Literacy news

Left - Edward Lui with Mr Toole and Ms McDonald

Right - Saxon Nichols with Geoff Hastings and Michael Sloane

Left - Shaun David-Wilgathgaumuwa with Geoff Hastings and Michael Sloane.

Right - Stephen Chapman with Mr Petersen and Professor Reid

Some of our HSC High Achievers
Science Competitions

Bathurst High Science faculty are providing several opportunities for students to participate in science competitions this year. The first two of these are the Australian Science Innovations Big Science Competition and the ICAS UNSW Science competition. Entry forms for both tests have been distributed to students and are available from the Science staffroom.

Information about both competitions is provided below.

Entries close on Thursday 28th April (Term 2, Week 1)

The Big Science Competition

The Big Science Competition is a one-hour competition of 30 multiple-choice questions held at school. It is an online competition. Students will use either their own computers or the computers in the computer rooms at school.

The competition challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples. The questions are aligned to the Australian Curriculum – Science.

When is the Big Science Competition?

Wednesday May 18th. The test duration is 60 minutes.

Who can take part?

The Big Science Competition is an international competition for secondary students. There are three competition levels based on the Australian school years:

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Benefits for students

Win prizes. Everyone who takes part in the Big Science Competition, regardless of their performance, goes in a draw to win iTunes, Google Play and movie vouchers.

Gain recognition. All students receive a certificate that recognises their achievement and a report detailing their performance. The results show students how they are performing against others in the competition.

Create Opportunities. Top performers may be invited to take part in the Australian Science Olympiad Competition or the Asian Science Camp.

Develop Skills. The competition tests problem solving and critical thinking skills which are really valuable for all school subjects, particularly senior science.

Cost: $7 payable to the front office with students name and year group

Test items in the Big Science Competition are aligned with the Australian Curriculum - Science.

1. **Science inquiry skills:** including identifying and formulating questions and hypotheses for testing; making predictions, collecting, analysing and evaluating data and drawing valid conclusions; interpreting and communicating information through appropriate representations and media.

2. **Science as a human endeavour:** including the development of science knowledge and processes across cultures and over time; its application in areas of human endeavour; its significance in informing personal and societal decisions and actions; and the influence society has on science.

3. **Science understanding:** core concepts relating to Biological, Chemical, Earth and Space Sciences, and Physical Sciences that are designated at each stage.

Sample questions are available at https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/big-science-competition/sample-
ICAS Science Competition

When is ICAS Science competition?
Tuesday 31st May

Key features of ICAS
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child’s performance in Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981. When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us identify potentially gifted students and those who may need more focused and purposeful teaching to achieve their best.

The (ICAS) Science assesses students’ skills in the key scientific areas of:
- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

Test Structure:
There are separate papers for each year group.
All papers consist of 45 multiple choice questions
The test duration is 45 minutes
Sample practice questions can be downloaded from: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

Each student receives:
- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

AWARD FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL IN EACH STATE OR COUNTRY

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Students with the top score in each subject in each year level in each school are awarded a medal and a medal winner’s certificate. Medal winning students in their final two years of schooling also qualify for a bonus Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Point which can be used toward most undergraduate degree programs at the University of New South Wales.

Cost: $8 payable to the front office with student’s name and year group.
Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Dance program at Bathurst High Campus your student is required to wear Dance attire for all elective Dance lessons and Dance Ensemble rehearsals. To encourage students to regularly bring appropriate dance attire a dance uniform is being introduced.

**Embroidery**

Students are encouraged to get their Dance uniform embroidered with the Denison Dance Logo. This can be done for $8.00 per garment at

**Prestige Embroidery**
223 Russell St Bathurst
Ph. 02 6331 5665

It is not compulsory to get these items embroidered, however it makes the students identifiable and feel part of the Bathurst High Dance Program at representative events such as Dance Festival and other excursions.

**Garments**

There is no specified supplier of these clothing items. Parents are free to purchase items from the most affordable outlet, yet as it is form fitting clothing the following guidelines need to be followed when selecting garments:

- They must not be low cut or revealing. No low rise (hipster) tights.
- Bra straps must not be showing (students can wear a sports bra if this is more suitable).
- No visible Logos

Students need to have at least one top or leotard and one pair of tights

Black ¾ Tights  Black Leotard  Black Racer Back Singlet  Black Long Sleeve  Black Bike shorts

If you have any questions in regards to this, please feel free to contact me,

Regards,

Catherine Reid
Dance Teacher
Ph. 6331 3755
Email: Catherine.reid2@det.nsw.edu.au
**Creative and Performing Arts Faculty**

Extra-Curricular Rehearsal Times

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Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to all Year 7 students:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months.

The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised. Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians.

To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course will be offered catch-up doses the following year in Year 8.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that these records are kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

For further information regarding the School Vaccination Program, please contact Sue Turcato on 6330 5880.
Coming Events

- 2 March 2016  •  P & C Meeting
- 24 February  •  Yr 7 Meet the teachers afternoon 4pm Performing Arts Theatre (PAT)
- 9—11 March 2016  •  Year 7 Camp
- 15 March 2016  •  Parent Teacher Night Yr 11 & 12, 4-6pm
- 16 March 2016  •  Athletics Carnival
- 25 March 2016  •  Good Friday
- 28 March 2016  •  Easter Monday

Please note....

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd March in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

We would like to invite you to play soccer with the Eglinton District Football Club!

You can register online at:
www.myfootballclub.com.au

or come and see us in person at:

Bathurst District Registration Day
28th February 2016 10:00am – 2:00pm
Proctor Park

or

Eglinton District Football Club Registration Day
6th March
10:00am – 2:00pm
Eglinton War Memorial Hall

For more information please email us at eglintondfc@gmail.com and please like our Facebook page for club updates
PARENTING TEENAGERS
Veritas House will be conducting the popular Teen Triple P parenting program again soon.
Bring the joy back into parenting and solve problems such as,
Over use of technology
Resistance to school
No help around the house
The program is free and begins on Tuesday 15 March 2016
Morning or evening sessions available.
Please ring Graham Palmer on 6332 2277 for more information and to reserve a place.