FOCUS ON MATHS

KLA Reminders

♦ Year 12 Trials are in Weeks 5 and 6. Get studying! It’s never too late.
♦ Year 11 Assessment Task 3 in Week 4 for all Maths courses.
  Calculators, rulers, protractors and pencils are required for General Maths.
  If students are sick they MUST get a medical certificate from a doctor.
♦ Any senior student with N-Determination warnings should be working to get them in by the due date
  or seeing their teacher to get help to complete the requirements. There is also support on a Wednes-
  day afternoon or at other times. See Ms Barr for senior support available during school time.

On Thursday the 16th July, Students studying Mathematics attended a HSC preparation day in Parkes.
Everyone was very excited to be up at 6:00am and especially when we drove through a very post card perfect
snow blanketed Orange. After a mandatory Macca’s stop, students were presented tips and tricks to maximise
their results in their Mathematics HSC. Morris Needleman provided an entertaining and sometimes eye
opening presentation for all students. The day was beneficial and should be helpful to those students when
preparing for their upcoming Trial exams. A big thank you to Rocky and Gordon for driving us through the
snow.
The students could not get through on the second day because of all the
road closures due to snowfalls in the Central West.
10M1 enjoyed using their dynamic learning space in P47 to investigate bearings in a practical lesson. They marked out a compass after finding true north using smartphones. They then stepped out bearings questions and solved them. The students commented that they understood the questions much better by being able to step them out. The groups were very animated as they discussed and argued their theories!

7MD ventured outdoors for a practical lesson when they studied Integers. They used chalk to mark out numberlines with both positive and negative numbers. Then they made up questions like $7 - (-2) =$. Using the direction and magnitude of the integers, they stepped out solutions to their problems.
Mrs Alphonsus’ Year 8 Mathematics class, enthusiastically participated in a cooking activity that was based on the Ratios and Rates topic. The class was divided into five groups and each group were given a Chocolate Cookie recipe and the ingredients needed. Their task was to measure the ingredients as per the instructions by the use of relevant measuring tools. They were also required to use conversions of metric units and time. All the groups exhibited fantastic team spirit and were actively involved preparing the cookie dough. Mrs Batchelor helped the students to set the oven in K5. The cookies turned out perfectly and tasted delicious and were enjoyed by the students and Maths staff. The whole class had a great time and above all, they had a chance of incorporating their learning skills to a real life situation.
This term we welcome three new teachers to the school. These teachers are all in temporary positions for the remainder of the year. Emman Taleb replaces Natalie Howard in English. Angela Forbes replaces Emer Mollooney in Science. Ana Freeman replaces James Ferguson in Visual Arts. James gained a permanent appointment at Eden Marine High School.

Next week is Education Week and I would like to welcome all parents to our Parent/Teacher Nights. These will be held on Tuesday (Years 9 and 10) and Thursday (Years 7 and 8) between 4pm and 7pm. Bookings are available through the Millennium parent portal or you can phone the office and they will make the appointments for you. If you are unable to attend these nights or a teacher’s appointments are full please phone the office and request a phone call from the teacher. Parents can also speak to their child’s student adviser if they have any concerns about their child’s progress. The Year 8 to 9 elective selection meeting is on the same evening and this information is in Stephanie Scott’s report.

The “Afternoon with the Concert Band” scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed as several of the members are attending a State Band Camp event in Sydney. We wish them well and look forward to this event later in the term.

Swing Factor have been actively participating in external activities over the winter period. At the end of May they participated in the Port Macquarie Big Band Blast and were invited to make a live recording of their performance. At the end of last term they were a hit at the NSW Band Festival at the University of NSW. The guest artist at this event was none other than James Morrison. They returned to Bathurst with a gold medal! They then again showed their talent and their ability to brave the cold performing at the Bathurst Illumination Festival in the holidays. Congratulations to all students on their commitment and parents for their ongoing support.

A special congratulations goes to Emma Farr who is the 2BS/Rotary Youth Award recipient for July. Emma has been an SRC representative since Year 7. She has been on the Bathurst Youth Council, was a Peer Support Leader in Year 11 and is a current member of the Year 12 Leadership Team. We thank her for all her work throughout her years at school and know that she will continue to seek leadership roles in the future.

Congratulations also to all our sporting teams who are still progressing through state and regional knockouts. Next Wednesday is TAFE Open Day and Year 10 students and their parents are encouraged to visit the TAFE between 1pm and 5pm. This open day is targeted at students who want to do a TAFE course as part of their senior pattern of study. See advertisement later in the newsletter.
College Principal’s Report

July 2015

Future Directions
Future Directions is the process that we use across the college to support students in planning for the transition from Year 10 to future study or work.

I met with Year 10 students at both campuses on Tuesday 14th July to launch this year’s process. Students heard about HSC requirements, the different categories of subjects and some of the many things that they need to consider when planning the next phase of their studies or career.

Students were issued with a Senior Studies Guide, which outlines the HSC rules and the 90 subjects available across both campuses of Denison College. They were also given a Transition Action Plan which needs to be returned to Mr Hurford (Kelso High) or Ms Barr (Bathurst High).

The annual Future Directions Night was held on Wednesday 22nd July at BMEC. In addition to having the Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Procedures outlined, parents and students had the opportunity to talk to teachers from both campuses about the wide variety of courses available for study. They were also able to meet representatives from a range of other employment and training organisations including Charles Sturt University, TAFE, VERTO and Skillset.

International Conference
I will be attending the International Confederation of Principals’ Conference in Helsinki, Finland in early August. Finland has been the centre of a lot of international attention in recent years as a result of their outstanding results in international assessments conducted by the OECD.

Whilst there, I will be co-presenting a paper with a particular focus on principal well-being and rural education.

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

Students and staff have returned to a very wintery third term, highlighted by the snow which blanketed the grounds of the school on Friday of week 1.

On the first day of term, all staff participated in a Staff Development Day at BMEC which involved all High Schools in the Bathurst Network. We were introduced to ALARM (A Learning And Response Matrix) by Max Woods and other staff from Freshwater High School. ALARM has been developed by Max as a system to improve students’ learning, written responses and results in all subjects in Stage 6. The improvement achieved at Freshwater in all students’ HSC results since the introduction of ALARM has been outstanding. For the remainder of the year, students at BHC will be introduced to this method of approaching their learning and writing.

This is the time of the year when Year 10 prepare for their transition to Stage 6 of their education. Students and parents attended an informative evening at BMEC where Craig Peterson, Denison College Principal, outlined the various pathways available to students over the following two years and what was necessary for them to achieve their goals. Students need to have their subject selection forms completed and handed in to Ms Barr in the DP office by Monday 27th July. Students are encouraged to seek advice from their teachers, Year Advisor, Careers Advisor and DP to ensure that they are choosing subjects appropriate to their abilities and future career needs. From these choices a line system is set up in order to satisfy the choices of the maximum number of students. Students and parents will be interviewed in Week 5 to finalise their choices on the available lines.

Following our success in winning the Astley Cup in the last week of last term, the Under 16s Rugby League team won the Tom Kemp Cup. This is a knock out competition for schools in Western Region. The Under 15s Boys Soccer team travelled to Canberra on Wednesday 22nd July to play in Round 32 of the Bill Turner Cup. Unfortunately they were defeated 5-1 by Daramalan College.

Economics students in Years 11 and 12 travelled to Sydney on their first day back of term to visit the Reserve Bank of Australia. They listened to a lecture on Monetary Policy in Australia and received advice from a Graduate Bank employee on university study and his cadetship at the RBA. Finally our students learnt about how bank notes are made, the security features in the bank notes and how the notes are distributed.

The Dance Department is having a busy time at present. Miss Reid, has been marking the HSC dance for the shared course with Kelso in preparation for HSC marking of Dance performance across the state. She has also been preparing the Year 10 Dance class for a performance in Education Week.

An entertaining evening was recently experienced by family and friends of HSC Drama students from BHC and KHC. The students presented their performance pieces to an appreciative audience. This was a valuable exercise for the students to perform in front of a live audience in preparation for their presentation for marking for their HSC which will occur in 6-7 weeks’ time.

The Year 9 and 10 Premier's Debating team competed against Kelso High this week. The impromptu debates were on political topics. Bathurst High students, Kate Hamer, Brenna Nichols, Sam Neary, Hayden Lomer, Kallem Su’a and Tanmay Rege spoke well. BHC were the negative in ‘Voting should be compulsory’ and unfortunately lost that debate. We were the affirmative in ‘Australians should stop holidaying in countries that have poor human rights records’ and were successful here. These are tough debate questions for Year 9 and 10 but our students represented us superbly. This completes the zone finals but unfortunately we were not successful in progressing to the next round.
This term sees the culmination of both Preliminary and HSC courses. It is imperative that students who have outstanding N determinations, redeem these in order to successfully complete their year of study. Support for Mathematics is available on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm in the library. Booking is not necessary, nor is it necessary to remain for the whole two hours. If students require support to complete assessment tasks in other subjects they should see Ms Barr (rel. Senior DP) to arrange a time for other staff that are available to work with them.

Alexa Barr
Relieving Deputy Principal
Senior School

Students in Years 8 and 9 are in the process of choosing electives for 2016. Students in Year 8 have been given an elective booklet and need to choose three electives. They have had an information session at school. Parents will get the opportunity to listen to their presentation at the Parent/Teacher night on Thursday 30th July at 5pm or 6pm. Students must then return their slip to my office by Monday 3rd August. Students who hand their form in late may miss out on a course if it is full.

Students in Year 9 have to make alterations to their electives for next year. In Year 9 students study three electives and in Year 10 they only study 2. Students must study one of their electives for two years but may choose to keep one of the others they have studied in Year 9 or choose something completely different. Some new electives have been added to our options for next year and these include Marine Adventures Technology and International Studies. Once again students need to hand these in to my office by Monday 3rd August.

On Wednesday 29th July the Police Youth Liaison Officer will be visiting the school to present information to all students in Years 7 to 10 on Cyber safety. At a later date she has also offered to return and present to parents.

Stephanie Scott
Relieving Deputy Principal
Middle School
The Cool Kids Program will be delivered at Bathurst High by the Youth Worker (Lucy Costello) and the School Counsellor (Susan Hugo), starting in Week 5. The program will be delivered over 10 weeks, 1 period per week. The target age group is students in Years 7 and 8.

The Cool Kids program has been running at Macquarie University since 1993. It is a structured, skills-based program that teaches children (including teenagers) and their parents how to better manage the child’s anxiety. It involves the participation of both children and their parents, and focuses on teaching clear and practical skills. The program has undergone continual scientific evaluation and development to include the latest understanding of anxiety and its treatment. Current results indicate that most young people who complete the programs show improvements in school attendance, academic achievement, confidence, number of friends and involvement in extra-curricular activities and decreases in worry, shyness, fear and family distress.

If you would like your child to be involved, or would like further information, please contact the school and leave your details. The school will then be in contact to discuss your child’s suitability.

Places are limited so please register your interest early.
Coming Events

- 27th July 2015
  - Education Week commences

- 28th July 2015
  - Years 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher night 4-7pm

- 30th July 2015
  - Years 7 and 8 Parent/Teacher night 4-7pm

- 5th August 2015
  - P & C Meeting 7.30pm Staff Common Room

- 6th August 2015
  - Blood Bank Visit

- 10th August 2015 through to 21st August 2015
  - HSC Trial Examinations
  - Future Directions interviews

- 12th August 2015
  - Iexplore PE, History & Creative Writing

- 19th August 2015
  - Iexplore PE, History & Creative Writing

- 25th August 2015
  - Yr 12 and Parents University Information Night 6pm

- 26th August 2015
  - Iexplore PE, History & Creative Writing

Please note....

P & C
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th August in the staffroom at 7.30pm.
Hope to see you there.
Community notices....

TVET Open Day Bathurst College

You are invited to our TVET Open Day

Get the answers to your questions about TAFE at School options

When: Wednesday 29 July 2015
Where: Wahluu Room, Administration block, Bathurst College, TAFE Western
Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm open campus with displays for students to find out more about TAFE at school options

Parents and guardians welcome

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