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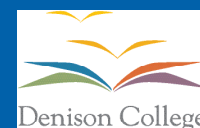
It is with a great pleasure I report to parents, students and the wider school community in our monthly school newsletters. Readers would recognise some changes in our newsletter format, as this edition is the first, which has been published using 'In Design'. I would like to thank the schools media team for their outstanding work on the school banners that have been used at recent school events and their work on the 2017 school Burr. Changes to our newsletter, school letterhead and information students receive will eventually become consistent in the way they look and I hope the quality of our presentation continues



to improve. The content of our newsletters will also be different during 2018. All faculties across the school will have the opportunity to contribute articles each month and our community will be kept up-to-date on student successes. Newsletter will be available on or soon after the 15th of each month this year. Another exciting communication addition in 2018 is a student developed and published internal newsletter. Technology teacher Belinda Orpwood has some very keen journalists who are currently running a competition to name the student newsletter and this will be published on the 30th of each month, when they have their team operational. It will be great to read

about our school from a student perspective! Well done to all involved in these great changes and additions to our communication. Our school is also looking to implement a new App called School Stream to provide a centralised parent SharePoint where they can access all platforms and information about our school. It will be a one-stop-shop for the community, which brings together our parent portal, website, App, Facebook and student Vivo site. More information about the launch of this new App will be available in our next newsletter.

Term 1 is certainly disappearing quickly and our students have been engaged in many exciting classroom and extra school activities. As we prepare for Parent Teacher Interviews with our Year 11 and 12 carers, some staff are preparing for a Vocational Education and Training RTO VET Audit during Week 8. I would like to acknowledge the hard work in preparing for this very important audit by Andrew Smith (VET College Manager), Leanne Batchelor (VET Campus Coordinator) and all the VET teachers who deliver these courses. Our ability to deliver VET courses to our students is critical as more than 50% of all Stage 6 students' access 1 or more VET courses throughout Year 11 and 12. Our Year 7 students have spent most of Week 7 at an amazing school camp at Lake Burrendong. Catering for our massive Year 7 group meant splitting the year into two groups and running the camp over the entire week. My staff have been fantastic in their support of the camp and I have been super impressed with our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. These students have done a great job supporting Year 7 students, building relationships and welcoming all students to Bathurst High Campus.





As we move into a change of seasons, it is important we all represent our school with pride by wearing the expected school uniform. A new school jacket is now available from the uniform shop and they are already proving to be very popular. The jacket is available at a cost of \$68.00.

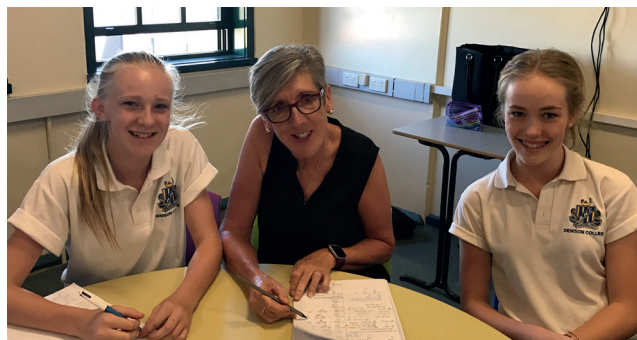


Many students from our school have achieved outstanding success both at school and in the broader community and our school aims to recognise these achievements. There have been multiple presentations, awards and congratulations letters handed out at school assemblies over the past month. Some of the major achievements and highlights are outlined in this principal's report. I would encourage all parents to contact the school if they have any questions or would simply like to learn more about our student wellbeing and academic learning programs.

Mathematics Tutoring supports students in all year groups!

Every Wednesday afternoon a large group of students access the free mathematics tutoring held in the school library between 3.00pm and 5.00pm while other school team meetings to support student learning occur. Bathurst High Campus continues to access the outstanding services of two highly experienced former mathematicians in Mrs Wendy Hastings and Mr Graham Bright, who enjoy supporting students at all levels in their mathematics. Students at our school are very fortunate to have this outstanding initiative aimed at providing extra support for students to achieve a high academic standard.

If more students attend the tutoring support, the school will add further staff to support the program. Again, thanks to Wendy and Graham for their commitment to the students at Bathurst High Campus.



Parent Teacher Interviews welcomed by parents!

It was great to see so many parents and family members attending the recent Parent Teacher Interview nights for students in Year 7 to 10. Because of the large student numbers, we needed to split our students over two nights, feedback from parents about improvement areas is always appreciated, and we have taken on board the suggestions.



Big thanks to all staff for their efforts and to parents who attended. If a teacher was unavailable on the night and you would like our school to arrange a meeting, please contact the school on 02 6331 3755. An increase in parent numbers indicated a high level of interest in our school and the type of work in classrooms. Every time we hold a community event, we are looking for feedback so we can evaluate and improve to maximise our connection with our parents.



One of our purpose statements in the 2018 – 2020 School Plan states, 'Teachers directly and regularly engage with parents and community to improve understanding of student learning and strengthen student outcomes.' Our schools evaluation team will be looking for parents to complete a small survey each time we hold a community event.

Relieving Deputy Principal 2018

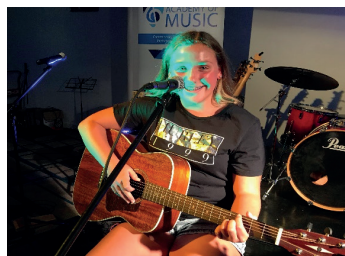
I would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca Smith who has been successful through an Expression of Interest process to relieve as Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2018, with up to a two-year possible extension. This position belongs



to Mrs Gaye Dunshea who is current on secondment to the department, Support Rural and Remote Students and Public Service officials. I would like to thank Mr Craig Petersen and the college team for their efforts throughout the process.

Talented Bathurst High students perform across the Central West

On the last Tuesday night of each month, students from across the Bathurst area meet at the Panthers Club to perform at the Bathurst Academy of Music 'Open Mic Night' that encourages local school students and provides an opportunity to perform live in front of an audience. Last month the talent on show blew me away as many Bathurst High students lined up for their chance to perform. Extremely gifted students Lily Morgillo (Year 9), Jasmine Gold (Year 8) and Tameka Kennedy (Year 12) all impressed with several songs, playing guitar and singing. Parent and staff should certainly put this one on their calendar, as it was great to see our students mixing it with the best young talent from around the region. Special thanks must go to Mickey Pye who continues to support our students both at school and in the wider community. Well done to all of our talented students, we are very proud of you!

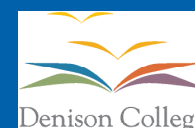


To follow on from the Open Mic Night, members of our community were on hand in Orange on Friday 9th March 2108 as our remarkable students Luke Furbank and Lily Morgillo, joined with Mickey Pye to support country music's multiple Golden Guitar winner Travis Collins. These are just a few of the great opportunities available to our students through the productive partnerships created with external providers. Congratulations to both students who have worked very hard to break into the music industry!

Successful Toyo High School Visit



Bathurst Regional Council hosted more than 190 Japanese students from Friday 2 March to Monday 5 March 2018, thanks to the amazing support of local families. At a Welcome Ceremony held at Denison College – Bathurst High Campus, Mayor Graeme Hanger highlighted the 21 years of friendship with Toyo High School.





School Captain, Aidan McBurney addressed the large crowd and spoke in traditional Japanese language which was a real highlight. Big thanks to Renetta Wolfe and Marianne Armstrong who hosted lessons at school on the Monday and to the TAS staff who provided a fantastic lunch for these students. The Japanese students visited several schools, rode horses at Yarrabin Holiday Ranch and took in all Heritage Park and Bathurst had to offer! On the Sunday evening, students from Toyo High School and Bathurst High entertained the Bathurst community as part of the annual international visit to Bathurst. After the formal part of the evening and exchanging of gifts, it was left to the students to display their talents.

Outstanding dancers Lily Cole and Elise Fowler performed solos, while Bobbi Ralls wowed the crowd with a beautiful song. After an entertaining PowerPoint highlighting all the cultural aspects of Bathurst High Campus, students and staff from Toyo High School showed their appreciation. Congratulations to our students who represented our school with distinction and performed amazingly on the night. Well done to all involved!



Outstanding Student Success

Every week, Bathurst High students represent NSW in a variety of sports and other cultural activities. Mitchell Taylor (Year 11) battled the weather in Bathurst recently when he played in the NSW CHS boys' cricket team against the Catholic and Independent schools. Mitch bowled well throughout the week and just missed 'All Schools' selection. Pictured along with Mitchell (left) is Harry Pearce from Canobolas High School, who also performed well.



Late news last week that Sam Burrows (Year 12) had also made the NSW Combined High Schools State Tennis team for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to both Sam and Mitchell on their outstanding efforts and achievements.





School Captain – A true Leader across the World



Bathurst High Campus Captain, Niamh McAdam spent Week 6 of Term 1 in the United States of America at Space Camp in Alabama, which is linked to NASA. Niamh is an outstanding leader who represented students from across Australia as part of the Honeywell Leadership Challenge - Space Camp Program. Niamh attempted many simulation activities throughout the week and rubbed shoulders with real astronauts at the Huntsville Rocket Centre.

Niamh returned from the States to receive an invitation to be involved with a small group of student leaders within the Senior Executive Leadership Development program. The program will be held in Sydney on Thursday 12th April 2018, one day after our captains attend Parliament House. These student leaders will participate in a small group discussion with education senior executives. The Department targeted Niamh McAdam as an ideal candidate for this opportunity, given her experience with senior executive during 2017 Secretary for a Day. Congratulations Niamh on your wider school leadership, we are proud of your efforts and commitment to learning and Bathurst High Campus.

Above – Niamh McAdam speaks with Robert "Hoot" Gibson, Space Shuttle and International Space Station astronaut.

Right top – Niamh in the Multi Axis Trainer.

Right 2nd from top – Niamh in an F-18 fighter jet simulator.

Right 3rd from top – Niamh as Flight Director of a simulated Space Shuttle mission.

Right bottom – Niamh's team at Space Camp with kids from six countries.





NSW Education Standards Authority - Changes to the HSC minimum standard

From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020. This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its original diagnostic purpose and reduce unnecessary stress on young people. The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC due to the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for success in everyday life. Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit the when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Year 10 students and NAPLAN 2017 test results

Please be assured that if you have a child in Year 10 this year, who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

Minimum standard online test periods available for Year 10 students

Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018

Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018

Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018

Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018

*Students will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test.

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

Ken Barwick
Principal



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YEAR 7 - 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

Year 6 parents/carers and students are invited to attend an information evening on

Tuesday 20 March at 6:30pm

Sessions will take place at Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus with information regarding Year 7 curriculum, school activities and procedures for the transition to high school.

Campus tours will be available as well as the opportunity to meet current staff and students.

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Upcoming Events

20 March 2018	Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher night 4-7pm
21 March 2018	Parent Information evening 7 2019 6.30pm
21 March 2018	Free Maths tutoring Library 3-5pm
28 March 2018	Free Maths tutoring Library 3-5pm
30 March 2018	Good Friday
2 April 2018	Easter Monday
4 April 2018	P & C meeting 7pm - 8.30 pm
	Free Maths tutoring Library 3-5pm
5 April 2018	BHC Athletics carnival
11 April 2018	Free Maths tutoring Library 3-5pm
	Year 7 Commendation assembly
13 April 2018	Last day of Term 1 2018
30 April 2018	Term 2 Staff Development Day
1 May 2018	Term 2 commences for all students





College Principal's Report March, 2018



Enrolment Procedures Year 7 2019.

As I indicated in my last newsletter, the total enrolment for the college is approaching 2000 students. This

is a fantastic endorsement of the confidence that our community has in public education. However, the increase in numbers and limited space means that both campuses will be applying the Department of Education's enrolment policy more rigorously for students seeking enrolment from 2019.



Students are entitled to apply for enrolment at their local campus, determined by their place of residence. Families wishing to be considered for enrolment at the non-local campus need to complete an Expression of Interest (Section C of the enrolment form) and return it to the campus that you wish to enrol your child at by 16 March 2018. Applications will then be considered by a placement panel consisting of parent and staff representatives from both campuses.

More information is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/high-school-enrolment>

To explain these changes and help families, college staff manned pop-up Information stands in King's Parade in mid-February. These were highly successful, with many families taking the opportunity to find out more about both campuses. (see photo)

I also encourage families to attend the Year 7 2019 Information Night at both campuses from 6:30 pm on Tuesday 20 March.

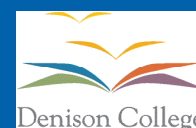
Governor-General's Reception

Student leaders from both campuses had the honour of attending a Civic Reception with His Excellency, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on Sunday 18th February. This was a fantastic opportunity to participate in a significant function. Our leaders were privileged to be able to talk with the Governor-General during the reception.

Student Leadership Day

The captains and Year 12 leaders from both campuses held a combined leadership day at the Kelso High Campus on Tuesday 20th February. This was an opportunity for the entire leadership team to get to know each other better and begin collaborative planning for some of the combined activities that both campuses will participate in during the year.

The session concluded with a presentation about Himalayan Schoolies. This is an opportunity for Year 12 leavers to volunteer to work with children in Nepal as an alternative end to school. For information, visit <https://himalayanschoolies.com/>.





Craig Petersen
College Principal



Under 15's Touch Football

On Friday 2nd March 2018, myself and a small group of boys and girls went to Orange to play touch footy against other schools from the Central West. Although we didn't go too well, we had lots of fun. We extended our football abilities, listened to some great music and had a lot of laughs. I can't wait until next year to play for the school team again.

Maddison Clary, Year 9.

The Bathurst High Campus Under 15s boys and girls touch football teams represented the school with enthusiasm. The girls' team were lucky enough to play for 5th place and competed in 5 games altogether. The boys' team played hard and fast footy but struggled to adjust to the tactics of touch football rather than tackle. A big thank you to the students who made it a really enjoyable day.

Ms Thrower





Swimming Carnival Champions 2018

Congratulations to all competitors and spectators at our annual Swimming Carnival on Thursday 15th February 2018. Pictured are our Bathurst High Campus Swimming Champions for 2018.



Ivy Barr 12 yrs



Stuart Halsey 12 yrs



Keira Copeland 13 yrs



Tyler Johnson 13 yrs



Jasmine Gold 14 yrs



Rohan Smith 14 yrs



Bridget Warne 15 yrs



Joshua Whittingham 15



Olive Watch 16 yrs



Nicklaus Charters 16 yrs



Benjamin Sverdloff 16 yrs



Bryn White 16 yrs



Jemima Warne 17 yrs



Ben Roffe 17 yrs



Anne-Celine Rabiet 18 yrs



Cooper Fox 18 yrs



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Bathurst Panthers

Bathurst Panthers Juniors is on the prowl for players for our 2018 U/12's. Team. If your turning 12 this year or have friends who are then we want you at the club. Message us at bathurstpanthersjrl@outlook.com for more information or Register online at www.playnrl.com #pantherpride



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GINGO



Join Bathurst Girl Guides for a family fun night of:
Bingo, games and a little trivia –
plus the chance to win a lucky door prize

FRIDAY 6th APRIL

6.15pm Doors open

6.45pm GINGO starts

South Bathurst Public School - School Hall
Havannah Street

Tables of 8 or we can buddy you up on a table.

PRE PURCHASE tickets before March 30th (limited seats)

KEL - 0403 921 835

JULES - 0429 321 867

Email: bathurstgirlguides@gmail.com

ADULTS \$20 Children 3-16 **\$10**

FAMILY (2 A/2C) \$50

Bring your own nibbles & drinks

Tea & coffee will be sold on the night

