6 May 2016

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Peer Review work

Last week I attended Woree State High School in Cairns as a principal peer reviewer with the School Improvement Unit Team. This work involves observing practices in another high school and providing feedback about their practices and recommendations for future school improvement. Needless to say, it was an invaluable professional development opportunity as it provided me with ideas which we may be able to implement in our context at Brisbane Bayside State College.

Parent/Teacher night

In my absence, I was reliably informed that we had a successful parent/teacher night. It was reassuring to see such positive engagement from our parental community with the school. Such commitment and support forged from you, the parents and guardians, is extremely powerful in supporting students to achieve success. The strategies, action plans and goals that were developed during these conversations underpin and drives this success. Thank you for your attendance and these conversations, your ongoing belief and commitment towards your children and our students in achieving success.

Term 1 data

It is timely to reflect on our term 1 attendance, academic, behaviour and effort.

Overall attendance in term 1 was 90.1%. Our College target is 90%. Whilst this seems as though we are tracking well, historically this percentage trails away the longer the year progresses. This time last year our attendance was 90.1% and we ended up with 88.1% attendance. 90% equates to 20 school days average absence per child and this still remains an unacceptable level of attendance. Along with school staff, parents and guardians play a crucial role in getting students to school each and every single day to allow the greatest opportunities for learning to occur and maximising student learning outcomes. Research and statistical data demonstrate a direct correlation between attendance and student outcomes. A breakdown of this attendance is as follows:

- Year 7: 93.2%
- Year 8: 90.2%
- Year 9: 86.6%
- Year 10: 88.6%
- Year 11: 88.9%
- Year 12: 90.7%

I am satisfied with our overall academic data. 85.4% of all results were either A, B, or C. Our College target is 89%. Naturally we remain committed to improving this data. 93% of all results demonstrated satisfactory or better behaviour in our classrooms and of these 7 out of every 10 results were ‘B’ standard or better. Similarly, 87.9% of all results reflected at least a sound level of effort and of these two out of every three results were of a high standard or better.

Open Day

A reminder that tomorrow (Saturday) May 7th is our College Open Day from 12 to 3 pm. This is an opportunity for us to showcase to the wider community the wonderful programs and students we have here at BBSC. You are all welcome and please pass on this opportunity to prospective enrolling families and their children.
Next week is NAPLAN week for our year 7 and 9 students. The purpose of this national literacy and numeracy testing is to provide individual students, families and schools with point in time, providing feedback on the success of literacy and numeracy programs, tracking individual student improvement and overall school performance. The year 7 and 9 students have been prepared well and we wish them all the best.

An interesting side note is that since 2008, last year (2015) our year 9 students scored the highest percentage in the College’s history in the top 20% in all domains (reading, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation) except for writing (which recorded the 2nd highest result, behind 2010).

P and C Meeting

The P and C meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the administration building conference room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Until next newsletter

Regards

Darren Wallwork

**Deputy Principal Report – ANZAC Day**

On the 22nd April 2016 Brisbane Bayside State College, held their annual ANZAC Recognition Ceremony. ANZAC day is one of Australia’s most important national occasions and I must congratulate the students on their conduct throughout the entirety of this ceremony. ANZAC day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACS, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Led by the College Captains, Noah Mortensen and Brianna Ward, the ceremony reflects on the sacrifices made by all men and women who were affected by the war. These sacrifices have ultimately paved the way for the freedom we enjoy today. The ceremony welcomed the cadets from the 121st Army Unit who initiated the catafalque party. The cadets led the flag ceremony and wore their uniforms with pride.

During the ceremony stories from the war were shared with the students. Holly Edmonds, Rebecca Tognola and Noah Trevor each presented moving diary entries that reminded those in attendance of the sacrifices endured by those at war. I would also like to acknowledge the College trumpet ensemble and the vocal group who sang the National Anthems with immense pride.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the “ANZAC legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways they viewed both their past and their future. Our students are to be congratulated for their fantastic behaviour and focus during the ANZAC Ceremony.

*Mark Pettersen*

**Open Day 2016**

**BRISBANE BAYSIDE STATE COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY: SATURDAY 7 MAY 2016**

**12:00 – 3:00 PM**

*Come and see what we have to offer*

Enrolments taken on the day for general college admission.

Signature Programs include:

- STEM Program
- Sports Training Extension Pathways (STEP)
- Bayside Enrichment Academic Program (BEAP)

Apply now to secure an early entrance position within one of our signature programs.

**Flexible Learning Program Update**

The ‘You-Turn’ Flexible Learning Program is in full stride now in its second year at BBSC. Students are now fully engaged with the smorgasbord of delicious activities going on in the program.

Towards the end of last term the ‘junior/new’ cohort managed to ‘wrap’ our horror movie – a tale of a teacher being stalked by creepy masked students who scare him senseless (go figure). Students worked together terrifically to coordinate camera angles, tracking shots and direct my (terrible) acting.

We visited more places in the real world out of school and reported back on our findings. This included excursions to a Koala Centre at Daisy Hill and the RSPCA.

This term our focus shifts to a ‘paddock to plate’ unit focusing on working in teams to plant, care for and harvest delicious roast vegetables harvested just in time for our sit-down roast lunch at the end of term.

Students will also be developing cooking skills by learning a new basic meal each week and developing a knack for writing recipes in their ‘Survival Cooking’ recipe book.
The ‘Senior/Returning’ cohort have focused on their career pathways and future opportunities as well as a social issue of importance to them.

The class were thoroughly engaged and attendant to our key interview skills practice and resume-writing which culminated in each student having to go through a ‘Mock Interview’ for a newspaper job being formally interviewed by none other than Mrs Mimi Pace our Youth Support Coordinator!

This has led to two students, Claiton Heike and Elisha O’Brien representing the FLP proudly by blitzing a series of traineeship and real world job interviews. Congratulations! A prouder teacher there likely isn’t.

The class agreed that graffiti is a key social issue in Wynnum and we have sent a letter to our local councillor requesting permission to introduce colourful and aesthetically pleasing street art to the Lota Skate Park to help encourage other artists to give the local area a face lift.

Exciting times as always in the program!

The class gathered around the video camera to check one of our ‘takes’ in our horror movie. Everyone had a ball finally executing a long-planned movie.

Claiton Heike impressing Mrs Pace with his interview skills. Claiton would later successfully use these skills in real world traineeship and job interviews!

Dan Bailey
Flexible Learning Coordinator

Need for Feed

BBSC is excited to be hosting the Need for Feed healthy eating program in term 2 and 3 this year! This program is significantly funded by Diabetes Queensland and is an 8 week program that teaches students about healthy eating, recipe adaption and having fun with food. The program goes into more detail and works with a much smaller group than Home Economics or Food Studies classes so is a wonderful opportunity for any keen cooks or budding chefs. The program will be run in the BBSC kitchens by Home Economics teachers Kaitlyn Follett and Claire Stanic and all food and equipment will be provided for during these sessions. Only 20 students can participate in this exciting program so make sure you get in quick!

Cost: $30
Time: 3-5pm Wednesday afternoon (weeks 8-11 term 2, and weeks 1-4 term 3).

Want more information? See the Need for Feed website at the link below or contact Kaitlyn Follett kfoil18@eq.edu.au or Claire Stanic cstan132@eq.edu.au for further details.

http://www.needforfeed.org.au

Want to participate? See your home economics teacher for a consent form ASAP.

The Arts

Welcome to Term 2 at BBSC. My name is Mardi Stitt and I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of Department – The Arts. I have already come to recognise the energy of the creative staff and students here as a hardworking, committed and passionate bunch. So far this term there have been drama excursions, art excursions, workshops and at school drama performances. Still to come this term are dance excursions and a mini showcase of the school’s artistic talent as part of the Open Day event at the school. Our Instrumental teachers and students are also hard at work rehearsing for Open Day and our Art Gallery is being set up to display student work completed this year. In classes, students of dance are currently learning popular dance styles, tap and contemporary dance. Drama students are preparing for performances and media students studying film techniques from a range of genres. Art students are creating carnival displays, clay monsters and lanterns, and music students are looking at a range of music styles including rock music. I look forward to meeting all of our creative students as I begin visiting classes this week to marvel at the level of talent here at the school. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any Arts related queries as the term progresses.

Cheers,

Mardi Stitt

Year 10 Art Excursion

On Thursday 28th April the year 10 Art and Media class went to ‘How to Make a Monster’ exhibition at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. The exhibition allowed students to meet all kinds of movie monsters and get behind-the-scenes access to Visual Effects Academy Award Winner and Gold Coast resident John Cox’s Creatures. Students were able to play with real animatronic mermaids, snowmen, gorillas, aliens, animals and more from classic films like Pitch Black, Inspector Gadget 2, Scooby Doo, Peter Pan, Nim’s Island and Babe! As well as...
learn how fantasy creatures are created from the page to full size inventions. Students got to see the art and technology of animatronics working together and learn about how to become an animatronics puppeteer, a lighting technician or a creature designer. This excursion proved a real winner and gave the students great inspiration for their own clay monster creations coming up this term.

Ms Miles
Art teacher

**BBSC Art Workshops – an opportunity to gain new knowledge!**

The Art rooms have been buzzing with workshops in the past few weeks. Last term we invited Botanical Fibre artist Lesa Hepburn to BBSC, to enlighten our senior Visual Art students into the world of using botanical fibre to construct sculptural forms. Students learned techniques and skills related to the use of plant materials, weaving techniques and recycling fibre to create a number of possibilities for their Folio development. Lesa’s experience, knowledge and many exhibitions working with schools and community has enabled students to gain new and valuable knowledge about Fibre Arts and our environment.

For the past 3 weeks Year 8 and 9 Art Club students have been involved with creating lantern artworks for the Re/Max Illuminations Festival in Wynnum on June 18th, which all students and families are encouraged to attend. We have been fortunate to work with Julia Bell, who has extensive experience working as an artist in the community. Julia has guided the students to create bamboo lantern structures based on fish forms, these will be covered with brightly coloured paper and inks and on the evening they will be lit up and carried in the Illuminations Festival Parade.

Stay tuned for more details, or go to the website:  
http://www.illuminationsfestival.com.au

The Art department is also looking forward to showcasing some vibrant works from all levels in our gallery on May 7th at Open Day, so be sure to view the wonderful student work on exhibit.

**Ms Tizzard**  
Art Teacher

**Instrumental Music**

In Instrumental Music News the Trumpet Ensemble played at Lota State School and Wondall Heights State School as well as our school parade. Students in this ensemble included Joshua Dean, Mikaylee Murray, Layton Wilkin (on clarinet & standing in for his trumpeter brother who was absent) and Hayden Boyd.

The performances were of a very high standard and the students performed The Last Post, followed by Reveille after the one minute silence.

In between performances, students enjoyed a well-earned break lunching at KFC.

**Head of the Arts**  
Mardi Stitt

**Kurtis and Jayah Mathews**

Kurtis and Jayah Mathews recently competed in the Amsterdam Cup on their European Tour in diving and achieved some incredible results.

**Jayah:**
- Gold – Girls 3 metre springboard
- Gold – Girls 1 metre springboard
- Gold – Girls 3 metre synchro springboard
- Bronze – Open women’s 3 metre springboard
- Fourth – Open women’s 1 metre springboard

**Kurtis:**
- Silver – Boys 3 metre springboard
- Bronze – Boys 1 metre springboard
- Silver – Open men’s 3 metre springboard
- Silver – Open men’s synchro springboard

They also travelled to Dresden Germany to compete. Well done to Kurtis and Jayah, we are very proud of you.
Comparison of borrowing statistics from resource centre during Term 1 for 2014, 2015 and 2016

The borrowing of resources from the BBSC library during Term 1 has doubled during the same time period every year since 2014. A graph showing these statistics for 2014, 2015 and 2016 shows the growth in the amount of books being borrowed for recreational reading. As can be seen from the graph, the amount of textbooks being borrowed has declined slightly from year to year. But the amount of ‘reading for fun’ is increasing substantially from year to year.

The library staff credit this improvement in borrowing statistics to many things including; excellent customer service, prompt responses to requests for new books both fiction and non-fiction, improved book displays and shelving books according to their subject type (genre) and age appropriateness. The library space has also been re-arranged to suit student needs and promote a student friendly atmosphere.

Increased activities in the library including board games and computer programming in the coding club has attracted crowds of students into the library at break times. The library is a hive of activity during breaks; however it is still possible for students to find a quiet haven to read a book or complete schoolwork.

New books and topical book displays advertised in the daily student notices as well as on display boards within and around the library encourage and inspire students to borrow books that they may have been unaware of previously.

Jane Allerton.
Teacher-librarian

P&C Operations

Canteen

The Canteen is open every day from 8am and available for Breakfast, Morning Tea and Lunch.

We welcome orders daily so please see our team for your order form. ALL orders must be placed by 8.45am.

The Canteen is extending its range of Gluten Friendly offerings. Gluten free wraps are now available every day by order only. GF - add 0.50c per wrap. Gluten Friendly Pizza now available on Fridays by order only - $6.00

Canteen – Athletics Day 20 May 2016

The canteen will be operating from the Noel Humphrys Hall on Friday 20 May 2016 for the College’s Athletics Day. Please bring cash as we will have limited EFTPOS facilities.

Caffination Station

Lactose free milk is now available in the Café.

Coming Soon – The Café will be using locally roasted Dramanti Coffee beans.

Uniform Shop – Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop is open from 8am to 11.45am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Winter Stock has arrived!

The Uniform shop has new stock of tracksuit jackets, tracksuit pants and long trousers available for purchase.

Uniform Orders

If you are unable to make it into the shop during open hours, we will happily provide uniforms to your student with a completed order form. Forms can be delivered to the uniform shop or emailed to
uniformshop@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au. Payment can be made via cash, cheque (made payable to BBSC P&C uniform shop) or credit card by filling in your card details on the order form. Alternatively, we can take credit card payments over the phone. We also provide assistance with sizing your student.

**Second Hand Uniforms**

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Second hand uniforms can be donated to the P&C Association – these uniforms will then be on display and for sale in the uniform shop. All proceeds from their sale will be utilised in the provision of college facilities, services and resources. Donations can be left at either the uniform shop or the college office. Donations are very welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Private Sale of Second Hand Uniforms**

If you wish to privately sell your second hand uniforms, these can be added to the BBSC second hand uniform catalogue. This is a free service provided to the college community which allows individuals to sell their uniforms privately and retain 100% of the proceeds. Please email uniformshop@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au if you have uniforms you would like added to the catalogue. Please provide size, price, condition and contact details. Download this month’s catalogue.

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**FINANCE NEWS**

**NEW Finance Office Opening Hours**

Monday – Friday
8.00am – 3.00pm

Statements will be issued monthly for the remainder of the year.

Would you please endeavour to make your payments promptly. There are several ID cards still to be collected.

Thank you to all families who have completed their payments. It is greatly appreciated.

Here is a quick user guide to follow when using BPOINT for payments.

You need to enter the invoice number for the payment whether you are paying the total amount or a part payment.

For further payments continue to use the same invoice number. Alternatively you are able to make payments through Eftpos and Direct Debit.

If you would like to Direct Debit the School Bank Account, details are as follows:

- Commonwealth Bank
  - BSB: 064133
  - Account: 00090204
  - Reference: Your student’s name

And if you require the money to be paid towards a specific item please use your students name and the item name, for example: **H Brown Sport**

**Holly Brown**

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**Year Books**

The 2015 Year Book has arrived and is available for collection in the office.

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**Who Should I Talk To If…**

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**Calendar**

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