Welcome to a New School Year
To all our families, especially those new to Blakehurst High, we extend a warm welcome to the 2014 school year. We hope this year will be a successful and productive one for all. At Blakehurst High we want all students to succeed, to achieve their best, whatever that may be. Staff at Blakehurst High are committed to continual improvement in all aspects of teaching and learning, in order to maximise the educational opportunities for our students. Of course student outcomes are enhanced when we receive support from home and we work together towards this aim. I thank you for this support.

Staff Changes
The 2014 school year will see just a few staff changes. On the Science staff we welcome back Mr Al Hewetson who replaces Mrs Katra. Mr Alex Digiacomo has joined the LOTE faculty as a result of Ms Sarah Rumiz leaving Blakehurst High. Ms Cheryl Hudspeth joins the Learning and Support Team, replacing Mr Aaron Johnston. In the HSIE faculty, Ms Kristina Dracopolous replaces Ms Sarah Butler who has taken 12 months LWOP. I am sure you will all join me in warmly welcoming the new staff to Blakehurst High School as well as wish all outgoing staff the very best in their future endeavours.

Fabulous HSC Results
The whole staff was very excited with the excellent HSC results received by Blakehurst students in 2013. Congratulations to all students. Of course these great results are not possible without a lot of hard work from both staff and students. I have included some of the highlights below:

Top ATAR - Wendy (Yuhan) Yang achieved an ATAR of 99.20 (n.b – max. ATAR possible is 99.95)

Other notable ATARs (that we are aware of, as at the 20/12/13) included;
- Daniel (Haidan) Bu – 97.85
- Aimee (Xia) Chen – 97.20
- Wirawan Tjo – 95.85
- Natalie Bakrdenikoska – 93.45
- Rachel Roberts – 91.7
- Niki Exarchacos – 91.35
- Charlene Su – 90.0
- Sunny Manola – 89.85
- Stephanie Bogdanovski – 86.90
- Frank Wong – 86.80
- Hannah Green – 85.45
- Xiaoting Liu – 84.8
- Spira Anogianakis – 81.45
- Lucy Grzesiczek – 80.0

HSC All-round Achievers List - Two students gained Band 6 in all their 10 units. They were;
- Aimee (Xia) Chen
- Wendy (Yuhan) Yang

Honour roll - 61 students in 22 subjects named on the State Merit list. In Extension courses there were 15 top Band 4 results. Band 4 results in Extension courses included 10 in Mathematics Extension 1 (top mark was 95%), 4 in Extension 2 (top mark was 93%), 1 in Japanese extension (top mark was 92%). In 2 unit courses there were 46 top Band 6 results.

Of course exam results are not the only measure of success. Just to receive the HSC was an outstanding achievement for many. For these students and for those who were supported into traineeships and apprenticeships, much of their success was due to the excellent work of our support and teaching staff. Well done all!
Parents and Citizens Association
Our P&C meet the second Wednesday of each month in the school Common Room at 7pm. All parents are encouraged to attend and learn more about, as well as support your school. The next meeting will be;

**Wednesday March 12**
**All Welcome!**

2014 Student Advisers
Hopefully all students have settled down to work and are enjoying their learning and time at school. If parents do have any concerns however, your child’s Student Adviser is the first point of contact. I have listed the 2014 Student Advisers below. Please ring the school to make an appointment to discuss any issues.

Year 7 – Ms Camilleri and Mr Roff
Year 8 – Ms Koutsoukis and Mr Van Munster
Year 9 – Ms Wiryakusuma and Ms Pappas
Year 10 – Mr Smith and Ms Berrett
Year 11 – Ms Loizos and Ms Evangelinos
Year 12 – Mr Irani and Ms Rizzo-Liu

2014 School Fees
You will soon be receiving your 2014 School Fee notice. Please assist your school by paying your child’s school fees promptly so we can continue to provide a quality education for all. **All fees paid directly benefit your children.** If there are any problems in paying fees in full (this can be done by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS), then they may be paid in instalments. Please contact the school’s administration office to organise. In cases of financial hardship, please contact me or the School Administration Manager, Ms Morris.

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**STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR FEBRUARY – SECONDARY SCHOOL SUCCESS**
Every parent and teacher would like to see students achieving their personal academic best at school. Knowing how to work efficiently can help students navigate the mire of academic demands in secondary school in a stress-free way. Working through the units on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) throughout this year will help students build skills and learn techniques to become more effective learners. We encourage all students and parents to log into the site and browse the units to become familiar with the topics covered.

One of the recent handouts added to the site was for students starting secondary school (go to the More menu then Things to Print). However many of the lessons for students beginning high school are relevant for all secondary students. So here are the top five tips about making the most of your time at school this year and working efficiently at home.

1. **INDEPENDENT LEARNING:** There are two types of work in secondary school. The compulsory work your teacher tells you to do, and independent learning that you are expected to do when you have no homework. You can print a handout on the Things to Print page that will give you examples of the types of things you are supposed to be doing for school when you have no homework.

2. **WORK SMART:** If you want to still have a life, but get your schoolwork done (for most students this will be 1-2 hours per night) then you need to work smart. Keep your personal life and schoolwork separate. Don’t do work in front of the TV, switch off your phone and Facebook. Work in half hour blocks and focus only on your schoolwork during that half hour block. If you are super busy with lots of activities then a great idea is to draw up a timetable for the week and allocate time for schoolwork over the week. You might like to visit these units on the site: Time Management Skills, Dealing with Distractions, Overcoming Procrastination.
3. BE ORGANISED AND PLAN: Being organised makes your life easier! So have an organised space to work in, record homework in your diary, keep track of completed work and reschedule work not done. When you are told about a test or an assignment, plan the work out to be done over the available time. Make the most of your time in class, being organised and focused in the classroom means you will find it easier to complete your work and work on big things like assessments at home. Check out these units on the site: Home Study Environment, Organisation and Filing, Managing Workload, Using Classtime.

4. ASK FOR HELP EARLY: If you don’t understand something, ask for help. The sooner the better. If there isn’t time in class see your teacher before or after class or during the break times. No-one expects you to do things on your own. One of the most important contributors to being successful academically is to ask for help often and early. See if your school offers extra support or has a homework help service. Don’t forget family and friends, they might know more than you think! There is a unit on the site all about Asking for Help.

5. LEARN HOW TO STUDY PROPERLY: If you still think that to study for a test you just read your book over and over, time to learn how smart people study! The main things to remember about study for a test are:
   - Make study notes or summaries first (write down in point form what you need to learn),
   - learn these notes not just by reading but by testing yourself on them and do as many different questions as you can as practise.
   - You can learn more from these units: Summarising, Active Studying, Preparing for Exam Blocks, Test-Taking Techniques, Your Brain and Memory.
   - You may also like to check out all of the skills units and technology units.

So learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. Our school’s access details are:

Username: blakehursths
Password: 186results

Parents Tips from the DEC

**Homework and Study**
Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template. Weekly schedule template:

**Jargon Busters**
Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here’s a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar. School jargon buster:

**Planning for success in high school**
Each year in high school brings new academic and personal challenges for parents and their teens. For example, if your child is commencing Year 8 or 10, they’ll need to start thinking now about the electives they want to choose later in the year. This year-by-year guide will help you navigate the challenges and decisions your child will face as they commence Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Year-by-year tips:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/tips-for-starting-years-7-12

**Staying in touch with the school**
As a parent it’s much easier to have difficult conversations about your child’s behaviour with the teacher if you’ve established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child’s school.

Communicating with your school

Mr B Lester
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S Report

Parent Teacher Nights
This year Parent Teacher Nights will be organised slightly differently from previous years. Years 7, 11 and 12 will be held on Tuesday 8 April (the last week of Term 1) from 4 to 8pm. Years 8, 9, 10 will be held on Tuesday 13 May Week 3 in Term 2) from 4 to 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to speak to their child’s teachers about their learning progress. Students will be given a “booking sheet” on which to make appointments for their parents.

Student Attendance and Punctuality
All students are expected to attend school each day and remain at school for the whole day. In some cases, there are special family circumstances or unavoidable appointments that require a student to miss part of, or a whole day. In such cases, the school is required to obtain a note / SMS from the parent or guardian of the student explaining the absence, or for a partial day, a note detailing the time in which the student is late or needs to leave early. The school cannot dismiss students from school early who do not have written parental permissions.

Each morning school starts at 8.55am with a roll call. It is essential that all students arrive in time to respond to the bell and make their way to roll call punctually. In those unavoidable circumstances where a student is to arrive at school late, the school requires a note from home to explain the late arrival. Year 11 and Year 12 students must arrive at 7:45am for the start of period zero.

We have experienced some difficulty with the software that has been provided by the DEC to record attendance. Consequently, the SMS system has not worked effectively on every school day this year. When these issues have been resolved, the school will continue to send SMS messages to alert parents of student lateness and absence.

Bullying
Like all high schools, we have had some instances of bullying this year although most students behave responsibly. At BHS, bullying is defined as any intentional, repeated behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes distress, hurt or undue pressure.

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. Please support your child by talking to them about bullying and encouraging them to speak out when they witness bullying. Research shows that bullying usually stops if bystanders intervene. If they can’t intervene then reporting the problem is the next best solution.

Leaving the premises
No students may leave the school premises at any time. Years 7 to 10 must always be on school grounds between 8:55am and 3pm. Years 7 to 10 NEVER have “free” periods.

Years 11 and 12 must be present from 7:45am until the end of their last timetabled lesson. Many students in Years 11 and 12 now have “free periods”. While this is a novelty for them, they need to use their time sensibly and a good start is by thinking of them as “study periods”. During study periods, students may not leave the premises. They are expected to use this time for studying in the Library.

Year 12 Exams
Year 12 will begin their half-yearly exams at the end of this term. Year 12 passes very quickly and before the exams they need to be in class during every lesson and focussed on learning. While some learning happens by chance or opportunity, most learning requires effort, persistence and planning. All year 12 students need to be focussed on revision and study during their next few weeks. Please encourage them at home by talking to them about how they have organised their time. Ask to see their ”study plan”.

Lyn Paton
Deputy Principal
CAPA ‘Column’

Welcome Back to all our Students!

Also a very special welcome to all our Year 7 students in 2014! The CAPA team is once again looking forward to an exciting year of teaching and learning. I am also very pleased to advise that we are once again offering our students the opportunity to participate in many co-curricular activities in the creative and performing arts.

MUSIC - CONCERT BAND
The Concert Band has begun rehearsals - Mondays 3.00pm – 4.15pm in the school hall. We are always looking for new players – experienced players and beginners! So if you have or are able to play a band instrument please see Ms Jacobsen or just come along to our rehearsals on Monday afternoons!

STRING ENSEMBLE
The senior group commenced rehearsals on Thursday 20 February 2014. All experienced string players are most welcome to join us. We have new repertoire and will be practising for an Assembly performance early in Term 2.

CHOIR
The Choir has begun for 2014. We will rehearse every Friday before school at 8am in Music Room 1. The Blakehurst High School Choir attended the first rehearsal for the ‘In-Concert 2014’ performance on 26 February. We are very fortunate this year to be singing two songs by the well know Australian A Capella group, ‘The Idea of North’ who will workshop with the Regional Choir groups as well as perform in the concert at the Town Hall on 19 May.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal and we are looking forward to the challenge of learning the songs in preparation for the concert.

The next regional rehearsal will be on Tuesday 6 May. All students – juniors and seniors - are still encouraged to join our choir. Everyone loves to sing – so don’t be shy!! Come and join us!! See Ms Jacobsen in the CAPA staffroom.

Judy Jacobsen
Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts

GUITAR LESSONS
We have once again engaged Mr Nick Watson to come to school each Thursday to conduct a small group guitar lesson. If you are interested in learning to play the guitar or you would like to extend your existing guitar skills, please see Ms Jacobsen.

VISUAL ARTS
We welcome back Mrs Kerrie Codey to our fantastic Visual Arts team. Mrs Codey has returned part time this year and we are fortunate to have Mr Jenkins continue to work with us for 2014, sharing with Mrs Codey.

DRAMA

‘All the world is a stage’ ....Shakespeare
Welcome back! 2014 is proving to be a very busy year for our Year 12 Drama class with students working eagerly on their Individual Performances and Design projects for their forthcoming HSC examinations.

Together with their Group Performances, Year 12 will be eagerly awaiting the opportunity to showcase their theatrical works to the school at CAPA evening later in the year. Watch this space!

The Blakehurst High School Junior Drama Club is back in 2014! We meet in the Drama Room located in the Perrau Block during the lunch break EVERY Friday. We enjoy theatre sports, masquerading with masks, performing under lights and creating clever costumes. We would love to see you there, so come along with your friends and be a part of the action! Wishing all of our Drama students a wonderful and productive year ahead!

Mrs Shaw will once again run the Drama Club each Friday at lunch time in the Drama Room. All students who are interested in Drama and the Arts are encouraged to come along and join in the fun.

.....Mrs Shaw, Drama Teacher
A warm welcome back to school and Term 1 2014! I hope you have all had a restful break and have returned refreshed to begin another busy term.

I want to begin by congratulating our 2013 HSC students on their wonderful results. We as a faculty are extremely proud of their achievements and the dedication and commitment they displayed over the 2 years of their senior schooling.

The following 2013 students all achieved a Band 6 in their TAS subject.

**Community & Family Studies**
Yasmeen Attalla
Nikolina Calic
Haannah Green
Rachel Roberts

**Food Technology Hospitality**
Stephanie Bogdanovski
Xiaoting Liu

**Textiles & Design**
Jessica Allen
Lauren Cini
Olivia Pilot

**Hospitality**
Niki Exaharcos

Well done and we all wish you the very best in the future. We are also very proud of Jessica Allen, who not only achieved a Band 6 in Textiles and Design but has also had her Major Textiles Project chosen to be part of the TEXSTYLE Exhibition 2014. You can see Jessica’s amazing creation at the Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Race course from March 6 – 9.

**Senior Students**
This Term has been an extremely busy start for our senior students, in particular, our Year 12 Textiles and Design students who are busy working on their Major Design Projects and our Year 12 CAFS students who are working hard on their Independent Research Projects.

We can’t wait to see the beautiful and creative designs from our Year 12 Textile students later on in the year. Mrs Allen and I are eager to read our Year 12 CAFS students first piece of academic research!

**Junior Students**
Our junior students have also been “busy bees” working hard across all our subjects and starting to design and produce a range of quality projects.

**Fees 2014**
Parents and Guardians are reminded that all materials and foods provided in practical classes are paid for via subject contributions. I would greatly appreciate it if you could pay subject fees as soon as possible.

**Correct Footwear and Practical Uniform**
Parent, Guardians and students are reminded that leather lace-up non-slip shoes are required for participation in practical classes. If students are not in the correct footwear they will not be able to participate in the practical activity (this includes Food and Textiles practical classes).

Students in Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory – Food classes and Years 9-12 Food Technology are also reminded to bring their apron and hat as well as 2 tea-towels in a plastic bag, placemat (if required) and container for their practical classes.

Year 8 Technology Mandatory students must have a USB flash drive to work on their website.

I hope you all have a great Term. I remind you of our school motto, which should be your motivation to do your very best this year. *‘Nihil Sine Labore’, nothing achieved without hard work.*

Mrs N Dexter
Head Teacher TAS Home Economics
The Blakehurst High School Student Representative Council would like to send out a warm and friendly welcome to the beginning of a new year! With so many delightful and exciting projects to take on, we are sure that we are going to be working our hardest to make our school a more cohesive and harmonious environment.

To kick-start 2014, we held a colourful Zinc sale at our annual school swimming carnival! The day was filled with many smiles and laughter and we are sure that everyone had a wonderful time! Our zinc sales were very impressive, totalling over $200. A BIG thank you to all the students and teachers who bought Zinc and stayed safe in the sun. We also thank all the SRC members who helped out on the day. Profit from the sales will go towards our Bandage Bear Day Appeal that will take place at the end of Term 1. To help give thousands of sick kids and their family a healthier and happier future they deserve.

The SRC has implemented exciting planned projects for the year:

**Bandage Bear Day Appeal** -
- For a healthier and happier future for sick kids and their families.
- Anti-Bullying Campaign - Say NO WAY to bullying
- Fitness program - Let’s get physical!
- A Spooky Treat – Halloween
- White Ribbon Day - Violence Against Women

Behind the hard working SRC team of 2013 is a group of students who help to keep things in place and running smoothly.

**Our New Executives for 2014 are:**
President - Naomi To  
Vice-President – Caitlin Su  
Secretary – Jasmine Lu  
Publicity Officer - Sandy Ng  
Technician - George Watts  
Photographer – Ellen Huang

**Co-ordinators for 2014:**
Ms Ware & Mr Jenkins

Thank you to all for supporting the SRC over the years. We hope to see that support continue.

Ms Ware/Mr Jenkins  
Coordinators SRC  

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Sandy Ng, Publicity Officer
All DER Laptops should be brought in to school for 2014 stocktake. Students will need to log on to the DER wireless at school using @detnsw login for at least 30 minutes to register their Laptop. Mr Fernandez will have more information for you if required.

Some Year 10 students have not been bringing their Laptops to school regularly; ready for use in class. This was a requirement of the Laptop Charter that was agreed to when students were lent the Laptops in 2013.

If students cannot remember to bring their Laptops to school on a regular basis, the Laptop should be returned to school where it will be stored and charged ready for use when required.

Amanda Alchin
& Technology Committee

Ski Trip 2014

While it is still early in the year, preparations are already underway for the 2014 Ski Trip to Thredbo for students in Years 10 & 11. The dates for this trip are from Sunday July 27 to Wednesday July 30.

Students will have 3 days skiing with lessons on each of the days to help them progress. After 3 days it is expected that all students will be competent enough to tackle the entire Beginner, and some of the Intermediate runs, on the mountain.

Included in the price of the trip, which will be advised shortly, is all Lift Passes and Lessons, all Meals, Transport as well as Hire Skis and Boots. Notes will be distributed shortly and students can pay a $200 deposit before the end of term to book a spot.

It is also possible to organize a ‘payment plan’ leading up to July. The proviso on booking that spot is that all elective school fees are paid and up to date and also that school performance and behaviour has been satisfactory. Places are also limited so it is best to act quickly.

If there are any questions regarding the trip they can be directed to me at the school. I hope to see many students taking advantage of this great opportunity and enjoy an excursion they will always remember.

Mr P Slater
Head Teacher HSIE/Ski Trip Coordinator
hsie roundup

welcome!

....back to all students for the 2014 school year.

Once again the year has started at a fast pace with students well and truly into their work. The introduction of the National Curriculum has begun in Years 7 and 9 after being trialled last year. In years 8 and 10 the trials are continuing with students appearing to be engaged and interested in the new look courses. All students in HSIE have now been issued with course outlines which detail the Assessment Tasks and dates due for the 1st semester. These should be stuck in the front of exercise books or folders.

On the staffing front we have welcomed Ms Dracopoulos for the year; replacing Ms Butler who has taken the year off in order to travel the world and will return (hopefully??) in 2015. We have also retained Mr Tsattalios who is doing a terrific job teaching Years 8 and 10 and who might still be lured full time into HSIE from the PDHPE department.

Apart from the regular teaching and learning that students are involved in they also have the opportunity to be involved in a range of extra-curricular activities and already this list is long, see below. Students will receive notes, if they haven’t already, regarding these excursions and competitions and we encourage all students to get involved.

**Geography Competition – March 24**

**History Competition – Week 5 Term 2**

**Preliminary Geography Field Trip to Cronulla – Year 11 – February 24**

**HSC Geography Field Trip to Pyrmont – May 7**

**HSC Legal Studies Seminars – March 6**

**Modern History HSC/Preliminary – Anne Frank Exhibition**

**Year 10 and 11 Ski Trip – July 27 to 30**

**Economics Competition – Years 11/12 – May 8**

**Business Studies Competition – Years 11/12 – May 15**

Mr P Slater
Head Teacher HSIE
The main objective of any Environment Team is to protect Planet Earth for future generations. This involves not wasting our resources, recycling wherever possible and protecting our environment against pollutants.

It is *everyone’s responsibility* to look after the environment. The phrase “*Think Globally and Act Locally*” means that small changes made by individuals make a difference to the Earth as a whole.

**Tips for this Term are:**

- Turn off the ‘*stand by*’ switch on appliances
- Don’t leave the fridge door open
- Switch off lights in rooms not being used
- Don’t drop litter
- Ride your bike or walk instead of getting a lift in a car or bus
- Have one or two meat free days a week
- Sort rubbish and recycle where possible
- Turn off the tap while you are brushing your teeth

The Environment Team is led by Ms Georgopoulou; a teacher on the Science Staff who will be recruiting students from Years 7, 8 & 9 to work on projects and plan future events. A School Organic, Vegetable Garden is planned for the space in the Mad Mile.

**This year the Environmental Team will run the following calendar events:**

- Clean up Australia – March 3
- Earth Hour – March 28
- Green Day – April 4
- Plant a Tree Day – July 25
- National water Week – November 3

*Mrs Georgopoulou/Co-ordinator*  
*Mrs O’Brien/Team Member*
The Science Department would like to extend a warm welcome to new students and staff members and to all Year 7.

Mr Hewetson, who was Ms O’Brien’s student teacher in 2012, will be a temporary teacher for all of this year. We trust that everyone will settle in, and have a productive and enjoyable year. Already Mr Hewetson has competed at the Annual Swimming Carnival and helped the staff to be victorious over the students in the 4 x 50m relay.

Science is a practical subject which requires a Risk Assessment for all experimental activities. To ensure students do not incur injuries to feet or eyes, it is mandatory requirement for all students to wear eye goggles and black closed in leather shoes.

What’s happening in each Year

Year 7…

…are learning a topic called Science Skills. They are exploring the laboratory, apparatus used for experiments, and taking and recording measurements.

Year 8…

…are doing a topic called Systems. They are learning about ecology and food chains, and are investigating the Cardio-vascular system, the Respiratory System and the Excretory System. They are making a ‘creature’ from scrap material that could be adapted to a habitat located in the school yard.

Year 9…

… are investigating the history of the Periodic table and the structure, and history of ideas about the atom in a topic called Scientists at Work. They are also learning about forensic science and how evidence is collected. They will look at fingerprinting, the role of DNA in solving crimes and how blood spatter can tell how a person died.

Year 10…

…are learning about the laws of chemistry and different types of chemical reactions. They are reacting acids with metals, acids with bases, and exploring the conditions necessary for corrosion to occur. Mr Hewetson’s Year 10 students made a video and uploaded it onto Youtube. It can be found at this web address: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6R26YW7gP8E or by clicking on this link:

Conservation of Mass - Acid Carbonate.mp4

Mrs O’Brien
Head Teacher Science
We would like to welcome Year 7 to Blakehurst High School and we look forward to witnessing them enjoy our library.

All Year 7 students have been given their network logins to use our computer network. Computers are available to use before school, recess and lunch.

Games may only be played on the computers at lunch. Library cards will be issued a few weeks after the school photos are taken. Until then, Year 7 students are able to borrow without a card. All other students must have their library card to borrow, photocopy or use the computers.

Once again all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students can start registering books at the beginning of March. Until then remember to log books read (and all those books read Term 4 2013 and during the Christmas holidays) on the reading logs given out in English classes.

**New Books!!!!**

Keep a look out for the new book displays. Books are starting to arrive, including the sequels to Charlie Higson’s popular “The Enemy” and more titles in the “Cherub” and “Diary of a wimpy kid” series.

Book café will be resuming at lunchtimes on Thursday A as of Week 5 this term. Members from last year are invited to join us and are reminded to bring their books and lunches to the Library.

Don’t forget to have a look at our e-library at [http://bhs.wheelers.co/](http://bhs.wheelers.co/).

Amanda Alchin/Anne Larson
Teacher Librarians
Welfare Report

2014 National Adolescent Vaccination Program…

- Visit 1 - March 7, 2014
- Visit 2 – June 6, 2014
- Visit 3 – October 24, 2014

**Vaccinations All Year 7**

- **Visit 1**
  - 07/03/14
  - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

- **Visit 2**
  - 06/06/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
  - Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox)

- **Visit 3**
  - 24/10/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

**Vaccinations Year 9 Boys Only**

- **Visit 1**
  - 07/03/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

- **Visit 2**
  - 06/06/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

- **Visit 3**
  - 24/10/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
  - (includes catch-up if missed Visit 1 & 2)

**Vaccination Catch-Ups Year 8**

- **Visit 1**
  - 07/03/14
  - Those who have an incomplete HPV course that was commenced in Year 7 2013

- **Visit 2**
  - 06/06/14
  - (HPV) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine ‘catch up’ for students who missed any vaccination in Visit 1

Mrs J Smith
Welfare Coordinator
News from Mathematics Faculty.... Welcome to 2014!

Australian Curriculum
Years 7 and 9 are the first High School years to study the new Australian Curriculum (NSW version) for Mathematics (and Science, English and History). Much of the content is identical to previous years, with some topics swapped with primary school topics, and some interesting new content.

Equipment required for class
The Mathematics staff are very happy to see so many students applying themselves eagerly to class work and home activities. We’d like to remind parents that all students in all Mathematics classes should be bringing an exercise book, pens, pencils, ruler and scientific calculator to every class as they are not available to be borrowed. Casio FXAU Plus II calculators can be purchased from the school for just $22. Geometry sets will also be used in some topics (protractor and compass essential).

In addition to their stationery most classes have been issued with textbooks - if not, the teacher will be storing them in the classroom and/or providing handouts for students. For a student to be able to take a textbook home, essential to complete homework tasks, they need to purchase a heavy duty textbook cover/folder from the school. These are just $5 and can be reused for many years.

New Textbooks
Around a third of the students studying mathematics have access to a new textbook this year. We are very pleased to be able to replace our oldest texts with the new, more appealing versions. We are keen to keep them in great condition, hence the need for students to purchase the textbook cover mentioned above.

Exams for Term 1 2014
All students have received Preliminary advice of their exam dates for Term 1. We will issue every student with written notification 2 weeks before the exam, confirming the topics that will be tested.

If a student is absent they will be asked to sit the exam in their first Mathematics class after they return. Year 11 & 12 students require a Doctor’s Certificate if they miss an examination.

Year 7 = L, K = March 10 Year 8 = March 21 Year 9 = April 1 Year 10 = April 7 Year 11 = March 27 General
B, A, E, H = March 11
Year 12 = Refer to the Half Yearly Examination Roster

Class Changes
Many students have asked if there will be any changes to Mathematics classes this year and we can confirm that for Years 8 to 11 there are likely to be some changes. However, there won’t be any adjustments until after the first Assessment Task (dates above).

Mathletics is back!
Blakehurst High School P & C have again agreed to fund this very valuable program in 2014. Your child would benefit from an hour a week on this fabulous program, from Years 7 to 12. The Mathematics teachers are regularly setting tasks for completion, and when these are done the student has access to the entire years’ worth of Mathematics content and they can attempt any activities that they like. In all sections there are “easier” and “harder” applications. They can also play “live” Mathematics against their friends, which is excellent for improving their speed of mental calculation.

All students have been reminded about their usernames and passwords (new for Year 7, but the same as last year for Years 8 to 12). We can also email it to you if you contact us at blakehurst-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. The program can be accessed on a PC or Mac. For all devices download the free app at http://www.3plearning.com/mathleticsappupdated.
Big changes to donor eligibility!!

A huge well done to the dozens of donors who rolled up their sleeves in 2013. It’s so fantastic to see young people queuing up to help others.

**Now for the big news!!** 16 and 17 year old students are now only allowed to donate once in a 12 month period. The one year deferral applies retrospectively, which means that students who donated last year cannot donate again until the same time this year, unless they turn 18 years in the meantime. Once you turn 18 you can donate up to 4 times a year.

We will be donating in Term 1, watch for the posters around the school and the daily news for details.

We are hoping for a great turnout of donors. You need to have turned 16 and meet the health requirements. The Red Cross sends a vehicle to transport you to the donor centre at Miranda and will bring you back to school afterwards. You can anticipate being away from school for up to 2 hours, although the donation itself takes around 10 minutes.

Ms Alison Peachey
Head Teacher Mathematics

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**From the CAREERS Adviser...**

In previous Newsletters I have advised the Blakehurst High School community about the on-line Careers resources available to students and their parents.

These include the "myfuture" website (www.myfuture.edu.au), as well as our own Blakehurst High Careers website (www.blakehursthighcareers.com) and our latest resource www.seek2b.com.

Following this report I have included an attachment of the Newsletter, available to Blakehurst High community members who register with the above website. I have been advised that as of the 1 March, this website will change names to www.jobjump.com.au but will still remain as great a source of information as in the past.

I would encourage all members of our community to view these valuable resources and become familiar with the vast amount of information available to assist our children to make wise and informed decisions about their future study and career plans.
If you know students have a talent, this is a great way to support them. Please encourage them to take part in these events mentioned below.

HSC SUBJECT KLA / FACULTIES

CAPA
Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts

AIT Info Night
18 Feb 6-8pm.
For students and parents to see the endless opportunities available in the growing games, animation, I.T. creative industries. RSVP required: http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/info-night/info-night-18-feb-2014/

Shillington College Information Session
28 March, 6pm
Level 3, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney
Study graphic design

Metro Screen: Screen & Media Careers Info Night
26 March, 6pm - 7pm
Paddington Town Hall
Corner Oxford Street & Oatley Road, Paddington.
Film careers and training opportunities.

AIE Work Experience Program - The AIE Work Experience Program is in place to give students who are interested in a career in the video games, 3D animation and visual effects industries a chance to get some hands on experience. Places fill up fast, students need to apply early

AFTRS Open: School Holiday Courses for Kids & Teens
14 to 25 April
Introduction to Game Design, HSC Video Intensive, Teens Digital Animation course.
visit: http://open.aftrs.edu.au/schoolholidays

International Film School Sydney: 2014 June Open Day
14 June, 10am - 3pm
41 Holt Street, Surry Hills
Find out more about the courses, facilities & more.
http://ifss.edu.au/whats-happening/open-days-events

Got a Creative Project & Need Some Space?
The City of Sydney is offering assistance to people with short-term creative projects who need space to thrive. Spaces available include rehearsal spaces, production offices, workshop spaces, and more. Past groups that have received space include Intersect Arts & Work-Shop. This opportunity could be of value to student & school groups looking for more space.
Contact James at: james@brandx.org.au or apply online.

ENGLISH

Bond University: High School Mooting Competition
Closes 28 February
See court room and legal process. For Years 11 & 12.
See: http://www.bond.edu.au/high-school-mooting

Diploma of Journalism now online - Over 1 or more years. Areas include reporting & news writing, research, law & court reporting, political journalism, multimedia, reviewing, journalism issues and shorthand. For more information http://www.jschool.com.au/ or email inquiries@jschool.com.au/
Australian Superyacht Crew: Information Night Webinar
11 March, 7:30pm

SCIENCE
Senior Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics

UNSW Science Parent and Student Information Evening -
26 March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm,
UNSW Science invites Year 11 and Year 12 students and their parents
The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington campus. Register online
http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/infonight/

T.A.S.
Agriculture, Design and Technology, Engineering Studies, Food Technology,
Industrial Technology, Information Processes Technology and Technology, Software
Design and Development, Textiles and Design

HTN Apprenticeship Services
Do you want an apprenticeship or a traineeship in hospitality - chef, cook, food and beverage or a butcher?
Contact: 1300 139 108 or apprenticechefs@htn.com.au

Martin College: New Diploma of Website Development
On-campus full-time or online part-time.
Contact: 1300 762 129

VET Retail Services

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014 Volunteers Wanted
10 & 23 April
Over 16?
Contact: volunteers@rasnsw.com.au or (02) 9704 1297.

One Shift Jobs
Casual or part-time jobs.

Mrs Angela Centorrino
Careers Adviser
2014 Looks as if it is going to be a fantastic year for Languages.

We have welcomed two new members of staff this term; Mr Alex Digiacomo who has replaced Sarah Rumiz and Jennifer Dupuy a French Assistant from Paris who will be working with our French language students throughout this year. We also warmly welcome back Dimitra Spiropoulos from the Greek Consulate who once again will be working with our Greek language students. The help given our students by these Assistants is invaluable.

Japanese Students from Oita Tomei

Blakehurst High will once again host Japanese students from Oita Tomei from the March 3 to 11. My thanks to all those families who are playing host to these students, as without your generosity this exchange could not take place.

A busy Year planned...

Once again the Languages Department is looking forward to a busy year with all the excursions, cultural activities and trips that are planned to help enrich the cultural and linguistic awareness of our students. Our Chinese students have already celebrated Chinese New Year the Year of the Horse with delicious Chinese food provided by Ms Lao and Ms Winston. We will keep you updated in future Newsletters of all the other activities.

Our HSC results for 2013...

...were once again very solid with the majority of our students scoring a Band 5 or 6 in the Languages offered.

Jennifer Dupuy - French Assistant

Jennifer was born and educated in Paris and graduated from the Sorbonne with a Master’s Degree First Class Honours in English. Jennifer is no new comer to Australia having already spent two years here in 2009-2011 on a working holiday visa.

From Australia, not wanting to return to France she then went to Canada where she worked as an Assistant at the University of British Columbia Canada. Here she worked with the University students to improve their French linguistic skills mainly focusing on their conversational and writing skills.

Still not willing to return to her homeland Jennifer then spent last year and a half working in New Zealand as a French Restaurant Manager and doing private French tuition in the evenings. In New Zealand she decided to apply with the DEC to see if she could attain a position as an Assistant deciding that she wanted the challenge of working with teenagers even though this prospect seemed a little daunting at first.

Much to my great delight not only did the DEC employ her but they assigned her to Blakehurst High School where she works closely with our senior French students giving them invaluable insight into the French language and culture.

One of our students Alex who is doing the course through the Open High School is also benefiting from having Jennifer here as she sees him three times a cycle to help him with the course. I am extremely grateful that Jennifer has been assigned to Blakehurst High.

Mrs A Mangraviti
Head Teacher LOTE
This year, quite a few changes have been made to our Stage 4 programs. Projects have been changed within the years to improve on the Design work carried out by students.

Students in Years 7 & 8 will also be introduced to CAD (computer aided drawing). This was trialed last year with select classes and following increased successes, will now be part of the students design folio. Year 7 will work in Sketch-up, while Year 8 will use Pro Creo(a drawing package for mechanical drawing).

Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 students will continue to work in Autodesk products, developing skill using AutoCAD, Inventor and Revit (an architectural program). Developing an understanding of the digital 3D world and being able to manipulate these drawings will assist all students in the future.

We are also developing a new digital system for completing safety work and doing safety tests. This is being developed in Moodle and will be a more effective way of checking the safety awareness of all students within the school. The Initial activities set up in the system have been trialed by only a few classes at this time. We hope to develop the system so that it can be used over the whole year for all classes through to Year 12.

Engineering students in Years 9 and 10 compete in the “F1 for schools challenge”. Our best result so far has been to attend State Finals. Can our students get to the Nationals this year?

Timothy Yao in Year 12 has made excellent progress in all his Preliminary Timber projects and is eager to complete his Major Project by August this year. “He has shown determination and a real passion for this subject. He is a pleasure to have in the workshop” T Van Munster.

All students are underway in their practical tasks. Research, patience and persistence are the key to success in these Major Works. The clock is running!!! Projects are due for completion in Term 3!!!

Mr S Moses
Head Teacher Industrial Arts
PDHPE Faculty Report

**Year 10 Students give our school an even better reputation!**

The following Year 10 PASS students have recently assisted at the Hurstville South Primary School Swimming Carnival as water safety officers. The organising teacher commented on what an outstanding job these students did in encouraging and supporting the younger and poorer swimmers from the Primary School.

**Congratulations to:**
A Bakrdanikoska, N Calder-Little, R Dunk, C Judd, J Mohamad, L Ogenovski, S Russo, S Smith, K Tzavellas, J Xabregas. Their actions have made our school’s name even better.

**Congratulations to the class of 2013…**
…on their creditable results in the HSC. In particular, Rachel Roberts, with a HSC mark of 90 (Band 6) and Tara Aftanas, Spiridoula Anogianakis, Natalie Bakrdanikoska, Niki Exarhacos, Hannah Green and Sunny Manola all with Band 5 results.

**Year 12 - 2014**

Students are now approximately half way through the HSC course and it is imperative that they revise and study all course work regularly so that they are not overburdened nearing the end of the course as they prepare for the HSC. There are high expectations for this cohort in the HSC and it is hoped that all students work to their ability and attain the HSC results that they deserve. This cohort has also utilised ALARM throughout their senior course which should stand them in good stead for the extended response answers in PDHPE.

**Year 11**

Three 2 unit PDHPE classes are running in Year 11 consisting of 63 students. This course is getting more popular by the year with 8 more students completing the course than last year. These classes are being taught by Mr Kemp, Ms Berrett and Mr Tsattalios. The Preliminary course is the basis and a very important component of presumed knowledge for the HSC course and it is essential that all students complete the work to the best of their ability. Year 11 will also participate in an Outdoor Recreation Camp in the last week of this term (Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th April) at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. More information will be circulated closer to the event.

One Sports Coaching class and one Sport Lifestyle and Recreation class are also being taught. Mr Yelavich is delivering the Certificate II in Sport Coaching course whilst Mr Smith is teaching the SLR students.

**Years 7 - 10**

In Years 7 to 10 Personal Development and Health classes, all students are taught relevant and meaningful information on the lifestyle issues that they will face as they grow into young adults. The major outcome of this is that all students gain the ability to act on this information to make informed and healthy decisions for the present and into the future. To achieve these outcomes all PDHPE programs have been evaluated and re-written with the latest and most relevant information. Technology, lesson differentiation and student centred approaches have been utilised in all stages to ensure that all students gain the most benefit from their PDHPE courses.

I would like to thank the whole PDHPE team for the time and effort that they have put in to making these programs so engaging and informative for our students. Physical Education lessons in Term 1 will include fitness testing, gymnastics, dance and some sports. It is very important that all students bring their school sports uniform for practical lessons. All students have noted down their practical lesson periods on their timetables. A “2 strike” system will operate with students who fail to bring their PE uniforms more than once having to complete lunch detentions to make up for the missed lesson time.

**All Year 7 to 10 students…**
…have received a permission note explaining the PDHPE courses. A tear off return section, which gives permission for students to walk to parks outside school for PE lessons needs to be sighted, signed and returned to the class teacher. Year 10 are also undertaking the SALSA program this year as discussed in the final issue of Blakehurst News in 2013. This is a very exciting initiative run in conjunction with Sydney University. More details will follow closer to the program commencing.

**The Scope and Sequence for Years 7 to 10 is:**

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**Year 9/10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies**

This course is an extension of PDHPE lessons but target areas such as, Anatomy and Biomechanics to help in understanding how the body works in physical activity. It will also give students an opportunity to experience various leisure activities such as Tennis, Canoeing and Surf Lifesaving. Two classes are running in each of these years.

**Yours in Sport**

**Mr A Yelavich – Head Teacher**

& PDHPE Team
Our Junior prefects in Year 9 started the year with an intensive one day training session, conducted by Rising Generations, a specialist leadership training organisation. They focused on the organisational skills necessary to get projects underway; recognition of individual skills and how to utilize them and group dynamics.

It was a very successful day and the feedback was very positive from the participating students who are eager to begin contributing to the school community.

Their first responsibility was to act as Ambassadors for the school on our Year 6 Information Evening; showing groups of parents and students around the school and offering an insight into school life at Blakehurst High.

Our Senior Prefects have also had a busy start to the year. They held a very yummy cake stall for Valentine’s Day raising funds for the school. They have also continued the treasure hunt that provides a fun activity at recess and lunch for students. They are also in the process of compiling a cookbook which contains treasured secret family recipes gathered from students.

Mrs J Smith
Leadership Coordinator
PDHPE Sports Report

Summer sport has commenced for 2014 with Grade Trials being held within the first three weeks of school, with the official start of St George Zone Sport beginning on Wednesday February 19.

We have 38 boys teams and 28 girls teams contesting the Summer Grade Sport competition this year, and as the current Girls Grade Sport Champion School, we are looking at retaining this trophy and adding to it with the Boys Grade Sport Champion School.

Blakehurst High School Sports Houses

All students at Blakehurst High have been allocated a Sports House dependent on the first initial of their surname. These houses have been named in honour of past Australian sporting champions. The sport houses are represented as following:

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Good luck to all those students who will be representing Blakehurst High School at the St George Zone Swimming Carnival on the Monday March 3 and Friday March 7, to be held at Bexley Pool.

Sporting Results Outside School

Congratulations to Mika Zammit of Year 12 who has been recently selected to represent Sydney East at the New South Wales Baseball Championships. We wish Mika Good Luck in these championships in his endeavour to make the NSWCHS Baseball team.

Sport Web Sites

The following sport web sites are useful for school sport notices, Zone Sport information and Sydney East Knock Outs and representation.

Blakehurst High Sport Information – http://www.blakehurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sport


Regards,

B Kemp
Sports Organiser
Information for Parents and Students:

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

Great news! Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students’ study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

Username: blakehursths
Password: 186results

The topics currently covered by the handbook are:

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In addition to the huge amount of content, the systematic program for students to work through includes: online quizzes, summary sheets, worksheets, lots of FAQs answered, articles and links, online polls, facility to submit questions, helpful grids and planners, jokes and quotes, student thoughts, images and photos, students can submit ideas to win, competitions, audio and video files, streaming audio (to allow students the option to read or listen to the content) And: new content added regularly, new units added each year, new features added regularly. There is also a tracking system where students save the results of their end of unit quizzes and modules over the years.

Please note:
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We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this online resource.
The Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group offers families in the Sutherland Shire and St George area a forum where parents can talk, exchange ideas, information, resources and experiences with other parents. The support group meets over coffee on the 4th Monday of the month during school terms at 10.30am at a café in Sutherland. For those families working or out of area there is a Yahoo group, email and telephone support.

For further information or to join the support group contact Paula Goulden on (02) 9528 4638 or email psgoulden@tpg.com.au