
Relieving Deputy Principal
Middle School
Maths Faculty

Some Maths Reminders;

- All students must bring a scientific calculator to timetabled classes. It is an essential piece of equipment along with book, pens, ruler, pencil. Your student will get a 5 min detention if they do not have it and a letter home after repeated forgetting’s or loss. We sell these at school for $25 which is cheaper than the same one in town.

- Students should have a separate Mathematics book. Not one that has dividers and other subjects. We also sell our preferred option of a grid book for $1 at the maths staff room.

- Students have been invited to join virtual classrooms for different subjects using their Bring Your Own Device computer or tablet. If they have their own device or computer at home they can set this up and communicate with other students and their teacher in that class and receive assignments and other notifications.

- Year 11 assessments coming up in Week 9 and Year 12 Mid Course examinations are Weeks 9 and 10.

- Other Years are having regular tests at the end of each topic.

Green Day Report

Green Day was on Friday, 6 March and was the Environment Committee’s fund raiser for the year. We need money to buy plants and trees, tree protectors, soil and mulch to create shade and beautify the school grounds.

To do this we had a free dress day, where students made a gold coin donation and could use our “green” theme to dress up. We had sweet treats for sale at recess, little cakes and lots of green toffees!

At lunch time we had a BBQ of sausage sandwiches and drinks.

Green Day was also part of the Clean-up Australia Day organisation.

During Periods 4 and 5 we had Year 7 classes go out with their teachers and buckets, tools, gloves and bags to pick up rubbish, weed gardens and water plants. Several students impressed with their enthusiasm and hard work and will get positive Millennium entries.

I have not had the final figures from Finance but my estimate after costs is over $800.

Thank you Bathurst High Campus!

Environment Committee
Each year, young women, interested in a career in business or finance are invited to apply to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy. The students must be in their Preliminary year of high school and present a detailed application. Only 22 applicants are selected from across NSW and the ACT.

The UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy, aims to:

" introduce Year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders
" demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
" encourage leadership aspirations in young women and
" provide leadership skills development

The program is designed be a creative mix of practical and theory with industry exposure, field visits and syndicate work. For the students chosen, there is a chance to develop their leadership skills and new relationships with their peer group from other schools.

This year, for the first time, a student from Denison College, Bathurst High Campus has been chosen, to attend the Academy. Annabel Tremain will undertake a 3 day residential program at the University of Sydney in April. Her successful application means that Annabel will have all travel, accommodation and other expenses covered by the Academy, as well as ongoing support.

Well done Annabel, on your success!
# 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 1st April in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

# Community Notices

**NOW OPEN – NEW MEDICAL CENTRE**

Ochre Health Medical Centre Bathurst opened on Monday 23rd February 2015 and is located at Charles Sturt University (CSU), Panorama Ave, Building 1470, Parking Bay P32 – next to the Dental building. The medical centre will provide medical, nursing and allied health services to the community of Bathurst and surrounding areas including CSU staff and students.

Opening hours are: **Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm.**

Appointments can be made by phoning: **02 6331 9444** – ‘walk-ins’ will be accepted.

Patients that hold a current Health Care Card, Pension Card and children under 16 years of age will be **BULK BILLED.**
Community Notices cont........

CWA Public Speaking Competition

Bathurst High School students have been invited to compete in the 2015 Public Speaking Competition. The competition is open to students in all years and will be held at Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange on Tuesday, 26th May, 2016. This is a fabulous opportunity to enjoy a fun day, meet new people and practise writing, speaking and listening skills.

Topics are as follows:

Years 7 and 8: (3 mins)
- Mobiles
- My best advice so far
- Gallipoli – triumph or tragedy

Years 9 and 10: (4 mins)
- Being young is over rated
- My Greatest Hope
- The lessons of Gallipoli

Years 11 and 12: (4 mins)
- Intelligence is not enough
- Control by media
- Parents can be trained

Students must have a draft ready to audition for the competition by Week 7. Places are limited.

COULD YOU BECOME A FOSTER CARER?

Life Without Barriers is currently seeking compassionate people who are willing to share their homes with children and young people who require their support and care. We are looking for people who can provide a nurturing and stable home to a child or young person with high needs. Foster carers need to be resilient, have creative problem solving skills, be able to engage with services and have a good knowledge of their local community. Life Without Barriers provide carers with: 24/7 support, extensive training and a tax free car-er reimbursement.

Our carers range in age and cultural background and can be single, same sex couples, de facto or married couples, with or without their own children. If you would like to make a positive difference to a young person’s life, we’d love to hear from you.

P: 63949713
M: 0429 998 506
Melanoma March is a family and community event where participants walk along a 4Km course to raise funds for research and awareness.

The March is something the whole family can do, as it is an easy walk with everyone going at their own pace. It is also a great way to engage young people and educate on the issue. As well as explain the importance of sun protection.

REGISTER TODAY! Register as an individual, a family or a team.

Help us to change the future of thousands of Australians diagnosed each year.

Recent research breakthroughs have tripled the life expectancy for advanced melanoma patients...

At Melanoma Institute Australia, a cure is in our sights!

Register online

WWW.MELANOMAMARCH.ORG

BATHURST - 22 MARCH 2015
10.30am - Bicentennial Park by Macquarie River
Family Fun, Food, Special Guests, Entertainment and More

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THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

✅ Relaxing ✅ Fun ✅ Great value ✅ Safe

Entertain the kids this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slip’n’slide, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps include supervised transport from:
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps
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### Activity Schedule - Term 1 2015
Commences Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February

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<td>Wednesday @ 6:30pm  Free for PCYC Members</td>
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The Bathurst Motor Registry is being refurbished from Saturday 28 February

When it reopens in late April it will be a Service NSW centre.

During the refurbishment period transactions can be completed online at service.nsw.gov.au or by visiting:

- **Bathurst Temporary Motor Registry**
  Cnr Mitchell Hwy and Bradwardine Rd
  (all transactions available except for Maritime transactions and computer-based tests)
  Open: 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday
  8:30am to 12pm Saturday

- **Orange Service Centre**
  122 - 124 Kite Street
  Open: 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday
  8:30am to 3pm Saturday

- **Lithgow Motor Registry**
  Cnr Lithgow and Bent Streets, Shop 51, Valley Plaza
  Open: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

For more information: visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 13 77 88 or download the mobile apps.