Principal’s Report

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A belated welcome back to Term 3 and I trust you enjoyed the beautiful and cool winter holiday with your family and friends.

The last week of Term 2 was a very successful one for BBSC with the WMSEA cluster being successful in winning a Metropolitan Showcase Award, in particular the Queensland University of Technology Metropolitan Showcase Award for State School Leadership Team of the Year. This award is recognition for the wonderful work put in not just by our cluster Principals and leaders but the numerous key players in our local schools who drive the curriculum, teaching and learning agenda, particularly the Head of Curriculum teaching staff. We are now hopeful of being shortlisted for the State Awards which will be announced in a few weeks. I want to thank in particular Ms Strong and Dr Mathews for their submission and application on behalf of the cluster.

At the same time BBSC was successful in gaining a commendation in the Showcase Award for Excellence in Community Engagement category for the wonderful work of our Special Needs staff in transitioning our senior students into the workforce. I was especially proud of this achievement as this was by far the most competitive showcase categories with at least 8 entries. To finish in the top 3 is a credit to Ms Schon, Mrs McDonald and staff. Congratulations to Mardi Schon and Lynelle McDonald for their well-presented and well documented submission.

Prior to the holidays we had a very successful year 11 leadership camp on the last week of term at Emu Gully. Ms Canavan, School Based Police Officer Crystal Moore and I were fortunate to attend one day and night of camp. This involved a mud crawl and night walk… the trenches were full of water and mud, it was freezing! Congratulations and thank you to Mr Cavanagh (coordinator), Dr Paxman, Ms Norris, Mrs Follett and Mrs Reeves for their organisation and supervision at camp.

The new term and semester always brings new dreams, hopes and aspirations for staff and students alike. It is also a chance for reflection after the ‘helter skelter’ of the end of term. An opportunity for Semester 1 academic reflection is coming up with our second and last opportunity for parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday the 2nd of August commencing at 3.30 pm. Details of how to make bookings are included in this week’s gazette. We look forward to seeing you there.

It also is a time for our own whole College reflection at the half way point of the year. Semester one reports reflect strong academic, effort and behaviour results and meet or exceed College targets in all areas. Our Semester 1 results provide a snapshot of students’ academic performance:

- **ACHIEVEMENT**: A/B- 50.6%; A/B/C- 89.3%
- **BEHAVIOUR**: A/B- 68.8%; A/B/C- 92.8%
- **EFFORT**: A/B- 62.3%; A/B/C- 88%

**Student Disciplinary Absences**: 44 short term and 3 long term suspensions, a total of 47; fewer than half of the suspensions at this time last year in 2015.

Finally, Mr Mark Petterson is leaving us this week and taking up a Guidance Officer position in an International School in Singapore. Mr Petterson has been a valued, loyal and insightful member of our Administration Team both as a Guidance Officer and Deputy Principal for the past five years. The staff and students will miss Mr Petterson’s total commitment and dedication and will be missed. We wish him every success in
his future endeavours and hopefully we will see him on a regular basis on his return visits to Australia. Goodbye Mr Petterson and thank you so much. We will miss you greatly!

We are fortunate to see the return of Mr Steve Wilson to his Deputy Principal role, returning from his secondment from Central Office and I know he is eager to resume his career with us at BBSC. Mr Wilson returns this coming Monday the 25th July. Welcome back Mr Wilson. Mr Wilson will be case managing students in years 8 and 12.

Until next gazette,

Kind Regards
Darren Wallwork

Deputy Principal Report

Welcome to Term 3. I trust that everyone had a relaxing two week break and now feel recharged and ready for the final semester of the school year. All students will now have received their report cards for Semester 1. I have been impressed at the level of improvement I have noticed across student academic results for Semester 1, 2016. I believe this is an opportune time for all parents/guardians to engage in conversations with their children to assess the following;

• Which subject areas have we seen growth/ improvement?
• Which subject areas still require further application?
• Did I meet my goals for Semester 1?
• What are my goals for Semester 2?
• What is my greatest success from Semester 1?

These conversations will be a catalyst for even greater improvement for the remainder of this year. Placing a focus on growth/improvement plays a pivotal role in all students achieving success at school.

Year 12’s

In recent weeks we have received a number of enquiries regarding arrangements for the end of year formal. Information relating to price/location/time will be provided towards the end of term by the year 12 co-ordinator, Dr Jason Paxman.

As I approach my final days at Brisbane Bayside State College I’d like to thank the students, parents/guardians and staff for the wonderful memories over the last five years. In particular I’d like to thank Mr Wallwork for his leadership, guidance and support over the last three years. The College is well and truly moving in the right direction and I look forward to hearing of the continued success while on my travels overseas.

All the best for the remainder of the year.

Mark Petterson
Acting Deputy Principal

Student Safety

A reminder to parents, that the road access into the top carpark of the college is restricted to staff, couriers and parents of students with disabilities. There are a number of parents who are accessing this road way to drop off their children in the mornings and this is creating safety concerns for pedestrians and students entering the college at this entry and exit point. Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Darren Wallwork

HPE News

Currently we have 5 students completing their Certificate 2 in Outdoor Education, specialising in scuba diving. What a fantastic opportunity for Jaymen McLean, Nick Webb, Josh Rapana, Lucy Deadman and Kyle Macchion as they will complete the course with their first aid certificate and a nationally recognised PADI dive license. This is a great qualification to be able to obtain at school and one of the many different certificate courses offered at Brisbane Bayside.

Sport/Bayside District Athletics Carnival

The 13yrs – 19yrs Bayside district athletics carnival is being held on the 28th and 29th of July at QSAC, with the 10 – 12yrs carnival being held a week later on the 4th and 5th of August at Cleveland SHS. Students are reminded to bring their permission slips in prior to the carnival. For the senior carnival the bus will depart Network Drive at 7am from Network Drive. The program of events can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Sports results will now be displayed each fortnight in the newsletter. The Year 10 Boys Basketball team was very impressive against Redlands College last week and are one of a number of teams in contention to make the district final. Good luck to all teams over the last couple of weeks!

Junior Secondary

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that everyone had a relaxing break and is looking forward to the next semester. At the end of last term we had a number of high school experience days as well as the STEP gala day for our local primary schools. Over 30 prospective Year 7 students for 2017 attended on this day and the students did extremely well considering the last minute change in plans due to the weather. They participated in a number of individual fitness tests as well as team activities where they had to work together to complete the tasks. Well done to Wynnum State School for being the champion school – a mighty effort considering the tight competition. Thank you to the students of Wynnum State School, Wynnum West SS, Gumdale SS, Tingalpa SS, Manly West SS, Wondall SS, Carina SS and COC for their sportsmanship and participation.
I must thank all of my Year 7 and 8 helpers that assisted across the many junior secondary events in the last week of term. You were exceptional and I was very proud of the job you all did. Formal recognition will occur at the next junior secondary assembly – well done!

Head of HPE/Junior Secondary
Ms Susan Taylor

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 2nd August 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted for years 7 to 12 from 3.00pm until 6.00pm on Tuesday night 2nd August 2016. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend the interviews, even if your child has not been specifically noted in the report. Students are very welcome to attend the interviews.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. All interview bookings are via an internet-based booking system called “School Interview”. Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school’s home page www.brindabells.qld.edu.au;
- At the bottom right hand side, click on the link “school interview”;
- Enter School event code “sethau”.

Print your timetable and bring to parent teacher night.

Please refer to your student’s report for your student’s teacher.

Please note that parents can change their interview bookings up to 15 minutes prior to the closing date of the booking system before Friday 26th August 2016, 6.00pm. Each parent needs to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

If you do not have access to a computer please ring the office on 3835 3333 and we can book appointments on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
Principal

Early School Leavers Survey

The Early School Leavers survey is a state wide destination survey of all students who left school in Years 10, 11 and before completing Year 12 during the previous year. I would like to thank you for your invaluable support in helping to ensure the success of the Early School Leavers survey in previous years. This year’s survey of early school leavers from 2015 will commence in July 2016. I seek your support once again in promoting participation in the survey.

The survey collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. Information from the survey helps schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan their services to support transitions into study or employment for students. Further information about the survey, including previously released reports, is available online at the Next Step website.


For further information or to provide feedback about Early School Leavers, I invite you to contact Mr Andrew Wilson, Principal Statistic Officer, Surveys and School Performance, by email at nextstep@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone 3513 6868.

Thank you for your ongoing support for this important study.

Arts News

Upcoming Arts Dates

Saturday 23rd July – Dance Life Unite
Monday 25th July – Year 11/12 Visual Art Guest Artist
Friday 29th July – Year 9 Visual Art Guest Artist

B.E.A.T. Programme Dance News

Congratulations to Chelsea Seagg who has been successful in her application as a Work Experience student at the Queensland Ballet. Chelsea is currently a student in part of our B.E.A.T. programme’s Senior Extension Programme – Certificate III in Dance. She will spend a week at the Queensland Ballet studios in West End experiencing a variety of roles typical of being part of a dance company. Thank you to the amazing Queensland Ballet who provide this opportunity for Queensland school students.

Spotlight On…

Welcome to our new Arts feature, where we put the spotlight on one of our talented Arts students. In this edition the spotlight is on talented dancer, Kaitlyn Watson.

Kaitlyn has been dancing for much of her life, at least 10 years! She started her dance training with ballet in Grade 1 and danced at school from Grade 4 onwards as well as studying at several dance studios. Things she enjoys about dance includes putting the movement with the music and the noticeable improvement that makes you want to set goals to improve further. Her current dance activities include being enrolled in the Certificate III in Dance for this year and 2017. Kaitlyn also has an interest in languages and music and sometimes enjoys quiet time and listening to music. After school she hopes to continue her studies at her dance studio with a qualification already in hand, and would also like to get into a good university and save enough money to travel.

B.E.A.T. Programme Arts Challenge Day

Primary school students who specialise in the Arts will be given the opportunity to participate in our Arts Challenge Day on
Wednesday August 3rd from 9.00am until 12.00pm. Our Secondary Schooling Head of Department will be contacting primary schools for names of students with a strong talent in any Arts area to invite to participate. If you would like your student to participate please email Ms Mardi Stitt at mstit3@eq.edu.au.

B.E.A.T. Dance Excellence Programme

Our exciting new Dance Excellence Programme will be commencing in 2017 for Year 7, 8 and 9 students. If you are enrolled for Year 7 and wish to express an interest in the programme please email Head of Department – The Arts, Ms Mardi Stitt at mstit3@eq.edu.au. Auditions for students entering Year 7 will take place early in Term 4. Further information is contained in the flyer in this newsletter.

Mardi Stitt
Head of The Arts

Twilight Carnivale

Make sure you mark Friday 19th August down on your calendar. Arts students and teachers will be showcasing their talent in a Carnival atmosphere at the school from 5.00pm. 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.

The number of books being borrowed from the library has skyrocketed!

Reading for pleasure has taken off at Brisbane Bayside State College! Record numbers of books are flying off the shelves on a daily, almost hourly basis! Library staff say that this is because the latest, most popular stories are purchased and displayed continuously.

It’s so easy to find your favourite type of story because of the way books are arranged on the shelves. For example, all books with a fantasy theme can be found together on a shelf. Manga graphic novels are very popular; students just can’t seem to get enough of them! The latest Manga series to spark student interest has been Tokyo Ghoul, Pokémon and Blue Exorcist. Stories where students find themselves wrapped-up in the world of computer games are well-liked e.g. Log Horizon can be found in both graphic and chapter book versions. Gamer’s trilogy and Minecraft books also attract a lot of attention.

The Premiere’s Challenge has been taken up by all junior students this year. Many have already read more than the 15 books required for the Challenge. Extra prizes are given to students by the library staff when more than 15 books have been read. Speak to Mrs Allerton to find out more.

The friendly and helpful library staff are always willing to go the extra mile to match a student with a book or help them find a book recommended by a friend, teacher or relative.

We have heaps of different displays. Recently returned books are always displayed before being put away. New books get pride of place on the circulation desk. Currently “all the great speeches” are attracting a lot of attention. Daily quotes and Shakespearean insults displayed at the Circulation desk often produce a giggle or two. New books are advertised in the daily notices.

NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC celebrations were held on the last day of Term 2 at BBSC. Community, parents, and staff gathered for a morning
tea while Artist Rick Roser entertained students with ochre art and fire making. A great day was had by all.

Sue Trevor
Indigenous Teacher Aide/CEC

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 – Opening Hours

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

Uniform Price Increase

There has been a small increase in uniform prices from the 1st of 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 the School Seconds website to sell second hand uniforms, text books, musical instruments and other educational items.


P&C Operations Manager
Paula Hewitt

Enrolment Afternoon

FINANCE NEWS

NEW Finance Office Opening Hours

Monday – Friday
8.00am – 3.00pm

Statements will be issued next 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
- Account: 00090204
- Reference: Your student’s name

If you are paying a specific invoice please use your student’s name and the invoice number or subject for example: H Brown

Holly Brown

QPARENTS

Did you know you can access your student’s information online now?

Your child’s educational journey is in your hands. You can access their daily timetable, report cards and attendance records.

To start the registration process you need to receive an invitation email, 100 points of ID documents and your student’s EQ ID number.

Click on the diagram below which outlines the step by step process to register.

If you are not online at your residence or not feeling comfortable completing the registration, please feel free to come in and talk with our friendly office staff so we can assist you with this process.

If you no longer have the invitation email sent earlier this year giving you access to register for QParents, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can arrange to send it again.

Now you are registered you can access your student’s invoices and payment details through QParents.

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

You can pay school invoices online with a debit/credit card.

On Friday 15th July, all report cards were sent. If you are currently registered to access QParents you can view your student’s report through this portal. You can then download the report which goes to your email allowing you to save or print the document.

Holly Brown

Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation

New Office Opening

Hours

9:00am to 4:00pm
Commencing Monday 18th July 2016
The 2015 Year Book has arrived and is available for collection in the office.

Who Should I Talk To If…

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