Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 4 has started well and the College is busy with preparations occurring for Awards Night, Sports Award Breakfast, Year 12 Formal and Graduation. In amongst all the celebrations, Year 12s are busy with final assessment. I look forward to celebrating these final few weeks with our departing seniors, a fine group of students.

You may have heard recent media reports regarding the postponement of the introduction for the new system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance. The Queensland Government has decided to introduce the new system with Year 11 students in 2019 instead of 2018. The first graduates will finish Year 12 in 2020.

This in essence means that the current Year 9 students now will be the last cohort to go through under the Overall Position system and our current year 8 students will now go through the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank System).

The extension will ensure that teachers have sufficient support to become completely familiar with the new system. It will also allow QCAA to analyse the findings of assessment trials and consult further with education partners. A change of this magnitude cannot be rushed if it is to be successful for students and schools.

I attended ‘A Little Night Music’ last Friday evening in the Performing Arts Centre. Showcasing our amazing instrumental music students, it was a very entertaining evening enjoyed by 80 parents. What a great way to start the weekend.

Congratulations to Mrs Mardi Stitt and her team; Ms Cassidy, Ms Finlay, Ms Wheatley, Miss Nunan and Dave Parnell for their tireless work and of course, to our extremely talented instrumental music students.

Congratulations to Mr Sanderson and Ms Norris on a highly successful Inaugural Sports Awards Breakfast on Tuesday morning. An informal BBQ was followed by presentations to our successful GBS and interschool teams as well as Age Champions and Most Valuable Players. We also announced our Junior and Senior Sportspersons of the year and recognised the contributions of our sport coaches. Congratulations to Abbey Jones and Keenan Smith on this wonderful honour.

Last Friday I was offered and accepted the position of Assistant Regional Director South East Region, commencing January 2017. This in effect means I have three weeks remaining as Principal at BBSC before taking three weeks long service leave backing on to the Christmas holidays.

While excited about this new professional opportunity, I have mixed emotions about leaving such a wonderful school and something I did not take lightly when applying for this role.

I am particularly proud of being part of a wonderful group of educators and support staff at BBSC.

BBSC is a great school, inclusive, diverse and caring. I have made many great professional and personal relationships whilst at the College and will miss all this and more. Above all, I will miss the interaction with our wonderful students at recesses, in classrooms, on the sporting fields, at cultural events and various community functions.

However, this opportunity arose providing me with a chance to lead and influence at a regional level and across schools, one too powerful to ignore.

I will have very fond memories of my time here at BBSC in the past three and half years and I will continue to serve the...
community until my leave, coinciding with the departing Year 12 students on Friday the 18th of November.

I know the Region will be doing its best to appoint a permanent Principal to commence the 2017 school year.

A reminder that our Annual Awards Night is on Wednesday the 2nd of November, commencing at 7 pm.

Until next gazette,

Regards
Darren Wallwork

Wellbeing Update – Senior

Welcome back to the term, an exciting term for many of our senior students. Year 12 students finish up in three short weeks (finishing on the 18th of November), while Year 10 and Year 11 students only have four weeks (finishing on the 25th of November).

In week 2, Year 11 wellbeing time was dedicated to ‘Nobody’s Bulletproof’ presentation by the Spinal Association around safety in motor vehicles. The presentation was given by people who had received injuries after car accidents and was certainly an eye opening experience to the reality of how important driver safety is. During week 4, a team of staff from the ‘Make it Home’ program ran interactive workshops with students, again, showing the importance of driver and passenger safety.

Year 12’s have a short but busy term. Invites for formal are now being handed out if students have paid fees, or a payment plan in place, no unexplained absences and no code breach detentions. As assessment is still being conducted, it is important to remember that students need to attend school every day until the end of week 7 unless otherwise been negotiated through the Year Level Deputy, Mr Wilson. Any questions from students need to be directed to Dr Paxman the Wellbeing Co-ordinator.

Year 10’s have now completed their SET Planning Interviews, this will allow students to have a much smoother transition into Year 11 in 2017. The remainder of this term will be discussing key content associated with respectful relationships and mental health issues. We are now looking ahead to week five when a guest presenter will be discussing mental illness and raising awareness of suicide prevention with our students.

Would you like to know more or talk further with a Senior Wellbeing Leader? Contact the relevant Year Co-ordinator via phone or email.

Flexible Learning Program Update

The ‘You-Turn’ Flexible Learning Program is coming to a close with some truly amazing successes having taken place.

The ‘junior’ class have commenced a series of ‘mini-units’:

These units of work in Term 4 are around keeping content interesting and fresh each week and focus on areas such as car maintenance, ethics, debating, electronics, home skills and much more.

The class is also breaking into small groups and preparing short ‘How To’ courses to then teach the class (including teaching Mr Bailey!). These lessons range from using ‘little bits’ (magnetised electronic systems), through to magic tricks, from lie detection to speaking Maori.

The article about ‘You-Turn’ also finally made the Wynnum Herald. Some great buzz has been promoted with further inquiries from other schools and key educational people about how the FLP works.

For the ‘senior’ class, our camp took place towards the end of Term 3 and it proved a massive hit. All the planning of quotes, rosters, food and recipes, transport etc. that the students themselves had to organise to get to camp culminated in a superb three days and two nights away from school. Problem-solving activities, rock climbing, abseiling, the giant swing and spotlight were just a few of the many fun activities that took place.

The class showed the high standard BBSC comes to expect from students out in the community and particularly enjoyed creating and caring for their own fire each night to then sit around and socialise. This was a truly powerful experience and one that the students (nor myself) will ever forget. A big thank you to teacher aides Joanne Davey and Alex Senior for supporting and for the many visitors we had including Miss Cornelli, Miss Strong, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Pace.

Time to finish the year in style!
Cayla, Tyler and Caitlin with our violence in video games
newspaper article in the Wynnum Herald.

Elisha and Shonte sharing a joke on camp.

Everyone enjoying the rock-climbing activities at Kindilan Outdoor Education Centre.

Claiton and Bailey keep the fire alive with support from the Kindilan Outdoor Education camp instructor. The class showed great responsibility with fire safety and maintenance.

**Dan Bailey**
Flexible Learning Program

**Congratulations Saelam Barrett**

Year 10 student Saelam Barrett has recently broken four world records in power lifting, he achieved these fantastic results on Sunday the 16th of October.

His results were:

- **Squat** - 255 kgs
- **Bench press** - 162.5 kgs
- **Deadlift** - 265kgs
- **Total** - 682.5 kgs

This is very impressive for a 15 year old! He has an amazing coach who only makes Saelam lift what his body is capable of lifting in small increments (even though they aren’t small weights to other people). Safety always being the priority.

He trains for approximately three hours four nights a week for this and has a massive future ahead of him in the sport. Congratulations Saelam.

**Congratulations Clay Lewis**

BBSC would like to publicly congratulate one of our students Clay Lewis. He has been selected as a finalist in the Individual Achievement Award category of the 2016 Autism Queensland Creative Futures Recognition Awards. Best of luck in the final.
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 on your phone, tablet or computer as well as their Semester report cards. You can notify the school of your child’s absences and monitor their attendance as well.

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.

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.

Enrolments to date are 152 which are 19.97% of our college families. This has continued to increase throughout the year.

Invitational emails were sent to families early in Term 4. We anticipate the next invitation will be sent in Term 1, 2017.

Holly Brown

REMINDER – 2016 YEAR BOOKS

If you wish to purchase the 2016 Year Book please return your permission form to the Payment Window. If you don’t have a form please collect a copy from the Payment Window or Administration. The cost for the Year Book is $10.

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 by students and staff must be placed by 8.45am.
Uniform Shop – Opening Hours

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

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED TRADE – Every school day in Week 9 and 10 Term 4, 2016

Monday 28/11/16 – Wednesday 7/12/16 – 8.00am to 11.45am

Late night Trade

Tuesday 29/11/2016 – 3pm to 6pm
Tuesday 6/12/16 – 3pm to 6pm

The Uniform shop is closed for stocktake on Thursday the 8th and Friday the 9th of December 2016.

January 2017 Extended Trade

Tuesday 17/1/17 – Wednesday 18/1/17 – 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
Thursday 19/1/17 – Friday 20/1/17 – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Monday 23/1/17 – Friday 27/1/17 – 7.30 am to 12.00 noon
Thursday 26/1/17 – Closed due to public holiday

January 2017 Extended Trade

Monday 30/1/17 – Standard operating hours

Build Intelligence

Who Should I Talk To If…

Wellbeing Teacher

Head of Department

Community Education Coordinator

School Nurse

Student Services Room

Classroom Room 122

Office located in each staffroom

I am having trouble finding my way around.

I am having trouble getting used to high school.

I feel I am being bullied or I am unhappy.

I need support managing my workload.

I need to change my subject.

I need an extension for an assignment.

I have concerns about my learning and achievements in class.

I would like to be involved in extension activities or helping out the department.

I have questions regarding compatibility.

I need help to someone about relationship difficulties.

I feel sick during the day. I turn up late to school.

I need report my absence.

Support for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students and their families is required.

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Paula Hewitt
P & C Operations Manager
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