“A Busy Start to the Year”

As Term 1, 2014, draws to an end it is interesting to reflect on how busy the school has been. Apart from the Teaching and Learning which takes place on a day to day basis in the classroom, some of the special programs/events conducted so far this term include:

- A Meet the Teachers Evening for parents of Year 7 organised by Mr Roff and Ms Camilleri
- The “U Turn the Wheel” program for Year 11 students conducted by Rotary; organised by Mr Slater
- The Year 7 2015, Open Information Evening, organised by Ms Nozica and Ms Lambert (our 2015 Year 7 Student Advisers), and conducted by a large number of Blakehurst High staff and students
- Year 7 and 8 “Clean Up Australia Day” organised by Ms Georgopoulou and the Environmental Team
- National Stop Bullying Day activities organised by Ms Ware and the SRC
- School Photographs organised by Ms Maricic
- A very successful school Swimming Carnival organised by Mr Smith and the PDHPE staff
- A weeklong visit by 17 students and staff from a school on the island of Kyushu, Japan
- An evacuation practice was conducted by the staff and students led by Mr Ovens, to ensure everyone knows what to do in the case of an emergency
- Two Parent and Citizen (P&C) meetings were conducted, including the AGM
- Year 12 heard a presentation from a Board of Studies Liaison Officer, on the HSC and ATAR. This was organised by the Year 12 Student Advisers, Ms Rizzo-Liu and Mr Irani.
- The senior school (Years 10 to 12) sat through a very worthwhile presentation by The Black Dog Institute, organised by Ms Smith.
- The junior school (Years 7-9) heard a presentation by St George NRL players, entitled, “Tackle Bullying” organised by Mr Yelavich.
- A Parent and Teacher Night was held for Years 7, 11, and 12 this week, in response to parents requests for feedback earlier in the year.

These programs are organised to help educate the whole student, as well as to keep the school community well informed. As you are no doubt aware, these programs/events are not possible without the hard work of staff. Thank you to everyone who has undertaken these extra duties in Term 1.

Respect and Responsibility

At a number of Assemblies this year I have addressed the students regarding the values of Respect and Responsibility. I have pointed out that the Blakehurst High School community values students that have:

a) Respect for:
- Other students and the public - by ensuring that they treat others as they would like to be treated
- Teachers - to be polite and follow instructions
- Parents
- Property - both of other students and school property
- Themselves - by not taking part in high risk activities.

b) A responsibility to:
- Come to school every day and attend all classes, as attendance is a precursor to learning,
- Work to the very best of their ability, and to strive for that extra bit of improvement,
- Complete all homework and assignments,
- Allow others to learn; to not disrupt learning.

Parents may wish to discuss these values with your child.
Parents and Citizens Association
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their ongoing support. Just a reminder that the P&C meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting
Wednesday May 14, 2014

GUEST SPEAKERS: Head Teachers of English, Mathematics, Science & HSIE
TOPIC: The New Australian Curriculum

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Year 12 half yearly exams have been conducted over the last two and a half weeks of the term. Reports from these exams will be produced early in Term 2. Most of the Year 12 students have been working very diligently this year, and it is imperative all students get serious with their studies now, as there is only just two Terms left of school until they graduate and sit for the HSC.

Up Coming Events – Dates to Remember-
◆ April 28 – School Development Day for Teachers – focus is on First Aid and Curriculum.
◆ April 29 – All Students Return to School
◆ May 1 – Anzac Day Ceremony
◆ May 5-7 – Year 7 Camp
◆ May 13 - Parent/Teacher Night Years 8, 9 and 10 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm
◆ May 14 – P&C Meeting
◆ May 13, 14, 15 – NAPLAN Years 7 & 9

School Fees
My apologies for the late dispatch of the School Fee statements this year. Unfortunately, due to the new LMBR software, numerous problems beyond the school’s control were encountered.

Thanks then, to the many families who have already paid their school fees for 2014. These fees assist greatly in the running of the school, and all fees received are used to enhance your child’s education this year. General contributions are used to pay for things such as photocopying, textbooks, teaching resources, library books etc. The school would simply not have enough money to pay for all of these things without parents paying the General Contribution. So again, thank you.

Subject fees vary in their amount based on the amount of consumables used in the teaching of the subject. As a result, some subjects have NO fees, but others such as Visual Arts, Woodwork, Construction, Food Technology etc. have higher fees due to the resources/consumables required and used by the students undertaking these subjects.

The P&C Student Enhancement Fee is used by the P&C to fund worthwhile educational projects/resources around the school, again to improve the educational outcomes of students this year.

If you have trouble in paying your fees, please feel free to contact Kim Morris (Office Manager) or myself to organise payment in instalments, or to discuss other arrangements. All information provided will be held in confidence.
STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR APRIL – WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO HOMEWORK?

Homework in secondary school serves many purposes. It could be to consolidate or check or extend the learning from the day or prepare for the learning to come in subsequent days. It could be to do with longer term work such as assignments or preparing for tests and examinations. Ultimately it comes back to what school is all about – learning.

Learning not just content, but learning and developing skills. At times students feel that the work they are doing at school is not relevant to their lives, however sometimes we need to look beyond the content to the purpose of the learning exercise. At times the content will be a vehicle to teach particular skills. Much of what we learn in Mathematics develops the problem solving circuits in our brain. When you are analysing Shakespeare you are learning not just about Shakespeare but to think critically and expand your point of view and broaden your experience of the world through examination of different lives, emotions and experiences. The message is that everything you learn at school has purpose and value, even if you can't quite see it at the time.

There is much debate in the media as to the value of homework. In Primary school it has been shown that only a small amount of students actually benefit from doing homework in terms of academic achievement. The exception to this is reading at home – every student benefits from this. However the other benefits can’t be discounted: developing independent working skills, establishing study routines necessary for learning in later years, helping students master things they are struggling with and allowing parental involvement. In secondary school homework has been proven to be an essential component of academic success in the senior years. The reality of Year 11 and 12 is that a large component of independent learning needs to be undertaken at home. One of the biggest problems for students transitioning to the senior years is that they have not learnt to work effectively and efficiently in the home environment. This is why developing good habits and learning to do at least a solid hour a day of home study is essential in Years 7-10. It is also about developing the qualities of discipline and perseverance, both essential for senior studies. Students will not like every subject equally; students need to learn how to make themselves do the work even for their least favourite subjects.

So what can you do to manage your homework effectively? Try these top tips:

- As soon as you get home unpack your bag before you have a break and something to eat. Lay out all the work first. It is easier to get started if you have everything ready to go.

- Before you start work, write a list of what needs to be done and decide what order you will do it. Focus on what is most important, not just what subject you like best! Also write down how long you think each task will take to do.

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Comprehension help at home
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.

Essay help video
Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they’re not familiar with the topic.
The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.
Keep in your mind that it is all about learning. Try and look beyond the actual content to what type of skill this homework might be developing in you – analysing, critical thinking, writing skills, or problem solving skills for example.

Do your work in 20-30 minute blocks with no distractions during that time. So switch off the TV, turn off your phone for that 20-30 minutes. When you just focus on the work that needs to be done you’ll be amazed at how much work you complete. Of course if you are on a roll, you can keep going past the 30 minutes.

If there is a task you really don’t want to do then alternate this with a task you enjoy doing. For example 15 minutes on the homework you like, 5 minutes on the homework you don’t like. When you chip away at it you will be surprised how quickly you get through the work.

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

Mr B Lester
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S Report

Parent Teacher Nights
We have changed the timing of Parent Teacher Nights. Years 7, 11 and 12 will be held on April 8 from 4 to 8pm. The students all have “booking sheets” and a parent invitation. Years 8 to 10 will be held on Tuesday 13 May from 4 to 7pm. Students will be given a “booking sheet” on which to make appointments for their parents. As always we welcome the opportunity to speak to all parents and caregivers.

Before you come to Parent Teacher Night, think about the questions that you would like to ask. The most important things that you can find from individual teachers are:

- Which aspects the child is doing really well (it is always nice to start with the positives)
- Which aspects they are struggling with
- What the student needs to do to improve
- Are there any social issues that are impacting on the student’s learning?

There are, of course, many other questions you could ask but remember that the teacher has limited (10 minutes) time on this evening. If you need a longer interview organise a separate time to meet. Teachers can also be contacted via email if you have other questions that you think of later.

Illness
If your child is unwell, please don’t send them to school. BHS does not have the facilities to look after students who are not well. If your child becomes unwell during the day, the school will call you and ask you to collect them. Students have been told that they are not to contact you directly. If they are unwell they must go to the front office and, if necessary, we will contact you directly. This means that we all know what is happening and where all students are. Except for emergencies, I am usually the person who makes the judgement call about whether we contact you.

We are not able to supply students with paracetamol.

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 permission.

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. The school will continue to send SMS messages to alert parents of student lateness and absence.

Uniform
As the weather will start to cool down soon, please ensure that your child has sufficient warm clothing. No item of clothing, that is not school uniform, should be visible. “Hoodies” can never be worn to school. Lowes has supplies of school jumpers and the warmer black jackets. Make sure that all students have appropriate warm clothing for the beginning of Term 2.

Lyn Paton
Deputy Principal
All classes are settled and our Instrumental Groups are working towards some exciting performances this year.

MUSIC NIGHT 2014
Music Night will be held towards the end of Term 2. We will be calling for 'Expressions of Interest' early in Term 2. So if you are thinking you might like to perform on the night make sure you listen for the announcements early next term! Auditions will be held during Weeks 4 and 5 in Term 2.

CONCERT BAND
The Concert Band has been rehearsing every Monday afternoon after school under the direction of Mr Watters this year. But we are still looking for more players (especially brass instrumentalists) – I know there are students in our school community who have experience playing in a band – so come on!! Join us! Don’t be shy – just come along and play!! All players welcome.

CHOIR
The Choir attended the first rehearsal for the ‘In Concert 2014’ performance. The second rehearsal is on May 6, followed by the final rehearsal and the performance on Monday May 19 at the Sydney Town Hall. Choir rehearsals are now held on Friday mornings Week A before school at 8.00am and Mondays Week B at lunch time in Music room 1. We are always welcoming new members, so come along and enjoy the experience!

GUITAR LESSONS
Guitar lessons have continued each Thursday. There are still times available for any students who would like to start lessons in Term 2.

VISUAL ARTS
Hristina Mitrevska was successful in having her Year 12 Visual Arts Body of Work hung in the Hazelhurst Art Gallery. This prestigious Exhibition was held at the end of 2013 and featured the top Year 12 Visual Arts students from the St George and Sutherland Shire.

Her Body of Work consisted of two large expressive paintings and a series of realistic pencil drawings.

Congratulations go to Hristina who is currently continuing her success undertaking Tertiary Studies at Sydney University; enrolled in a Bachelor of Visual Arts.

......Ms S Strudwick

Hristina Mitrevska (L) with her subject Angela
Year 7 Visual Art

This term, year seven have been busy learning some tricky new drawing skills and have worked hard to produce some awesome portraits. Great work guys!

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Mr Jenkins

Ms Judy Jacobsen
H/T & the CAPA Team
What a busy Term 1 we’ve had in TAS Home Economics! All our students have been hard at work over the term designing and producing wonderful, creative design projects. Our senior students have been busy working on their Major Design Projects, Independent Research Projects and running our successful Café 2234.

Technology Educators Association (TEA) TEXSTYLE 2014 Exhibition Award
On Thursday 6th March, Jessica Allen, one of our 2013 HSC Textiles and Design students, received her TEXSTYLE 2014 award at a Presentation evening held at Rosehill Racecourse.

The 2014 TEXSTYLE exhibition spotlights stunning, unique fabric based design projects from the best 2013 HSC students of Textiles & Design in NSW. Jessica’s handcrafted Dancing Doll was displayed at the Stitches and Craft Show in Rosehill. Also on display was her comprehensive portfolio which takes you through the concept, manufacturing processes and experimental stages of her Major Design Project. We are all extremely proud of Jessica who spent many long hours and months carefully handcrafting her exquisite Major Design Project.

Year 12 Food Technology Excursion to ‘Pactum Foods Pty Ltd’ Taren Point
On Friday 28th February the Year 12 Food Technology students travelled to Taren Point to tour ‘Pactum Foods.’ Pactum Foods manufactures and packages Soy milk, Almond milk, Rice milk as well as pre-mixed stock for Coles, Woolworths and ALDI stores all over Australia.

Year 12 Food Technology are currently studying a unit on ‘Food Manufacture,’ so visualizing what they have been studying was extremely beneficial.

Mrs N Dexter
Head Teacher TAS Home Economics
Thursday March 20, 2014

On Thursday March 20, we attended a Citizenship Program conducted by the Parliamentary Education Section, and were offered the opportunity to develop our knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings, and also to improve our knowledge of the role of the Governor of NSW.

We were introduced to various Members of Parliament who shared their stories of what influenced them to become a candidate for their electorates. We also participated in a broad discussion of what it means to be a leader, and how leadership is vital to our communities. We visited the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, where events took place.

After lunch we walked to Government House, where we toured the historical building and uncovered the significance of past events and antique works. The building was filled with the history of Australia. We were fortunate enough to meet with Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales, and then had afternoon tea at Government House. It was a highly worthwhile and beneficial event, which we felt privileged to be a part of.

....Alishia Lambropoulos & Chadwick Aryana
....School Captains of 2014
**ENGLISH News**

As we near the end of term, please encourage your child to borrow books and continue with their ongoing homework reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge during the holidays.

**Peer Tutor Training for the Reading Program**
On Monday 24th March, Year 10 Peer Tutors were trained in strategies to support Year 7 and Year 8 students during DEAR. They completed activities to develop their skills in tutoring reading. They were also given strategies to enhance their communication and organisational skills. Mrs Papadeas, who conducted the training, observed that students were very receptive and engaged in the learning. Students were aware of the benefits these skills would bring to other students and themselves.

**Year 8 Creative Writing**
During this Term, Year 8 composed creative writing texts. Below are a few examples of this work.

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**I Know**

Do you know how it feels?
Being left alone, stranded in your own thoughts
Kicking and screaming inside; it is all real
I know, I know how it feels

Every day I watch, like a fox
On the streets, in the park
They have everything; all I have is a small, square brown box
I need help; even if it’s a few cents

Excuse me Sir, excuse me ma’am
They don’t listen when I speak
They don’t even give a damn
Help me please!

Do you know how it feels?
Left all alone, on the side
Kicking and screaming inside; help me please
I know. I know how it feels.

Orvella Winarta
Life is like a rainbow
Life is like a rainbow
It’s always worth seeing
Like life is worth living
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There will be the good and bad in life
Like there is the rain before the rainbow
The sadness will be over and the happiness will come
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The rainbow goes away in a sudden
Like life goes away in a wink of an eye
It will be short but it is worth living.

~Vivian Wu

Frontline

Run, run, running away
Running away from the marine ship at bay
I’m too young to be shooting a gun
It was forced upon me
I want to run

So it sails, with me on it
Looking quite glum
Like Tweedledee without Tweedledum

Attacked we were
For trespassing their dirt
Falling was all my country
Falling down in hurt

But there I was
Running from the strife
And running for my life.

Layla Caltabiano
Anger

It swirls deep inside of us
People who let it out create a fuss
People who keep it in manage to control it
But are unable to get rid of it

It can manipulate people
To do things that to them is unthinkable
If the strength of this creature is strong enough
They may not remember the reasons for what they have done

It is common for people to use this as a boost of energy
But to some people this feeling is like an allergy
People create many names for this creature
But most people call it Anger

Noah Du

The Premier's Debating Challenge 2014

Despite their busy schedules, our Year 12 Debating Team continues to participate in the Senior Premier’s Debating Competition.

Alexander Woof, Rebecca Luhur, Jasmin Huang and Ayesha Nhem enthusiastically represented Blakehurst High in round one debating at Gymea Technical High School.

They explored the topic “That all Decisions About a School Should be Made by the School”

They argued the affirmative case with great passion but, unfortunately the team lost by a narrow margin to the host school. Well debated Team! Good Luck in the future!

...Janelle Lyons
...Coordinator

Ms J Hinson
Head Teacher English
Peer Support Report
Term 1, 2014

Peer Support 2014 began in Week 5 of this Term. Peer Support Leaders were selected at the end of 2013 by teachers and completed training in Week 4. So far all Year 10 students have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and the Year 7 students are enjoying a successful transition. Peer Support will run for a total of 8 weeks throughout Terms 1 and 2. Following are some of the experiences had by Year 7 and Year 10 students in Peer Support so far and some photos of students completing activities.

Evgeniya Nazarova Year 7
After lunch on a Friday, instead of DEAR, we have Peer Support. This is a time when Year 10 students come and play games with us. These activities build up resilience and confidence. It also helps us meet with new people and create friendships. Since I have just finished Year 6 and was a Peer Support Leader myself, I realise how hard it is to organise and train for all of the activities, so I appreciate all the effort the leaders put in. My experience so far has been great as my leaders are very friendly and responsible. They make Peer Support an enjoyable experience for my whole group!

Nurtasya Afalon & Madelaine Allen Year 10
During our time as Peer Support Leaders we have had lots of fun and learned to cooperate with our peers and Year 7 buddies. We have really enjoyed helping the new Year 7s with their transition from Primary to High School and guiding them through this tough journey. We are so grateful for this experience.

Kate Lambert & Anthony Jenkins
Peer Support Coordinators
**Ski Trip 2014**

**July 27 - July 30**

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

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**Technology News**

Selected classes will be trialing our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme in Term 2 with the view to extending the scheme to the whole school later in the year. A copy of our BYOD policy is available on the school’s web page.

Amanda Alchin  
Technology Coordinator
With promising sunshine for the day, Year 11 Geography students spent a lovely day with Ms Wiryakusuma and Mr Slater along Cronulla Beach undertaking fieldwork through a case study of the Cronulla Coastal Environment.

The day started with a light sprinkle as the class met up at Hurstville Station and made their way down to the beach. Within minutes the rain had cleared, and in due course we had reached our destination.

Year 11 Geography studied the interactions of the 4 spheres and the wave actions, to understand more about the coastline of Cronulla Point. Also learning about how humans can impact the environment from anything to do with constructions to simple littering, even if we are not aware of it. In addition the class was made aware of the purpose and importance of Seabee seawalls and the effectiveness compared to sand dunes.

With the knowledge imparted from our teachers, and through careful observation and thoughtful sketches, Year 11 Geography had a wonderful relaxing day at Cronulla conducting their fieldwork case study.

...Krisitna Kazamias
Blakehurst High School Environmental Team has held a wide variety of events during the second half of Term 1.

**Clean up Australia**
Every year hundreds of thousands of Australians get busy and clean up their local environment by collecting and removing rubbish on one of the Clean Up Days. On the 3rd March our school registered to participate in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Our Year 7 and 8 students joined thousands of students around Australia collecting rubbish from the school grounds. Schools Clean Up Day inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It's a day when students and teachers work together to clean up a site significant to them.

**St George Environmental Education Network**
On the 5th March we hosted the St George Environmental Education Network meeting at our school. Ms Jan Rasborsek a ranger from Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre ran the event. The meeting was attended by ten teachers from both Primary and Secondary schools in the St George area. The meeting focussed on sustainability curriculum support and examples of successful environmental initiatives of schools in the area.

**Earth Hour**
This year the members of the Environmental Team once again joined forces to educate their fellow students about the environment. Earth Hour 2014 was celebrated worldwide on the 29th March 2014. We held ours on the 28th March. We promoted the event with posters outside staffrooms. We also showed a video and had a talk at Assembly to try and educate students about looking after the environment. We encouraged all teachers to switch off the non-essential lights for one hour as part of our initiative to save energy.

**Carss Park Community Gardens Open Day**
As part of our wider community we were proud to invite other teachers, students and their families to attend the Carss Park Community Gardens Open Day. We also participated in their Native Bush Food Competition and after judging was complete, First Place in the Senior Category went to Caitlin Su from Year 9, and two other students won a Highly Commended award; Jade Campbell (posing proudly in front of her entry) and Sandy Ng. They will soon receive certificates from Kogarah City Council for our school's involvement in this community project, as well as certificates for winning awards. Caitlin Su will also receive a $20 iTunes voucher as part of her First Prize placement in the Senior Section.

Being a member of our Environmental Team is very rewarding in many ways. If you would like to join us in our Earth saving mission, all you have to do is turn up to meetings on Mondays at recess in Lab 3 and help by coming up with fundraising ideas and by raising awareness on environmental issues.
News from SCIENCE

The Science Staff looks forward to meeting parents and carers at the two Parent/Teacher Nights scheduled for April and May. These nights provide a great opportunity to discuss student progress and to make plans for improvement. We also wish the school community a safe and happy Autumn Break, and remind parents and students that in Term 2, students in Years 7-11 will undertake Half Yearly Exams. Preparation for these Assessments is recommended so that all students can achieve their potential. Good luck!!

Shelley Beach Field Trip
Year 11 Biology had a very successful field trip to the Shelley Beach rock platform. All four classes attended with their teachers, and despite the early morning rain, students collected data, and completed their first Assessment task for Preliminary Biology.

Symbio Excursion
All Year 7 are invited to attend the excursion to Symbio in Term 2. This outing will provide students with a wonderful first hand experience that will tie-in with their study of Topic 2 – Exploring Living Organisms. Students are asked to return their signed Consent Forms to the office with payment as soon as possible so that the booking can be confirmed.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
Ms O’Brien’s Year 8 Science class is taking part in the Blakehurst High School trial for BYOD. Students are very excited about the prospect of incorporating technology into lessons. Parents of students in this class are urged to read the information about the trial with their child, and respond this term, so that the trial can get underway next term.

What’s happening in YEAR 7
This week Mr Baker introduced his class to the Van Der Graaf generator. Students had a wonderful time exploring the effects of static electricity on their hair.

What’s Happening in Year 8
This week all Year 8 will undertake a dissection of a sheep’s heart. Students should develop a greater understanding of the workings of their own hearts from this experience.

What’s Happening in Year 9
This week students are studying Australian forensic case histories. They have learned how the study of ballistics can help solve crimes.

What’s Happening in Year 10
Students successfully completed their Independent Research Projects. Their research involved conducting experiments on pendulum swings, adhesive tape strength, the absorbency of sand, soil and gravel, and the effect of salt on soap suds.

Mrs O’Brien
Head Teacher Science
**News from the LIBRARY**

**End of Term Special Borrowing Offer**
To make sure you have enough to read over the break, students be advised, you may borrow twice as many books as usual. For most students this means 4 fiction books (Book Café members may borrow 8!).

All books borrowed will be due back first day of school Term 2. It is the perfect time to get some Premier’s Reading Challenge books read.

**New Books!!!!**
We have just purchased a number of new books, including many Manga and PRC books. Some of the new titles are:

- *Joyous and Moonbeam* by Richard Yaxley
- *The Vanishing Moment* by Margaret Wild
- *The Weight of Water* by Sarah Crossan
- *Fairy Tales* and *Yotsuba! The new Manga series*

We have also bought more copies of

- *Divergent* by V Roth
- *Fault in our stars* by J Green.

**Both these books will be out as Movies in the near future.**

We also have copies of the sequels to Divergent - Insurgent and Allegiant. You may need to reserve these books as they are very popular!
You might also like to register and borrow from our e-library at bhs.wheelers.co.

Please see flyers following, issues for your entertainment.

Amanda Alchin/Anne Larson
Teacher Librarian
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
Mental Health and Well Being.

As part of our Welfare program we had a volunteer guest speaker from the Black Dog Institute come to speak to our Year 10, 11 and 12 students about Mental Health and Depression.

The presentation covered the topics below and delivered in a very personal way an insight into the lives of young people suffering from depression in our society and the importance of recognising the signs of depression and seeking help.

It is often difficult to open conversations about mental health and this presentation enabled students to consider Mental Health issues and the impact on young lives in our society.

Below are the numbers of some of the institutions who offer support.

Beyond Blue
1300 224 636

Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

Lifeline
13 11 14

Mrs J Smith
Welfare Coordinator
LOTE Report

Another busy term for Language students.

Our senior students benefited from having the Japanese visitors attend their classes allowing them the opportunity to practise their speaking skills. This was an invaluable experience.

The French and Greek classes celebrated Mardi Gras and the start of Lent with a week of festivities. The Greek classes all enjoyed traditional Greek sweets whilst the French classes celebrated with the traditional crepes.

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank the Languages Staff for their continued hard work with our students. I wish everyone a restful break and I look forward to an exciting Term 2 in Languages.

Sayonara Oita Tomei

On Tuesday March 12, was a day with a tear in everyone’s eyes, as Blakehurst High School’s host families and buddies farewelled our visitors from Oita Tomei. This delightful group of 16 young ladies and one young man accompanied by their teacher were with us for one week. During their stay they experienced the Australian lifestyle through their host families and the activities held at school.

On Tuesday the group visited Simbio Wildlife Park at Stanwell Tops. Our visitors were delighted to be able to pat and feed our native animals; namely our Koalas and Wallabies.

The group then went to Sublime Point to enjoy a picnic lunch with fantastic views. To complete the day they did the coastal bridge walk south of Stanwell Park thus allowing them to soak in our splendid coastline.

Wednesday our visitors had an ESL lesson with Mr Digiacamo on our Aboriginal Culture in the morning and then went to Sport with their buddies in the afternoon. Those that played Table Tennis at school participated in an Australia vs Japan match.

Our very own Ms Broadbent and Mr Slater competed against Yusei and Ms Fumiyo Sato. This wonderful intercultural spirit made the afternoon enjoyable to all and a big thank you must go to Ms Broadbent and Mr Slater for their enthusiasm.

Thursday was a huge day with the group leaving the school early to go to Manly. No visit to Australia is complete without a ferry ride across our magnificent harbour allowing our visitors a bird’s eye view of our iconic monuments; the Opera House and Harbour Bridge and of course, a lunch of Fish and Chips at Manly Beach.

Friday the group spent the first three periods integrated with their buddies in class. Period 4 was spent playing traditional Japanese games with our Year 7 Japanese students. During the weekend the Japanese students enjoyed a variety of activities with their host families. Some visited Taronga Zoo, others the Blow Hole in Kiama or The Blue Mountains or sights closer to home such as Darling Harbour or China Town.

Monday, their final day was spent preparing for their farewell concert. A big thank you must be given to all the host families who generously opened their hearts and homes thus ensuring the success of this cultural exchange.

I would like to thank all the staff at Blakehurst High for their cooperation and understanding throughout this visit. I would also like to especially thank Mrs Judy Smith whose support and help is invaluable to me.

Mrs A Mangraviti
Head Teacher LOTE
News from Mathematics Faculty…

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition is run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. It is the original and largest competition in Australian schools.

Students from the top two classes in each year (M1 and M2) and capable students from Year 7 are encouraged to enter the competition.

The competition will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 7 August 2014**. A flyer with more information is available from your child’s Maths teacher, but for now they only need the date and to pay the entry fee.

Entry into the competition is $6 per student. This needs to be paid at the front office by **Friday 2 May** (end of Week 1, Term 2). We can’t accept payments after this date as we order and pay on this day, so please enter early rather than late!

Exams for Term 2 2014

Whilst it seems very early to start talking about exams, there are some exams being held before the first Newsletter in Term 2.

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Class Changes

There may be some class changes early in Term 2, based on results from Term 1 exams and observations by teachers.

Mathletics – is your child doing their weekly practice?

Mathletics has excellent resources for all students in all year levels and all students should be spending 30 – 60 minutes on the site each week.

This time can be spent completing tasks set by the teacher or by attempting any topics that are set for their year level. They can also play “live” mental arithmetic races against others in their class or around the world.

If you would like your child’s username and password we can email it to you - contact us at blakehust-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Attention Years 7 and 9!

**NAPLAN** is coming…. The results of these tests provide important information about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

As parents you will receive a report indicating your child’s level of achievement, and each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the National Minimum Standard.


In summary, the tests are held in **Week 3 of Term 2**:

**Tuesday 13 May:** Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)
- Writing

**Wednesday 14 May:** Reading

**Thursday 15 May:** Numeracy (non-calculator)
- Numeracy (calculator allowed)
- Both exams include Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Chance and Data, Measurement and Space

**Friday 16 May** will be used as a catch up day for students who miss any of the exams.

Ms Alison Peachey
Head Teacher Mathematics
Year 11
By now all Frameworks have completed the mandatory Work Health and Safety competency, which is essential to enable students to participate in Work Placement. Work Placement is mandatory for all VET Students and fast approaching for Year 11. Work Placement is a requirement of the Board of Studies and if students do not complete 70hrs over the 2 year course they will receive an N-Award in their subject.

NOTE: Construction students must complete the Work Cover white card course to enable them to complete Work Placement. They will be issued with a card that must be on their person when on the work sites. Anyone who hasn’t completed the Work Cover white card course must seek an external agency for training. This will cost approximately $120. All students were given the opportunity to complete the training on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th March with Mr Black.

Hospitality Term 2 Weeks 3 & 4
Business Services Term 2 Week 3
Construction Term 2 Week 5

For insurance purposes it is essential that all paperwork is completed correctly. No student will be permitted to attend Work Placement unless all signatures have been collected on the required forms and these are returned to Mrs Simpson (Head Teacher VET), prior to the placement. For further information on Work Placement please use the following link:

Please note when students are going on Work Placement it is their responsibility to inform their teachers that they will be away and they must catch up on the work that has been missed. If students have assignments due while they are on work placement they must arrange for the assignment to be handed in on the due date, via email or through a friend. If the task is an in-class task, students must make alternate arrangements with the subject teacher prior to going on Work Placement. If you have any concerns regarding Work Placement please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 12
VET students have completed their Half Yearly Exams and are now finishing up the last few competencies required for them to hopefully achieve their Certificate II. The HSC Exam for all VET subjects is optional; however, all VET students must sit the Trial Exam and then opt out of the HSC exam by completing the appropriate paperwork that will be available from me after the Trial Exam period.

WORK PLACEMENT
Any student who has not completed the mandatory 70 hours of work placement must see me immediately.

Mrs J Simpson
Head Teacher VET
In the past I have advised members of the Blakehurst High community about the on-line resources available to assist students and their parents to make informed decisions about subject selection, courses and careers.

In addition to the Federal Government’s “myfuture.edu.au” web site, I have also informed all concerned about our own Blakehurst High Careers web site at www.blakehursthighcareers.com. I am pleased to now update the Blakehurst community about our newest resource, which I subscribe to, www.jobjump.com.au. This web site replaces the site I had previously advised you about, seek2b.

**What we receive for our students, parents, school staff and the Careers Adviser.**

- A weekly Careers News Bulletin presented with all news in the KLA areas. This can be freely posted to students, their parents and members of the school staff.
- Student Careers News sent directly to students’ home email address on any of their chosen careers for which they have registered.
- A comprehensive digital ATAR and University Course sorter that works hand in hand with the UAC Handbook making life now a breeze for students to search for their chosen courses.
- A full directory of top 140 sites Careers Advisors & students need to access quickly & easily.
- JobJump will seek topical careers news each month across all 100 career fields from Employer organisations. This is in addition to reporting the careers news that is already out there on these careers.
- JobJump will regionalise the TAFE courses and the job vacancies based on our school location.
- Bonus points across all Universities in NSW and their links.
- Earnings across 300 careers.
- EAS information.
- Find my Career quizzes
- Hobby projects across 100 careers to inspire and engage students in their career.
- Interactive calendar across all news items.
- Undergraduate scholarship sorter across all NSW Universities.
- Universities Open Days listing and links.
- Videos across 100 careers.
- Year 10 subject selection advice across 100 careers.
- Gap and Volunteering opportunities.
- Alternative entry to University sorter and links across all NSW Universities.
- Interstate University admissions centres’ links.
- Work Experience documentation.
- Interactive resume builder...... and much more.

To access this website, users must enter a password, which is available from the Careers Noticeboard outside of my office.
Thinking about studying now or next year?
Drop in and ask our staff about TAFE’s study and your career options

- Accounting and Financial Services
- Architectural Technology
- Art and Design
- Auto body Repair and Refinishing
- Business Administration
- Building & Construction
- Community Service
- Computing and ebusiness
- Electrical Trades / Electrical Engineering
- English for speakers of other languages
- Fashion Design
- Financial Planning
- Graphic Design
- Information Technology
- International Trade and Logistics
- Management and Small Business
- Marketing and Retail
- Nursing
- Real Estate
- Welding / Metal Fabrication

Higher Education
- Bachelor of Applied Finance (Financial Planning)
- Associate Degree of Accounting
- Bachelor of Applied Management
- Graduate Certificate in Management

For further details about this event please phone (02) 9598 6305
Location: St George College, Building M, Ground Floor, 19 Montgomery St, Kogarah 2217

Mrs Angela Centorrino
Careers Adviser
PDHPE Faculty Report

St George Illawarra Dragons NYC team
On Monday March 24, Roland Kotubalavu and Andrew McCarthy from the St George Illawarra Dragons NYC team came to Blakehurst High to deliver a presentation about Bullying, Respect and Responsibility. The players spoke about their own experiences regarding bullying and what Respect and Responsibility meant in their team environment. I am sure the students gained a valuable insight into how bad bullying can be from a perspective of an elite sportsman. The values of Respect and Responsibility that exists at St George Illawarra are very closely aligned to the values that underpin Blakehurst High School.

The PDHPE Team wish all Year 12 students...
...the best of luck in their half yearly examinations. It is most important that all students are working hard on revision in preparation for these exams and more importantly putting emphasis on revision and study for the HSC at the end of the year.

Year 11 2 unit PDHPE students...
...are now settled into the Senior School and progressing well. There are high expectations for Year 11 in 2015 HSC. These students are now participating in their Outdoor Recreation Camp which is from Wednesday April 9 to Friday April 11 at Broken Bay. Students will participate in challenging activities such as canoeing and be responsible for their own food and tents whilst on camp. I would like to thank and acknowledge Ms. Berrett, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Tsattalios for giving up their own time so that these students may have a truly practical learning experience.

Year 11 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation and Certificate II in Sports Coaching classes are also working well and progressing through their respective courses. Sports Coaching students need to be aware that they need to complete their 35 hour COMPULSORY WORK PLACEMENT by the end of Term 3.

Year 7 to 10 Physical Education classes...
...have now completed their fitness testing and gymnastics units with some outstanding performances from students in all classes. The battery of fitness tests gives each student a comprehensive overview of their fitness including aerobic fitness, strength, power and flexibility. Some of the BEEP test results were outstanding with students reaching very high stage levels. These tests will be done again later in the year with students then being able to gauge their fitness progress over the year.
The redeveloped gymnastics unit... involves students learning various activities on apparatus.

This includes:
- Floor exercises - forward rolls, straddle rolls, headstands, cartwheels, backward rolls to pike, and handstands.
- Vaulting Box - Through, straddle and side vaults.
- Mini Trampoline - 180 and 360 degree turns, tuck jumps, straddle jumps, dive rolls and somersaults.
- Balance Beam - candlesticks, arabesques, coupe walks, tip toe walks, V-sit, leg swings and straight stretch jump dismounts.

Students are enjoying...
...the opportunity to participate in different activities and are having a very exciting time trying to master some of these exercises, with everyone achieving to the best of their ability.

Safety is also a focus...
... and prime consideration with all students being taught the safety procedures for all activities including how to "spot" or "pad". No student has to complete an activity that they do not feel safe doing.

Assessment involves students submitting...
... a short video of their performance via email to their class teacher with the performance being graded according to specific performance criteria. Assessment and grading notwithstanding, the most important aspect of gymnastics, is that students "have a go" and enjoy the opportunity to do activities they may not have attempted before.

Years 7 to 10 Personal Development and Health classes... are in the process of completing their first units of theory work including:
- **Year 7:** New Environments, New Challenges which includes: a sense of self, positive relationships, teamwork and connectedness.
- **Year 8:** Growing and Changing includes: sexual health, communication, adolescence and change.
- **Year 9:** Creating Respectful Relationships involves learning about supporting yourself and others, affirming diversity and discrimination, harassment and vilification.
- **Year 10:** Risks, Choices and Taking Action gives students the opportunity to study about road safety, empowerment of individuals and factors influencing access to health information, products and services.

Open Girls Knockout Basketball

The Blakehurst High Open Girls Basketball team showed great determination and teamwork in their journey to the final 16 Sydney East basketball competition. We had a small squad of 7 girls, led by Shannon Suryawan: including Jennifer Jusmin Alishia Lambropoulos, Jesse Harris, Tameka Kosasih, Shelly Gaddes, and Sarahpheinna Woulf.

In game one they played Newtown Performing Arts High School. The first half was tough, but the girls dug deep and put on a scoring show to win the game by 12 points. In the second game, the girls played a professional and full squad from Sydney Girls High School. This game was extremely tough, with Tameka's last minute basket tying the game. In the 5 minutes of overtime, our girls were dominant, with Sarahpheinna scoring all her baskets in this time period, winning by 6 points. All girls played extremely well, from Alishia's great passes; Shannon's easy lay ups and direction; Jennifer's steals and direction; Jesse's lay ups and passes; Tameka's set shots and Sarahpheinna's defense.

With their first 2 wins in the bag, the girls competed in the final 16 Sydney East Basketball Tournament, at Sutherland Basketball Stadium. The first game was against seasoned competitor’s Woolware High School, who consistently finishes in the top 2 of the NSW CHS tournament. The girls took a while to find their feet, and were down by about 20 points in the first half, only managing to score 11 points. In the second half, they lifted their game and were only defeated by 20 points.

The second game they played against Lucas Heights High School, they cruised to a comfortable victory. The third game against Menai High School was tough, and went down to the wire. In the end, the girls managed to stay on top and win the game by 5 points.

The one defeat in Pool A, meant that we made one of the finals matches. We played Endeavour Sports High School. By this time, the girls were very tired and were suffering from an onset of fatigue. They dug deep, but were not ready for Endeavour High Schools aggressive style of play. In the end, the girls lost by 15 points, but were champions in their commitment to the team and fair play.

Congratulations to all the girls who were a part of this team. You were an asset to yourselves, your teammates, your coach and your school.....

...Mrs Rizzo Liu
.....Coach
PDHPE Sports Report

Summer Sport has commenced for 2014 with Grade Sport being held at various venues around the St George Zone. There hasn’t been any cancellations for Summer Grade Sport in Term 1 and subsequently, Blakehurst High have had some very promising results over the opening six rounds of interschool competition.

Winter Sport has begun and there are a variety of sports from which the students can choose. The expected start date for Winter Grade Sport competition is Wednesday 7th May 2014. We are looking to field a record number of Grade teams across all age groups, with a record 61 Grade teams competing with an even split of 32 boys teams and 29 girls teams. Winter Grade Sports on offer include Rugby League, Soccer, Hockey, Table Tennis, Boys Tennis, Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball and Netball. We wish these students the best of luck through the Trials and throughout the winter competition.

St George Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Sheridan Smith who was Zone Champion for her age group.

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The Sydney East Swimming Carnival was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Monday 11th March, where Blakehurst High had a team of 19 students representing St George Zone. All students did themselves proud and congratulations to the following swimmers who qualified for the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships.

- Max Poulter
- Sheridan Smith
- Chadwick Aryana

I would like to make special mention of Sheridan Smith and Max Poulter who both competed in a range of different events and did extremely well in all of them. Their results are as follows:

Sheridan Smith
- 1st in 100m Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, 50m Freestyle and the 200IM
- 2nd in the 100m Freestyle

Max Poulter
- 1st in the 100m Backstroke (New Regional Record)
- 2nd in the 200m and 400m Freestyle
- 4th in the 100m Breaststroke

At the time of writing this report, these swimmers were competing at the NSWCHS Swimming Championships at SOPAC so I look forward to bringing you their results in the next newsletter. I would also like to congratulate Sheridan Smith and Martha Spilioti in qualifying for the Commonwealth Games Selection Trials in Brisbane. It’s a remarkable achievement from these two extremely talented athletes to qualify and be able to swim against the best in Australia. Well done girls!

Baseball

Mika Zammit of Year 12 represented Sydney East Open Baseball at the NSW CHS Championships. Mika has also gained selection in the NSWCHS Baseball team which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Mika!

Netball

Congratulations to Sarahpheinna Woulf, Year 9, who gained selection into the Sydney East Open Netball Squad. We wish Sarahpheinna all the best throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

- NSW All Schools Swimming – Monday 6th May
- Winter Grade Sport – Wednesday 7th May
- School Cross Country – Monday 12th May
- Zone Cross Country – Tuesday 20th May
- School Athletics – Tuesday 3rd June

Sport Web Sites

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


Regards,

B Kemp
Sports Organiser
These activities are held at Arncliffe Library, 11 Firth Street and facilitated by Pole Depot Youth Zone.

For more information call 9562 1816. Free events but bookings necessary at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/LibraryEvents
FREE ! Group for Dads/
Male Guardians of Teenagers

Are you a Father, Step dad, Grandfather or other male guardian of a teenager aged 12–18?
Meet others in a similar situation and talk about:

✓ Respect, setting boundaries and limits
✓ Parenting strategies, how do Dads get involved
✓ Teenagers and risk taking behaviour, bullying, Alcohol / other drugs
✓ What teenagers might be going through, or what they might be thinking
✓ Communication, anger and dealing with conflict
...... and more with a qualified male professional

Starting
1st May 2014
6.30pm-8pm
(includes Dinner)

Duration:
6 weeks on
Thursdays

(Limited spaces!)
For bookings
phone Paul 9556 1769 or
email
project@stgeorgeyouth.org

Group meetings to be at: St George Youth Services:
Level 3, Corner Moate Ave & Princess St.
Brighton-le-Sands
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a Dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE

(02) 9293 3333
To The Principal,

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a number of reports of students being approached by a male in a white van, stating that he knows the child’s parents and he will drop them home. We have been given a great description of the male but no number plates have been obtained. Can you please mention this at your next assembly and if students can try and gain number plates without putting themselves in danger. Police are patrolling the schools and nearby streets in the mornings and afternoons.

Please see Media Release below.

Regards,

Belinda Prince
School Liaison Police
Email: prin2bel@police.nsw.gov.au
Mob: 0437 881 135

Attempted child abduction - Penshurst

Friday, 21 March 2014 02:02:10 AM

Police are appealing for information after an attempted child abduction in Penshurst earlier this week.

About 3.20pm on Tuesday (18 March 2014), a 12-year-old boy was walking south along Victoria Road when he passed a parked white van with yellow registration plates beginning with B.

The driver of the van allegedly called out to the boy before throwing a chocolate towards him, however, it fell inside the vehicle.

Police have been told when the driver urged the boy to take the chocolate and get into the van, the boy refused and continued walking.

The man alighted the van and the boy ran to his mother’s car, which was a short distance away.

The boy and his father attended Hurstville Police Station to report the matter and police commenced an investigation into the incident.

Officers would now like to speak to a man who they believe may be able to assist with inquiries.

The man is described as being about 50 years old, with an olive complexion and solid build, grey hair slicked back and longer at the back, long side burns, stubble, and drooping eyebrows and cheeks.

He is believed to have a tattoo on his left bicep and was last seen wearing a black leather fingerless glove on his left hand, a grey button-up shirt, and light brown pants with a white leather belt.

The white van involved is described as having two windows at the front, two black rails on the top, and spray painted graffiti on a rear wheel.

Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call St George Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.
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: blakehursts  
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:
The above user name and password is for the use of the secondary school parents and students AT OUR SCHOOL ONLY. Please do not pass our school’s details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a serious breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook.

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

Famous People With Dyslexia
Raising Responsible Digital Citizens

10 Steps to empower our kids to be responsible online

A Free Webinar presented by Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady

*Please Note: This session is suitable for Parents/Carers and Professionals, not suitable for Young People

Tuesday May 6th 7:00pm—8:00pm (AEST) Simply CLICK HERE to register for this FREE Session or go to http://tinyurl.com/k5ce4x5

ABOUT YOUR PRESENTER

Leonie Smith is a Cyber Safety educator and consultant with over 20 years experience building online communities and using the internet for marketing, broadcasting, and now education. Leonie is a mum of four children aged between 31 years and 14 years old and is also known as “The Cyber Safety Lady”. Leonie educates about how to stay safe online through her presentations, her writing, her step by step videos and her “One Of A Kind” Cyber Safety Manual “Keeping Kids Safe Online” She also works privately with clients to help with issues around cyber bullying and safety online. Leonie’s presentations are engaging, practical, informative and funny. Leonie has been featured on 60 minutes, The Project, various ABC programs and more.

This is one Webinar not to be missed!

Leonie will discuss:
- It’s never too early or late to learn about technology
- Protecting your child from adult content
- Tips on how to keep up with your digital child
- How to get kids to switch off without all the drama
- Keeping your child social AND safe
- Dealing with and preventing cyber bullying
- Learn how to protect your child’s digital reputation
- Find out who your child is talking to online without spying
- Ways to talk to your child about their online responsibility
- AND MUCH MORE!

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FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2014

BEXLEY SWIMMING CENTRE
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GATES OPEN AT 4:30pm • MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30pm
EVENT FINISHES AT 9:00pm

HURRY + LIMITED TICKETS

Movie rated G - Running time 110 minutes - This is a drug free, alcohol free and smoke free event. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Students have access to Internet, no, or minimal cost. Students have access to Lenovo downloads.

A Help Page on BHS Moodle.

A copy of the complete B' Diaries carefully. Also available in the school as soon as possible or Mr Chris Foster.

Students will not be disappointed. They will have access to Lenovo no matter how they play.

Thank you for your support.

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Featuring Anime:
- Naruto the Movie 2: Legend of the Stone of Gelek
- Bleach the movie: Memories of Nobody

Thursday 10 April 2014
4.00pm – 8.30pm
Hurstville Library

Free entry (Including free giveaways*)
Ages: 12-24 years
Bookings: service desk at Hurstville Library or call 9330 6142 (Under 18s need to bring signed parent/guardian permission form on the day)

*Available while stock last.