17 June 2016

Principal’s Report

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of term, our school lives have become extremely hectic at Brisbane Bayside State College.

Recently a merit selection process was conducted for the position of Effective Teaching and Learning Head of Department here at the College left vacant by Mrs Cooper at the end of last year. I am pleased to announce the successful applicant was Mrs Natasha Stone, who has been acting in the role this year. I look forward to working with Mrs Stone in delivering ongoing quality teaching and learning within our College. Well done Mrs Stone, a much deserved promotion.

Last week we had a variety of activities that promoted our College to the wider community. Last Tuesday, we had our annual schools’ academic challenge with Tingalpa, Manly West, Wondall Heights, Wynnum and Wynnum West primary schools taking part. Tingalpa, for the second year in a row, took out the challenge but more importantly, a great day was had by all our feeder school teams, challenging themselves to STEM, Maths, English and Science rich tasks.

Last Thursday evening we also had a healthy number of parents of students attend our College to view the work of students doing the STEM electives in year 8 and 9. Students showcased a range of projects to parents as part of their ongoing work this semester which also doubled as assessment for our students. Thank you to Mr Robson, Mr Cox, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Sullivan for their preparation and work for the evening. One could feel the tension in the room as the bridges were about to break!

Last Friday evening, the local Chaplaincy Committee had its annual fundraising dinner at Wynnum Leagues Club. 20 staff and parents attended from BBSC to support the work of Chaplaincy in our local primary and high schools and over 270 community people attended overall. Thank you to all those who support Chaplaincy in our schools and in particular the work of Chaplain Randall Gill.

On Saturday morning, our Duribang Cunnjiel Dancers performed at Bandstand Park and welcomed the local Wynnum and Manly communities to the ‘Deadly Choices’ information day. We are so fortunate to be represented by our students in this way on a regular basis at local community events. Mrs Sue Trevor does a stellar job in both advocating for students identifying as indigenous and as representatives of our College.

Two weeks ago our Badminton players finished third in the Greater Brisbane Schools competition. Our senior girls’ doubles won and junior boys double and junior girls’ singles were runners up. Congratulations to our Badminton players and Mrs Susan Taylor for her coordination of this event.

This past Wednesday our year 8 English Extension class launched their first ever collection of short stories entitled ‘Green Shorts’. This series of short stories written by our year 8 students with the assistance of local writer Sam Wheeler and teacher Mr Paul Cavanagh, this was a joint project with Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. We had a book launch with 20 parents in attendance and our budding authors signing off on their short stories! Mr Ross Vasta local member for Bonner was also in attendance.

Wednesday was also International Cleaners’ Day. We are so fortunate to have a great team of cleaners at Brisbane Bayside State College who contribute positively and proactively to our environment each day, ensuring we have a beautiful and proud looking school, conducive to student learning. Thank you cleaners, your work is highly valued.
Finally this week our year 11 and 12 students were involved in block exams. From my perspective these exams were well conducted and our senior students treated them with the respect they deserve at this important time of year. I look forward to seeing some good results in Semester One reporting.

Year 11 students are on camp next week at Emu Gully. I look forward to spending some time with our future leaders in the freezing cold and enjoying some quality time with the seniors of 2017.

This is the last gazette for the semester. School resumes on Monday the 11th July for all year levels. Have a wonderful and safe winter vacation.

Kind regards
Darren Wallwork

Junior Secondary News

As the term winds down our junior secondary students have been very busy consolidating their learning through various assessments across all subjects. Our students have been very focused in their studies and these efforts will hopefully be reflected in their end of semester results. Parents and caregivers can support their students by ensuring they are getting enough sleep (at least 8 hours is ideal) and spending the appropriate time at home preparing for exams.

High School Experience Days

Over the coming weeks we have some special Year 5 visitors to our school for a ‘High School Experience Day’. Students from Wondall Heights SS, Manly West SS, Wynnum West SS and Tingalpa SS will be participating in a range of activities and getting an idea for what a typical day at Brisbane Bayside State College looks like. Our Year 7 Student Leaders and Junior School Captains are involved as mentors and will certainly be enjoying showing the Year 5 students around! A special thank you to Year 7 students Chelsea Bowater, Chloe Mackie, Lana Mulholland, Bryce Day and Courtney Tognola for mentoring Wondall Heights SS last Monday.

Academic Gala Day and Athletics Gala Day

On Tuesday the 7th of June, Brisbane Bayside held the annual primary school academic gala day for prospective Year 6 students to the school. Students from Wynnum West SS, Tingalpa SS, Manly West SS, Wynnum SS and Wondall Heights SS formed teams to complete challenge activities related to the four core subjects. From creating their own lotto, to a poetry slam, to building a spaghetti bridge to jeopardy, the students had a fantastic day testing their higher order thinking skills. Well done to Tingalpa SS for taking out the prize for the top school on the day. I would also like to thank Year 7 and 8 students Petrinah Odman, Alysha Ross, Braydon Porter, Teulla Tuibenau and Bodin Smout for assisting schools on the day and helping them achieve success.

Next Thursday the 23rd of June we have the athletic primary gala day and we welcome our feeder schools who will demonstrate their prowess across a range of athletics events.

Our Year 8 STEP students will be assisting with the officiating on the day.

Well done Ally and Ruby

I would like to recognise two of our Year 7 students who have demonstrated some excellent achievements in different fields over the past few weeks. Ally Lewis (7D) is in the final of the 2016 Lord Mayor’s Young Environmental Photographer of the Year Awards, proudly delivered by Brisbane City Council’s Green Heart Schools program. This year’s competition attracted a very high caliber of entries from primary and secondary schools students across Brisbane. Out of over 350 entries Ally’s photograph, entitled ‘Wynnum Creek’, has been selected as one of the 30 finalists. The award is presented on Thursday the 16th of June so we wish Ally all the best.

Ruby Nathan (7E) has recently been selected by the Queensland Karate Association to represent Queensland at a National level in Melbourne this August 2016. She will be competing in the Kumite (points fighting) Under 13s girls division. Ruby recently represented her Club (Australian Fitness and Martial Arts) at States and came 4th in Kata and 1st in Kumite (receiving a Gold medal). Well done Ruby!

Susan Taylor
Head of HPE/Junior Secondary

Indigenous Veterans Honoured in Ceremony

Students from Brisbane Bayside State College attended The Indigenous Veterans’ Ceremony. The Ceremony has become an important part of Brisbane’s National Reconciliation Week celebrations and in 2016 the military service of Australia’s Indigenous armed forces personnel were once again acknowledged in a memorable ceremony at ANZAC Square.

Hosted by RSL (Queensland Branch) in partnership with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the Indigenous Veterans Ceremony aims to heighten awareness of reconciliation and the dedication demonstrated by Indigenous personnel to the defence of Australia and the security of other countries.
Assembly was held for Reconciliation and Sorry Day at Brisbane Bayside State College.

**National Sorry Day in Australia**

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on the 26th of May each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

**National Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated annually from the 27th May to the 3rd of June. It was established to highlight the importance of building better relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

**Sue Trevor**  
**CEC/Indigenous Teacher Aide**

**Flexible Learning Program Update**

The ‘You-Turn’ **Flexible Learning Program** has been very busy indeed this term, settling into routines that have allowed us to learn plenty about the community and the local environment.

The ‘junior’ class has been involved in learning more about how to support the community by completing a number of different activities. This includes our weekly visits to support Wynnum West State School’s Year 4 reading and math classes, researching, planting and preparing our own vegetables for our sit down roast lunch with our favourite teachers towards the end of this term.

The class has also visited Beelarong Community Farm and will be returning there to provide support to the volunteer community by putting some of our newfound horticultural skills to the test.

We have learned about ‘Op-Shopping’ by visiting local shops in our community and interviewing the workers about how the system operates in donations. The class even had the chance to dress Mr. Bailey up in ridiculous clothing for low cost to demonstrate how much fun for a good cause ‘Op-Shopping’ can be.

**Dear parents/carers,**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- Number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability.
  - Level of adjustments we provide for those students.
  - Broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department’s website:
  - Australian Government Department of Education website:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**School Principal**

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

In order to better understand the needs of students with disability, the Australian Government has established a National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. This collection is conducted annually to provide information on the level of disability-related support that students receive.

The data collected is aggregated, meaning that individual student details are not disclosed to the Department. This ensures confidentiality and privacy for all students.

The data is used to inform the policies and programs of Australian Governments, helping to ensure that all students with disability have access to appropriate support and education.

If you would like to learn more about the National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly. I am here to assist you and make sure that your child receives the support they need.

**Sue Trevor**  
**CEC/Indigenous Teacher Aide**
Finally, there has been lots of cooking this term with the class learning important routines, safety and teamwork in the kitchen whilst cooking simple, affordable delicious foods and having plenty of fun whilst doing so (and getting a free lunch to boot).

The ‘senior’ class has been moving in a very different direction this term, learning more about career pathways and community projects. We have visited several places in Brisbane this term to learn about these key areas of senior schooling development including visits to the Careers Convention, the Supreme Court, Headspace, TAFE and more!

Of particular excitement is the new art mural we have been working closely with Brisbane City Council to install at our local skate park. We have recently been working with the wonderful Clare Miles (Art teacher here at BBSC) to help bring our ideas and inspirations together to spray-paint onto our street canvas. The theme will be ‘Great Warriors’ and aims to inspire those in our community to keep fighting.

More fun times ahead but that’s hardly anything new when you’re enrolled in the ‘You-Turn’ Flexible Learning program!

Ryley Webster and Caitlin Berderow teaming up to install their peas into our newly cleaned and prepared garden bed.

Some of the class working hard to put together the classic Spaghetti Bolognaise with support from the wonderful, invaluable Miss Joanne Davey – teacher aide.

Clare Miles, BBSC Art Teacher extraordinaire coming in during her spare time to lend a hand to our budding FLP artists by sharing some ideas for inspiration.

Dan Bailey
Flexible Learning Coordinator

Mock Parliament with Member for Bonner – Ross Vasta

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 Legal Studies students had the privilege of putting knowledge learnt in the classroom into practice by participating in a Mock Parliament.

Ross Vasta offered Brisbane Bayside Legal Students the opportunity to understand how a bill is debated in Parliament. 17 of our students were allocated party roles and had to take a position for or against a topical issue – “Same Sex Marriage”. Ross guided them through the process and all students had the opportunity to stand up and express their opinion and stance on the issue. Students were able to realise that during parliamentary debates, ideas are tested, challenged, refined and ultimately accepted or rejected.

By participating in the Mock Parliament students were able to:

- Understand how the Federal Parliament debates and votes on bills.
- Understand the role of government ministers, the opposition, minor parties and independents.
- Explore the concepts of representation and scrutiny.
- Enquire into real and current issues.
- Practice public speaking, careful listening and quick thinking.
- Engage in critical thinking.

The Member for Bonner, Ross Vasta, was extremely impressed with our students’ ability to respond to the issue and articulate their opinion in a professional and mature manner.

Well done Legal Studies students!
Mrs Jackson
University of Queensland Campus Visit

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On Wednesday the 8th of June the Deadly Choices Pathways to Success Program participants attended The University of Queensland where they attended three activities; ATSISU Tour, Presentation Interactive Lecture and the Anthropology Museum.

From all reports it was a great day for the students and a successful program from the UQ Outreach and Engagement Team.

The Outreach and Engagement Team look forward to seeing the participants again in Term 3.

Community Day

Yulu-Burri-Ba, Deadly Choices Community Day was held at Manly on Saturday, the June of 11th. Durbang Curnjeel the Owl Dancers of BBSC performed while Josh Shadford from the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health was our songman. Ambassadors Sam Thaiday and Edrick Lee attended.

The Arts

Make sure you mark Friday the 19th of August down on your calendar. Arts students and teachers will be showcasing their talent in a Carnival atmosphere at the school from 5.00 pm. The Twilight Carnivale features performances from drama, dance, music and instrumental music in the PAC and on our outdoor stage as well as roving performers. The BBSC Hospitality Department and P & C Canteen will be selling delicious food and there will be a range of other fun activities which will appeal to younger children also. The Art Gallery will be open and Visual Art works will be a feature in our Finale Parade. Tickets for this event will be on sale Term 3 from the Payment Office for $5.00 each (children 5 and under free). Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for further details or contact your child’s Arts teacher.

Dance News

A busy time for students of Dance. Our Year 11 and 12 students are focussed on their block exams in which they will perform assessment pieces choreographed by teacher Chris Sheriff and their own choreographic works. These are
performed as solo works for Year 12 students and small groups for Year 11 students and we wish them the best in their endeavours which are a culmination of their hard work throughout the term.

Our Junior Dance Development Squad continue to rehearse in preparation for our Twilight Carnival the 19th of August at 5.00 pm. Students will be bringing home information with regards to this event shortly and are full of excitement and energy. Most students have purchased our new Dance uniform shirt which is a great contributor to their feeling as a team! Please direct any enquiries regarding the Dance Squad or the Dance uniform shirt to Head of Department – The Arts, Ms Mardi Stitt on 3893 5328.

Students of Year 9 Dance are currently working on assessment including their analysis essay and their Decades choreography in small groups. We look forward to seeing their creativity and knowledge of popular dance evident in their choreographic work.

**Acting Head of The Arts**  
**Mardi Stitt**

### 2016 Big Band Blast – Port Macquarie

The weather couldn’t stop our recent GBS Badminton Gala Day held at Centenary SHS last Saturday. We sent a 16 strong squad to compete in both doubles and singles on a day that saw a lot of other sports cancelled. Mrs Susan Taylor had groomed the squads for success and she did not fail to impress. A normally weaker event for our school was changed when we were successful in making the finals in three separate age groups. Our Senior Girls Doubles pairing of Brianna Ward and Hannah Nichol were able to take the cake in the final winning in style. Our Junior Boys Double team of Thomas Loughhead and James Cameron were gallant in defeat against a much bigger opponent. Our Junior Girls Singles pairing of Electra Brooks-Gray and Abbey Jones played well during the day and finished in second place. Brisbane Bayside State College finished third overall improving on our results every year. Congratulations to all students who competed on the day and thank you to Mrs Susan Taylor and Mr Jeff Bahr for coaching the teams coming up to gala day.

**GBS Badminton**

**Jane Allerton**

### International Cleaners Day

Wednesday the 15th of June celebrates International Cleaners Day.

This is a very important day to celebrate our cleaning staff, because it highlights the fact that the work they do is very critical in keeping our buildings clean and hygienic to protect students, workers and the public from flu pandemics and other germs.

On International Cleaners Day at schools it is important to teach students to respect the cleaners and the job they do day in and day out. We all know the importance of a well maintained and well-presented campus. The United Voice Union would like to promote the message “Respect our Cleaners” – “Respect our Jobs”. Please acknowledge and say those 2 words “Thank You” to our wonderful Cleaning Staff here at Brisbane Bayside State College.

Our permanent Cleaning Staff: Heather Addley (A & B Block), Peace Callaghan (F Block), Brian Conway (H Block), Donna Johnson (I & J Block), Charlotte Niha (C Block), Theresa Pike (who is on leave and sadly very ill)(D Block), Annie Selby (O
BBSC Staff and Students

P&C Operations

Canteen
The Canteen is open every day from 8am and available for Breakfast, Recess and Lunch.
We welcome orders daily so please see our team for your order form. ALL orders must be placed by 8.45am.
Please note that there will be price increases on some canteen items from week one of term three. The updated menu is available on the website and in the Canteen.

Uniform Shop –Closed for Stocktake Week 11
Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed for stocktake in week 11, 21 June -24 June 2016.

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

Uniform Price Increase
There will be a small increase in uniform prices from 1 July 2016 due to GST. Details of the price changes can be found on the college website.

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 be sold in the uniform shop. All proceeds 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
The P&C no longer provides a service for the private sales of second-hand uniforms. The P&C recommend parents utilise the service of http://www.schoolseconds.com.au/ to sell second hand uniforms, text books, musical instruments and other educational items.

FINANCE NEWS

NEW Finance Office Opening Hours
Monday – Friday
8.00am – 3.00pm

Statements have been issued this week to assist with payments before the end of Term 2.
Would you please endeavour to make your payments promptly.
Thank you to all families who are continuing to make payments and to those families who have completed their payment of account.
It is greatly appreciated.

There are several ID cards still to be collected.
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.
When making further part or balance payments, continue to use the same invoice number.
Alternatively, payments can be made by Eftpos or Direct Debit.
To pay via phone using Credit Card please call Holly on 3893 5340.

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

- Commonwealth Bank
- BSB: 064133
If you suspect your child is using drugs:

- Foster a close and trusting relationship with your child from an early age, and support and encourage positive behaviour.
- Model appropriate behaviour, such as drinking moderately, not smoking and not using illicit drugs.
- Establish agreements and guidelines about what is acceptable behaviour around alcohol and drugs.
- Encourage a healthy approach to life, including good foods, regular exercise and sports.
- Encourage your child to have more than one group of friends.
- Allow your child to practise responsibility and develop good decision-making skills from an early age.
- Keep yourself informed about drugs and educate your child on the dangers of drug use. Do not exaggerate or make information up.
- Have open and honest discussions about drugs.

There are no specific signs or behaviours that can tell you a young person is definitely using drugs. Uncharacteristic behaviours such as mood swings, a drop in school performance, different friends and a changed appearance may indicate drug use – but they could also indicate other issues that are not drug related.

If you suspect your child is using drugs:
• If possible, don’t react on your first impulse – give yourself time to think.
• Resist the urge to snoop, or search your child’s room or belongings for evidence.
• Research drugs so that you have the facts.
• Raise your concerns calmly with your child when you both feel relaxed.
• If your child is taking drugs, don’t issue ultimatums.
• Try to educate your child on the health and lifestyle risks.
• You may have to accept that an older teenager will not stop taking their drug, no matter what you say.
• If your child gets into trouble with the police or has to go to court, support them, but let them cope with the consequences such as paying their own fines.

Reference / further information:
https://ncpic.org.au/

Where to get help:
• Your doctor
• Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) 1800 177 833
• Parent line Telephone 1300 30 1300
• If an overdose is suspected, call 000 for an ambulance immediately

Gabrielle Nolan
Youth Health Nurse

Year Books

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

Who Should I Talk To If…

Calendar

20.06.16 Year 11 Camp
21.06.16
22.06.16
21.06.16 Year 7 and 8 – BCC Immunisations HPV2 Chickenpox
23.06.16 Year 7 Athletics Gala Day
24.06.16 School Holidays
12.11.16 P & C Trivia Night

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