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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to another busy school term. We welcome Ms Lauren Paa to our school as our Student Support Officer. Ms Paa will be a member of the school's Learning Support Team and work with Mr Barry and Mr Hutton supporting students in Years 9 & 10 who need help with their learning and career directions.

SEMESTER 1 SCHOOL REPORTS

Hopefully by now all parents have had the chance to sit down and go through their child's Semester 1 report with them. The staff welcomes any questions or concerns that parents may have about the reports and their child's progress, so please feel free to call up and make an appointment to see either the teacher of a particular subject or the child's House Adviser if there are a number of concerns across a range of subjects. I know the Senior Executive is also happy to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress but make sure you call up and make an appointment as soon as possible so measures can be put in place to support your child's learning.

LEARNING CENTRE

The Federal Government's "Every Student, Every School" program has provided our school with an additional 1.7 support teacher learning assistance. As a result, the school has decided to set up our own Learning Centre. This Learning Centre has been furnished with portable computers for student use and will provide students with intensive one on one basic literacy and numeracy support. Mr Barry is responsible for this learning centre and will determine the students who will be identified for this initiative by analysing NAPLAN data. We are hoping this innovation will give students who are struggling with their learning a better grounding in fundamentals.

Our Homework Club will continue to be offered to students requiring assistance with assessment tasks and homework.

Upcoming Events

27 July
SW Athletics

30 July
SW Education Week Flash Mob
PISA—8.50am & 1.55pm

1 August
Prosperitas
Support Unit Swim School

2 August
Pulse (evening)

7—10 August
School Musical

8 August
Support Unit Swim School

10 August
Contact issued

13 August
P&C Meeting 7pm

15 August
Support Unit Swim School

24 August
Contact Issued

RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

I have again registered our school for the Coles Sports for Schools program and thank the many families who have supported us with the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. Last year we managed to collect a significant amount of Coles' sports vouchers thanks to your generosity and I am again seeking your support when you shop at Coles please ask for the sports for schools vouchers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A sincere thank you again to our parents and students who support our school commitment to wearing uniform, wearing uniform ensures the safety of all our students and also impacts on our image across the community. As we move into the cooler months and students will begin to wear jackets and sloppy joes to keep warm, can I please remind you that the Uniform Shop is open on a Monday morning 8.10—9.30 for students needing to purchase a new school jacket or sloppy joe. Unfortunately, there are students who continue to come to school in the wrong shoes. There are disciplinary consequences for repeated uniform breaches. Furthermore, I need to remind everyone that hoodies are **Banned** and pose a serious threat to student and staff safety and are not to be worn under any circumstances.

Have a great week.

Lauretta Claus, Principal

GONSKI COULD BE GREAT FOR OUR SCHOOL

Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Well, potentially it is very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found not only was the current funding system broken but Australia is investing far too little in schools.

The lack of funding is having significant consequences for students with widening gaps between what students achieve in disadvantaged areas compared to those in wealthy areas.

Gonski said a major funding increase for public schools and (some private schools) is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all.

That increase translates to an average of \$1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount, it would mean an additional \$1,569,000.00 in our budget.

For our school, additional money would be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students with particular needs and additional staff.

The problem is that, despite the positive response from all education sectors to the report, there has been no commitment by either the Federal Government or the Opposition in Canberra to the new system or the additional funding.

The Australian Education Union, which represents teachers and Principals, is running a national campaign to get a commitment to the funding and new laws passed based on the Gonski recommendations before the end of 2012.

If you would like to see additional resources flowing to our school, you can register your support at the Australian Education Union's campaign website www.igiveagonski.com.au.

Alternatively, if you would like to contact our Federal MP for Greenway, Ms Michelle Rowland, directly you can do so at 9671.4780.

You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government's website:

<http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au/>



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

'A' is for Academic / 'M' is for Motivated

In welcoming our students back to the second Semester at this week's assembly, I emphasised:

Be Organised and Meet Deadlines – In other words, USE YOUR DIARY!!! I would be absolutely lost without my diary. Knowing WHAT needs to be done and WHEN it needs to be done by are crucial skills for success. They are NOT skills which we are born with. They are skills which need to be LEARNED. And it is not just about success at school. Being organised and meeting deadlines are a big part of success in life generally. When I look in diaries it is apparent that some students use them to write when their friends' birthdays and parties are. I guess that is being organised in their **personal** life but being organised in their **academic** life leads to success at school and more life choices for life after school. Parents – You can assist your children by checking their diary each week. You can use it to communicate with teachers also (and receive replies). If you hear about an assignment or homework that doesn't appear in the diary, ask "Why?"

One More Mark – Regardless of what a certain website tells you about our school's results, you will find better and more useful information in our annual school report on our website. It is obvious that our ONE MORE MARK campaign has had an exceptional impact. Regardless of a student's ability, one more mark IS possible and it makes a surprisingly huge difference to their results. Parents – Maybe encourage the "one more mark" approach at home too. Together, we CAN make a difference in the lives of our children.

Year 10 Certificate – Time to Get Fair Dinkum

Some students have worked hard since their School Certificate studies commenced in Year 9. Some started getting serious in Year 10. Many start getting serious when they receive disappointing (or totally horrible) Trial Exam results. Either way, NOW is the time when the gaps in student skills and knowledge can be filled. NOW is the time when revision is crucial so any disruption to learning NOW will be regarded even more seriously than usual.

I stated on assembly yesterday that any Year 10 students causing significant disruption in the classroom will not be tolerated. The vast majority of parents and students would support the view that interruptions to learning at this crucial stage should not be tolerated (and they won't be). Our goal is having students engaged in their work (earning themselves that one MORE mark) and NOT disrupting learning (which probably earns them and their classmates one LESS mark).

I look forward to a GREAT conclusion to the 2012 school year!!!

Regards,

Robert Bredin, Deputy Principal

P.S. **S.M.A.R.T.**: '**S**' is Smart; '**M**' is motivated; '**A**' is Academic; '**R**' is Respectful; '**T**' is Tolerant

HISTORY NEWS

Welcome to all the Year 7 students who have had their first week of History. They are completing their Heritage study on amazing places around the Blacktown region. Half of Year 8 have changed over to History and are emerged in the world of Ancient Greece. They will be completing a presentation of their research of one aspect of this ancient society. Half of Year 9 has changed over to History and they are studying life to 1914 and Federation. They will be completing an in-class test in Week 4. Year 10 are looking at changing rights and freedoms. They are currently focusing on the skill of essay writing - an argument on paper. This is due in Week 6.

Students who are completing the National History challenge please keep in mind your project is due on 29 August. If you have not done so, could you make sure you see me in my office to pick up your official entries. School winners will be announced on 30 August and those progressing to regional finals will be notified of your results in September/October.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Week 3 is Education Week and many events are being held across the state. One of these events is the PISA exam on Monday. Students were given, or sent by letter, notification that you have been randomly chosen to sit this International Exam. This test gives us a snapshot of our brilliance in NSW compared to the other states as well as showing our standing as a country compared to the world. It is essential that students chosen attend this exam.

On Tuesday students competing in Prosperitas will put the work on display. This will be an exciting day as these wonderful students show us the final product after working on their projects since February this year. On the Wednesday night these students will present to their guests and will be given their awards.

We also have our 2012 Tournament of the Minds teams set and ready to go. These students will be competing in the regional finals on Saturday 27 August. Go TOM team.

Ms K Critchley



You Can is a youth cancer organisation that wants your old mobile phones to recycle to help raise money to build specialised youth cancer centres. We have our collection box located in the front of office so please donate your old phones for a good cause. If we donate enough phones You Can have Sony Music Superstar performances as one of their major prizes. They have performers such as Jessica Mauboy, Stan Walker, Justice Crew, Reece Mastin or Johnny Ruffo.

You Can...Help Australian teenagers survive cancer (without donating a single dollar)

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2nd July 2012

Dear School,



BYSA TERM 3 PROGRAM

Blacktown Youth Services Association (BYSA) is a not for profit community organisation that provides educational and recreational activities for young people aged 12-24 across the Blacktown LGA.

BYSA facilitates a range of programs that your students can attend afterschool throughout the school term providing a safe afternoon space for young people to learn new skills and socialize with other people their age.

BYSA's Term 3 Program Includes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BYSA Studios Training* 3:30-6pm	Girls Club 3:30-5:30 FREE (Starting 24 th July)	Cooking: Cupcake and Biscuit Decorating 3:30-5:30 FREE (Starting 25 th July)		Guitar Lessons 3:30-5:30 \$5/hour (School Term) BYSA Studio Recording 1:30-5:30

* BYSA's Studio Programs require young people to complete a basic registration form in order to be eligible for training which you will find attached overleaf.

*All programs are inclusive of equipment and resources.

If you and/or your students have any questions regarding BYSA programs and/or our general services please do not hesitate to contact myself.

I look forward to working with your school and students

Regards,

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BYSA STUDIOS REGISTRATION FORM

Personal Details

First Name	Last Name
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Date of Birth	Cultural Background
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Terms and Conditions

I acknowledge that when booking studio time with my license number, I must be present at the recording session. I am personally responsible for all studio equipment during that session. I also acknowledge that I must only have a maximum of **3 PEOPLE** (including the Producer) in the studio at any time during my session, and must abide by all of the BYSA Studio Policies.

Signature	Date
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Date Studio Course Taken	Please attach one form of ID
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BOOK NOW! PLACES ARE LIMITED!

To register your family or for more information

Call: 1800 780 900

Visit: au.mendcentral.org

Evening Numeracy Classes

Evening courses are being offered to members of the community in Numeracy strategies to assist your child. The sessions will be interactive and hands on, as well as being informative.

Where: Quakers Hill High School, Common Room

When	Strand to be covered
Wednesday 22 August	Number and Algebra
Wednesday 29 August	Measurement and Geometry
Wednesday 5 September	Data and Probability

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost: Free

You may attend as many sessions as you wish.

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Enquires or to register to attend please contact
Kuldip Khehra, Head Teacher Mathematics
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