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PRINCIPAL Mr Shaun Addy

In support of White Ribbon

Welcome everyone and thanks for taking time to read up on what is happening at Blacktown Boys' High.

Term 4 has come along so quickly this year, the time has certainly flown! This is always an exciting time, with Year 12 sitting the HSC exams (good luck boys), and other year groups commencing prep work for 2018. We also will be:

- Welcoming our incoming Year 7 students with a number of orientation visits;
- Celebrating student performance at our informal BBQ's; and
- Ending the year with our student "Let's Swim" program. Squeezed into all of that will be the end of year reports!

Three other important events during Term 4 are Men's Health day, White Ribbon day and Pink Stumps day, all wonderful experiences and part of our commitment to help develop the whole man.

Term 4 2017

Important Dates to Remember

October

16th-20th Year 10 Assessment

Week

16th HSC begins

23rd-27th Year 9 Assessment Week

24th P&C Meeting at 10am

26th Year 8 Geography

Competition

Selective/GTi Parent

Afternoon

27th Sydney Observatory

30th-31st Year 8 Assessment Week

November

1st-3rd Year 8 Assessment Week

6th-10th Year 7 Assessment Week

6th Year 12 sign out

7th HSC completed

9th Men's Health Day

16th Australian Barista

College

21st P&C Meeting at 10am

22nd Year 12 Formal

24th CAPA Cronulla Trip

December

5th Year 6-7 Orientation Day

8th Luna Park

11th-15th Year 10 Work

Experience

11th Year 7, 8 & 9 receive

reports

12th-14th Year 7, 8 & 9 Let's Swim

Year 11 Crossroads

14th HSC results released

15th HSC Afternoon Tea

Last day of the year

Men's Health, (physical; emotional and mental) is something we take very seriously. Our previous days have been huge successes, and I am sure this year will be just as positive. Boys will be able to access activities linked to sport, relaxation, healthy eating, stress management, music and social/environmental responsibility.

As a dedicated white ribbon school, we will once again recognise the need to stand up against domestic violence with activities leading up to white ribbon day. I am proud that this is taken so seriously by students and staff

Pink Stumps day is eagerly anticipated by all our budding cricketers but is also a time for all of us to recognise the terrible impact that breast cancer can have, and play our role in helping those affected by raising funds for the McGrath Foundation. Our target this year is \$2000.

A growing school – Blacktown Boys has grown in total student numbers every year since 2008 and as a result so too has our teacher entitlement. The latest addition is our new Head Teacher Science Mrs Gunn. Coming to us from Ku-ringgai High School, Mrs Gunn brings a wealth of experience in the areas of Physics, Chemistry and Engineering, which will all be great assets for our students. We are also delighted to announce that Ms Zaw has gained permanency in our CAPA faculty, covering both Visual Arts and Music. By 2018 we will have at least 3 more additions to our staffing, in PE, TAS and Mathematics.

Last Term I had the pleasure of announcing our 2018 School Captains. A very high quality field of nominees were presented to the school community, and any one of them would have made a fine



Lachlan Hibbert (Captain)

Kalolo Matavesi (Vice Captain)

school leader. In a tight election, the successful candidates were:

These were worthy recipients and along with our prefects, show every sign of being excellent ambassadors for the school, and representatives for the student body.

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter, and if you have any comments / questions regarding your son's school, please feel free to call me, or arrange to pop in for a

chat.

Shaun Addy Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPALMrs Trish Matthews

This term parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 9 students received a report on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests held earlier this year. Included with this was more information about the minimum Literacy and Numeracy Standard as part of NESA's "Stronger HSC Standards".

Teachers use this external data to inform their programming and differentiation of the curriculum for your son, to meet his needs. However, it is not the only form of data, as internal data, which is gathered during pre-testing, and formative assessment as well as summative tasks, is also used, to give a rounded picture of your son's level of achievement. Specifically, NAPLAN results assist teachers to better assess your sons' performance and take action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Additional information can be found at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw. edu.au/naplan/

Monday of the last week of Term 3 saw the sun shining on us for our



Semester 2 Progress Report and Portfolio Pickup Barbecue for Years 7-11. It is always a great pleasure to meet with our families informally and we had a great turnout of families, sharing informally their son's growth and learning with staff. All faculties take turns in preparing, cooking and serving at the barbecue, and this Semester our entire HSIE faculty volunteered to take on this role and did a great job. Our Year Advisors happily handed out reports and took the opportunity along with the rest of the staff, to mingle and chat to parents and students.

Since their inception, Progress
Reports have proved a popular way
of tracking and recording progress
academically as well as personally
with the setting of S.M.A.R.T.
personal and academic goals.
Boys are learning to set Specific,
Measurable, Achievable Relevant
and Time-bound goals. This, in itself
is a valuable skill for life, as well
as an important tool in navigating
successfully through the major
stages of their school life.

It is the time of year when we 'start' to farewell our Year 12 students. I say 'start', because they still return for extra help prior to exams, are present to sit their exams, return en masse for their sign out day (6th November), attend their formal and then be at the HSC Afternoon Tea on 15th December. Certainly a long farewell, and if last year's cohort are anything to go by, they will

return to talk to our Year 12, 2018 about after school life and university experiences.

We would like to wish Year 12 all the very best, satisfied in the knowledge that they have had every opportunity to maximise their potential over the past six years and should be able to go where they want to go in life, as confident young men.

Term 3 has certainly been an exciting term for many students with the opportunity to engage with the broader school community in experiences out of the traditional classroom. These include excursion, Cafe D'Art, FTC and Lego Robotics and ICAS competitions, which will all be reported on in this Newsletter.

Communication is important to us and the Parent Portal is one of those avenues of communication. If you are having any issues accessing this, please contact me at the school. The start of the term is also a good opportunity to check that the school has the most up-to-date email addresses and mobile phone numbers. Please notify the school if there have been any changes.

Mrs T. Matthews



Bronze Vivo Award Receivers for Term 3





HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION

Mr Christopher Pace

Dear Parents,

As we begin Term 4, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents who have supported our boys to be at school each and every day. As the warmer months approach it may be easy to shift into summer mode and forget that every day is a learning day. We must all continue working together to keep high standards and expectations. We must continue to help our boys attend school every day, from the first day of term to the last, unless they are sick.

To get the most out of education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Parents can encourage their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education. It is important that from the first day of term parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10.

It is important to remember that all Australian states and territories have legislation in place that requires parents to ensure their children attend school. These laws apply to all students in government and non-government schools.

TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free
- Help your child to get ready for school in the morning
- Talk about the positive social of the school environment:
 - Friends
 - Favourite classes
 - Favourite teachers

FOR TEENAGERS

 Talk with your teenager about their long term goals and dreams and how school can help them achieve their dreams





BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms Pennie Holley

Dear Parent / Carer:

The end of the year is a very busy time for everyone so we would like to take this opportunity to thank the families who have already paid their voluntary contributions this year. Invoices for any unpaid levies will be posted to families early this term.

These contributions help greatly in our provision of quality learning experiences for all students. Elective subject levies are necessary for student's elective subjects to continue and to provide the equipment and resources required for your son.

For your convenience, payment of these contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using: eftpos or cash.

Or, alternatively payments may be made on line via the parent portal on our website.

We are most fortunate that our parents and community do so strongly support the school and value the education that their sons receive. Please note that receipting will not be processed on Mondays in 2018.

Our receipting days for 2018 are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only.

Lost Property

As most parents know, students will sometimes forget personal belongings either in the playground or in the classroom. If students have their names on these items they will be returned to the student. However any unnamed or unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity – the school office cannot keep these items for more than one term. Please ensure all uniform clothing, hats, bags and other personal belongings have names on them.

The administration team would like to congratulate all the students in Year 12 for their efforts in completing their final year at high school. We have been involved in their education from their first day at our school and bid them farewell and wish them well in their future endeavours.

We also invite parents of Year 7 students to take advantage of our limited offer of book packs for Year 8 - 2018. These packs have all the required books and stationery that your son will need in Year 8 and the cost has been reduced to \$50.00. But please note that we have only a limited supply so please be quick to purchase as they won't be here for long.

To all our families we wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you on your return in 2018.

P Holley

School Business Manager



HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

Mrs Renae Bystrzynski

Term 3 has been a busy and productive one for English at BBHS!

Students have been thoroughly engaged with their studies across all year groups. Year 12 prepared for their Trial HSC examinations for the Standard, Advanced and the Extension 1 courses, while our solo candidate for Extension 2, Mark Liang, submitted his Major Work to NESA for external marking. We wish Year 12 all the very best as they begin their all-important external HSC examinations. Remember: balance is the key to success.

Year 11 have moved towards completing the Preliminary course, with students in the Standard course completing a speaking task related to their study of a drama text. The Advanced students submitted a critical essay about Shakespeare's *King Lear*, while our inaugural English Studies class completed a viewing task for their final module. Both the Standard and Advanced students also completed Yearly

exams and will receive their results early in Term 4.

Year 10 completed a study of Shakespeare, with classes focusing on either Macbeth or Othello. The in-role speaking task allowed students to be creative with their presentations, with many students demonstrating their confidence. Year 10 students also completed subject selection and selected courses for Year 11. This process involved students receiving information about the changes to the HSC and what each course will entail. Additional advice regarding students' English course selections will be provided in Term 4 to best support each student's specific needs.

It was time for our Science Fiction unit for Year 9, a cross-curricular initiative with the Science faculty. Students were thoroughly engaged by the unit, making strong connections between science fiction and the future possibilities of real world science. Year 8 studied cultural perspectives, focusing on film, while Year 7 completed a novel study along with a group assessment task

Term 3 also involved several extracurricular opportunities. Our junior debating team continued their successful run with the support of Ms Johnson, ICAS English was conducted by Ms Graham with many students across year groups participating, and Mr Taylor

coordinated a series of activities for Year 7 Home Room for Literacy and Numeracy week. Our thanks to these staff for their efforts.

As we move towards Term 4, a reminder to all students that working to the very end of the year is important for continual growth and development of skills. Year 11 will become Year 12, and will be completing HSC course work. All other year groups will be completing essential classwork and assessment tasks. Let's maintain the focus for the term to come!

ICAS ENGLISH

On the 1st August 2017, 94 students from Year 7-12 sat the ICAS English exam in the BBHS hall. ICAS English aims to assess reading and language skills in a range of contexts. This includes text comprehension in literary and factual texts; selection of particular text types, vocabulary and techniques; syntax; and vocabulary. The questions require students to locate, identify, sequence, explain, interpret, analyse and infer information in and about texts. ICAS is a great way for students to gauge their skills in English as well as prepare for exam conditions that they will be subject to in following years. While students are still waiting results, all students should be commended on their participation.

ICAS English Award Receivers





William Luu (Year 10)
Distinction in ICAS English



ICAS English Award Receivers





HEAD TEACHER MATHS

Mrs Miriam Lees

Term 3 has been a busy with our staff actively preparing for the 2018 implementation of the new Stage 6 Standard Mathematics course, and the Stronger HSC Standards reforms to assessment. During the term, Mrs Lees has been working with the Department of Education to develop Stage 6 resources for all public high school Mathematics faculties, and was involved in a number of professional learning days and conferences to promote these new resources. This work has continued to develop the reputation of the Blacktown Boys High School Mathematics faculty as a centre of innovation and excellence.

Term 3 sees the conclusion of our Year 12 HSC and Year 11 Preliminary courses with the boys preparing to move to their next stage of the learning. We would like to wish our Year 12 students well in their HSC examinations. We know how much work they have put into their Mathematics this year and hope that they will achieve the results they deserve.

Stronger HSC Standards – Assessment Tasks and Deep Learning

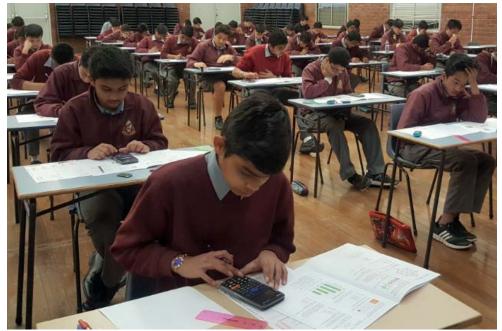
In the last newsletter, we outlined some of the changes to the Stage 6 Mathematics courses which will start in 2018, and be fully implemented by 2020. However, for all courses, the major reform to the HSC is the NESA approach towards assessment. This includes the introduction of "new, rigorous guidelines for effective school-based assessment" and a "Redesign [of] HSC examinations to assess depth of knowledge and application of skills".

For schools this means standardising the number and type of assessment tasks in Stage 6. For students, these reforms are designed to reduce stress, and maximise the time that they spend on learning, encouraging the deeper learning that is gained from consistent practice.

At Blacktown Boys, the Mathematics faculty have been utilising assignments in Stage 6 for a number of years now, and have long advocated for students to develop deep knowledge rather than the superficial, accelerated learning promoted by some tutoring colleges. We have utilised alternative assessment tasks and puzzles, and promoted the need for sustained independent practice, rather than focusing on learning for assessments only. These practices are perfectly aligned to the requirements of the new standards, and our students will benefit from the experience that we have gained using these methods over the years.

ICAS Mathematics and Australian Mathematics Competitions

On 27th July 2017, 69 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition is designed to give



students the chance to demonstrate their problem solving skills in a unique environment which pits them against the best Mathematics students from across Australia. Blacktown Boys' has a proud tradition of producing excellent results, and this year was no different, with nearly 65% of students achieving a Distinction or Credit. These results have been uploaded onto the Mathematics website.

Distinction certificates were awarded to students who achieved in the top 10% of their grade. The following students received distinctions in the 2017 AMC:

Dhruv Mali, Rudra Mehta, Samiul Ahsan, Daivik Patel, Rishabh Shrestha, Neeraj Thayananthan, Mahdin Chowdhury, Jia Yi Wang, Pang Yat Wu.

Thirty-nine Credits were also awarded, while the "Best in School" Award Winner was Neeraj Thayananthan from Year 9. All the students who competed must be congratulated on their behaviour, effort and their willingness to continually strive for excellence.

A record number of students sat the ICAS Mathematics Competition on the 15th August, 2017. The results

have not yet been sent to the school but will be published when they are available.

A special thanks to Mr Cheema for his hard work in co-ordinating these competitions.

Yearly Examinations

The dates and details of the Yearly Examinations for all grades can be found on the Mathematics faculty page on the Blacktown Boys' High School website. This page is regularly updated with information

ICAS Mathematics Exam

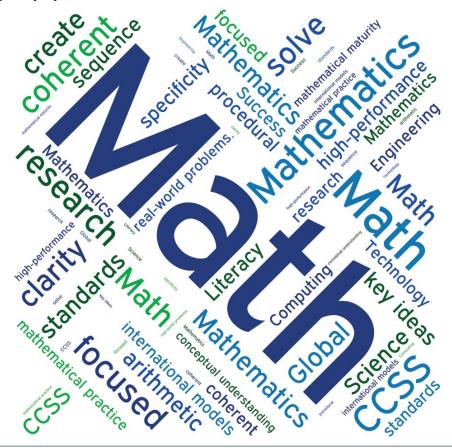
about upcoming excursions and assessments.

All students will need their own calculator and pens for their Mathematics examination. We recommend the *Casio FX82 Plus* as it greatly simplifies fraction and statistics work for the students. If you are unable to purchase a calculator, please let Mrs Lees know so that we can arrange access for your son.

PLEASE NOTE: NESA does NOT accept mobile phones as calculators in the HSC Exams and neither do we.

Luna Park Excursion

The annual Mathematics excursion to Luna Park will be held on Friday 8th December 2017. This excursion provides an opportunity for the Mathematics faculty to celebrate the achievements of those students who continually strive to do their best and improve their knowledge. Invitations to attend the excursion will be mailed out early this term.





RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER SCIENCE

Mrs Miriam Lees



Ms Barbara Gunn

It is with great pleasure that the Science Faculty welcome their new Head Teacher, Ms Barbara Gunn. Ms Gunn comes to us from Ku-ringgai High School and has extensive

experience teaching Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Over the last term, Year 7 students have investigated the basics of Newton's laws, while Year 8 students have looked at the origin and importance of electricity. Year 9 has delved in to macrobiology, and Year 10 has looked closely at microbiology including the science behind cloning. Year 10 students completed the VALID examination, and our Preliminary and HSC students have finished their courses, with the HSC just around the corner. The renovation of the Science storerooms has continued, with focus shifting from the Chemical storeroom to the Lab 1 and Physics storerooms.



ICAS Science

An unprecedented 88 students participated in the ICAS Science competition on 30th May. Our students have continued the proud tradition of excellence at Blacktown Boys High School, achieving 3 distinctions and 29 credit certificates. A full list of the students who achieved distinctions and credits is available on the Science website. Congratulations to Vansh Arora (Year 7), Lithira Mahagoda (Year 7) and Ibrahim Uppal (Year 8) for achieving distinctions. Vansh was awarded the Principal's Award for best performance in the school.

Practical Science

With the implementation of the new Stage 6 Science courses in 2018, there is a renewed emphasis on Science as an investigative subject, with depth studies featuring in all courses. Blacktown Boys High School has a proud tradition of excellence in Science which we nurture by preparing our students during their junior years through the number of practical and research tasks covered throughout the year. Practical tasks are an important element in developing scientific reasoning, and it is essential that students participate in these activities. However to ensure the

safety of all students, only those who are wearing black, leather shoes, and acting responsibility, will be able to participate in practical activities. Please support our teachers by ensuring that your son is always dressed in full school uniform, and always demonstrate "Learning, Safety and Respect".

Supporting Your Learning

A reminder that any student who has received an N-Award warning letter, needs to complete their missed work or task, in order to get their learning back on track. Students experiencing difficulty completing their work are encouraged to approach their Science teacher for help and support.



Snake Tails

On 31st August, eighty students from Year 7 and 8 participated in an interactive learning experience hosted by Bob from Snake Tails. Students learnt about the system biologists use to classify organisms, and the role that Australian reptiles

Year/ Course	Topic name	Assessment task
7 Science	Space, Earth and Water	Yearly Examination, Week 5 Term 4
8 Science	Our Amazing Planet	Yearly Examination, Week 4 Term 4
9 Science	Getting Around	Yearly Examination, Week 3 Term 4
10 Science	Making Life Better?	Informal Assessment in class



have in our modern environment. Students and teachers were able to pat and hold lizards, a turtle and a python. We learnt how to deal with snakes and other reptiles if we

ever saw them in the wild. Snakes and reptiles are beautiful animals that deserve our respect, and we thank Bob for giving us his time and sharing his knowledge and love of reptiles.



HEAD TEACHER HSIE

Mrs Gina Jackson



Year 7 visiting Echo Point, Blue Mountains



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO ECHO POINT

On Thursday 7th of September, Year 7 students visited Echo Point in the Blue Mountains as part of their unit of work on Landscapes and Landforms. Students explored the Blue Mountains environment and undertook fieldwork activities. The excursion gave students a deeper understanding of the formation of mountains (geomorphic and indigenous perspectives), features of the ecosystem and human impacts affecting the landscape.

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

On Sunday 27th August 28 students competed in Tournament of the Minds. Congratulations to team Atlantis who competed in the Social Science Challenge and received Honours. Team Atlantis consisted of William Luu, Biranavan Srikumar, Kayaan Udachia, Anav Prasad, Swapnil Dey, Ayush Atri and Akshay Neelakantan.

FAREWELL TO YEAR 12

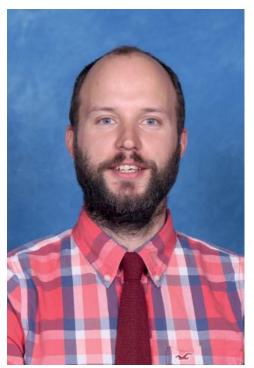
The HSIE staff would like to wish Year 12 students all the very best in their coming examinations, and that they find the focus and determination within themselves to work hard right through to the end. HSIE students are also reminded that their teachers are more than happy to help them if they need any assistance.

Good Luck and Work Hard!

Ms Jackson



Tournament of the Mind Award Receivers



HEAD TEACHER TAS

Mr Nikolai Liu

Term 3 has been another busy term for everyone in TAS with IT-Timber major projects completed and submitted, Year 12 having their Trial HSC exams, and Year 11 having their Yearly exams. On top of that, the TAS faculty had an internal school curriculum review which will help our faculty to improve and maintain compliancy with school and other external policies as ell as maintain up-to-date curriculum for our students. Here is a snapshot of our other activities this term in TAS...

Term 3 TAS Achievement Awards

I had the pleasure of collecting nominations from our TAS faculty for Achievement Awards for Term 3 which Mr Addy presented on assembly in Week 10 of Term 3. Each student showed an ongoing commitment to Safety, Respect and Learning in TAS, and as a reward was granted an additional 25 Vivo points and a certificate on assembly.

Year 7 Technology Ata Surer
Year 8 Technology Neeladri Chak



Junior TAS Achievement Awards for Term 3

Year 8 Technology Muhammed Saeed

Year 9 IST and IT - Electronics

Tahir Khawaja

Year 10 IST Cooper Pron

Congratulations to Peter Sultana, Ezekiel Adomako, Jonas Tay, Jarrod Grgic, Isaac Walker and Abdul Muqueet from Mr Naicker's Year 12 Industrial Technology – Timber class for their outstanding major projects this year.

Well done boys. Who will achieve greatness in Term 4?

Dual Down Under Robotics Competition

The BBHS robotics team and Mr Hartley had a very successful Dual Down Under robotics competition at Homebush over the winter school holidays coming an incredible second place in the region including a win over our neighbours at BGHS! Congratulations to all of the team! Thank you to Mr Hartley for all of you hard work coordinating the team and organising the competition.

Report from Mr Hartley

During the Term 2 holidays, the BBHS FRC robotics team (Team 4801) entered the First Robotics Competition Pacific Invitational – Dual Down Under. There were numerous teams present including some from overseas as well. The event was held at Macquarie University and started early in the morning over three long days. Solid teamwork was required to complete tasks to receive points in a highly competitive game.

Senior TAS Achievement Awards for Term 3



The entire competition was "hectic", as Jia Yi Wang says; there were competitors constantly moving around, with the sound of drilling and yelling for components and wiring echoing in the room. People rushed in and out of the construction area (the pit) for their matches, and the distant cheering in the arena resounded in the pit.

After passing inspection, we had qualification matches for the first two days where all robots are required to participate to qualify for the finals. Only through the team's hard efforts, afternoons spent building and coding, and their own free time were we able to compete in such a highly demanding game. On the final competition day, the team were modifying the robot, looking at faults with the design, and using teamwork to solve challenging engineering problems to raise our ranking in the competition.

On the last day, through the arduous work of the entire team, 4801 had qualified for the finals. Through



strategic meetings with other teams in our alliances, and delicate control of the robot from our drive team, we began gaining points and raising in the ranking. In a very exciting final day as BBHS 4801 were in the grand final. Our alliance came 2nd, and we came home with the FRC Regional Finalists trophy. The whole team were also rewarded with certificates on assembly by Mr. Liu.

PPE Reminder

It is time to remind all students that you should be wearing the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including enclosed leather shoes and an apron in practical lessons in our kitchen and

workshops. If you cannot bring in the correct equipment a note signed by a parent or guardian needs to be presented to your teacher. I will continue to remind the TAS faculty to make contact with home when students wear the incorrect items on more than three occasions without a note signed and dated by a parent or guardian.

STEM Report

The STEM@BBHS program has been going well with the three groups currently completing their rotations between units of work on Lego robotics, programming traffic lights with Arduino micro-processors, and the

Cooking on the Moon project. Next term students will be redesigning Blacktown Boys High School with a special project and exhibition to cap of the year's activities. Keep an eye out for invitations and details next term. The new STEM lab has been recently upgraded further with additional storage racks and a data projector to help make our STEM lessons even more fantastic.

Environment Group Report

The Blacktown Boys High School Environment Group is a group of students from all year groups who meet once a week to discuss and organise environmental initiatives within the school. Students come up with their own ideas on how the school can be a better environmental citizen and raise environmental awareness for all students.

Current projects and initiatives include:

- Organising an annual Clean Up Schools event
- Organising native tree planting events inside and outside the school
- Organising a student mufti day "Go green!" theme
- Designing posters to save energy within the school
- Designing the group's own corporate branding and message

All students are encouraged to attend at recess on Monday's in C3.





TEACHER/ LIBRARIAN

Mr Patrick Everingham

Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has closed for 2017. The PRC Challenge started in March and ended at midnight on Friday the 25th of August.

All students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were eligible to complete the Challenge if they read the required number of books which is 20 books in total, 15 from the PRC Booklist and 5 personal choice books.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage students to read widely for enjoyment and knowledge. Participation in the challenge will improve their reading and writing skills and they will be exposed to a wide range of ideas and situations which will be of positive help in their developing intellectual and emotional maturity.

Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier's Department during a school assembly in Term 4.

The students who completed the



Premier's Reading Challenge at Blacktown Boys in 2017 are:

From Year 7 the students are:

Pranav Arora, Karan Chander, Jinil Chaudhary, Abhiram Kaza, Ernest Kizito, Rudra Mehta, Thevinu Nanayakkara, Sarnyan Nanthakopan, Nasser Almoutasem, Jabez Ou, Fajar Pane, Hirang Patel, Jai Singh, Rajdeep Singh, Udaydeep Singh.

From Year 8 the students are:

Anav Prasad, Ethan Roychoudhry, Rishabh Shrestha.

From Year 9 the student is:

Alwin Joseph



BBHS Chess Competitions in the Library

Chess is a popular pastime at Blacktown Boys High Library. There are always chess boards available in the library and every recess and lunch students come into the library to play and compete.

A Year 7 Chess Competition is in progress in the library and is at present progressing slowly. A Year 8 competition is about to start. All students who have entered these competitions are expected to visit the library regularly to arrange matches against opponents.

If any information is needed see the Librarian Mr Everingham.

The Library and HSC Study Guides

HSC Study Guides are next to the Upper Reading Area of the Library.

These HSC Study Guides are useful resources for students in their preparation for the HSC and we try to ensure that there is always a copy in the library for student use.

Year 12 students who need to prepare for exams are welcome to use the library and the study guides during school hours for their exam preparation.



Vivo Award Receivers for Term 3





YEAR 7 2018 YEAR ADVISER

Miss Jessica Shields

Welcome Year 7 of 2018!

My name is Miss Shields and I am honoured to be the year advisor for Year 7 in 2018. I have been teaching at Blacktown Boys' High School since 2015 and I am a member of the HSIE faculty.

Just a reminder that our Orientation Day will be held on the 5th of December, 2017. This is an important date to add to your diaries (parents and students), as it offers the chance to see our school and ask any questions that may arise. Important information about Year 7, including information about Year 7 camp, will also be issued on this date.

Miss Shields

2018 Year 7 Year Advisor



Silver Vivo Award Receivers for Term 3



YEAR 7 2017 YEAR ADVISER

Mr Daniel D'Souza

Term 3 Wrap Up!

The year has flown by! We have passed the end of Term 3 and we are hurtling towards the end of 2017! For Year 7, it will be the end of their first year of secondary school! Before we all know it, they will be graduating from Year 12 as grown men!

Our focus for Term 3 was "Give respect to gain respect." I am

proud to say that all Year 7 classes embraced this term's focus with vigour and aimed to live this focus in their day to day activities at school. On Monday 4th September, Year 7 had their last dosage of vaccinations. This program is offered to all schools by NSW Health as a free initiative. If your son has missed any vaccinations this year, he is able to get these done at your local GP whilst still in Year 7. Just mention the Year 7 Vaccination Schools Program to your local GP.

Next term will be busy, busy, busy, with Year 7-8 Gala Day, Let's Swim program and the hotly anticipated annual Men's Health Day celebrations. Keep a close ear out for all the exciting events coming to Blacktown!

Please remember, if your son is away from school for a medical reason to provide a medical certificate and a note explaining that he was not well. Remember boys, the only way to keep improving your attendance is to continue being at school!

Have a safe and enjoyable break! See you all in Term 4! Mr D'Souza





YEAR 8 YEAR ADVISER

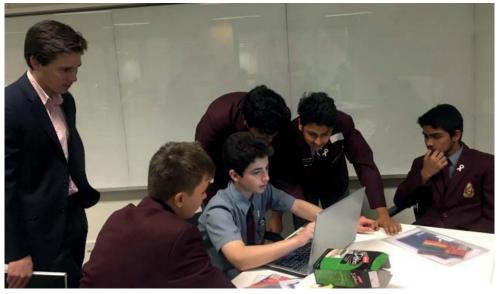
Miss Pembe Hussein

Hello Year 8 and parents,

Welcome back to an exciting Term 4, after just finishing an action-packed Term 3! I would like to say a big thank you to all of Year 8 for getting Junior Subject Selection forms in on time. It is a big step in towards your future, so thank you for talking to your teachers and listening to the advice given.

Thank you to all parents and students who came to Parent Teacher Night and the Progress Report BBQ this term. It was fantastic to see and catch up with so many parents. Year 8 are now able to keep their progress report folders as a memento of their fantastic work from the last two years.

21 students from Year 8 took part in a STEM program called INNOVATE, that was run by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) business group. In the morning, students explored to the fossil exhibition at the Australian Museum with Miss Hussein. Then in the afternoon, students attended



Working with their mentors to create a web-based game



the program at the Stocklands Head Office, where the students learn about the scientific experimental method with a tech-based setting.

Café De Art was a great success, and congratulations to all the students involved in the smooth running of the performance night. The art work's, musical number and dancing showcased all the amazing talents of the students. Year 8 continue to show us what makes them

unique and makes us proud to be a Blacktown Boy.

Officer Amanda Jones joined us for the Stage 4 meeting this term. She talked to us about the meaning and effects of bullying and intimidation, and also the pathways to take if anyone is feeling stressed or just needs to talk.

In Term 4 the enthusiasm continues with Innovate continuing, Men's Health Day in Week 5 and Let's Swim in Week 10.

Enjoy a happy and safe holiday! I look forward to seeing you all back and ready to learn in Term 4. Kind regards,

Miss Pembe Hussein

In front of the T-Rex fossil at the Australian Museum





YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER Mr Daniel Dibbs

Term 4 is a term used for reflection. Coming into the year as their new year advisor, it has been wonderful to witness Year 9 mature and grow into Blacktown Boys' who will be ready in three years' time to complete their formal high school education

Many Year 9 students have taken the initiative and step to begin their school leadership skills base, by undertaking the commitment of becoming Peer Support leaders for Year 10, 2018. Incoming Year 7 students will be welcomed into our wonderful school community, and the Year 10, 2018 boys will learn valuable leadership skills which will assist them through many roles and purposes later in life.

As Year 9 students, officially entering RoSA requirements for schooling has been a smooth transition. Students were given the necessary information and steps to ensure that they develop a home study schedule and ensure that they are submitting their assessment tasks on time. Year 9 students have

taken this responsibility and have so far ensured that they are following their assessment schedules. This is fantastic study practice for their yearly examination period from October $23 - 27^{th}$.

This term's Stage 5 and Year Meetings held a focus on maturity and making adult choices as young men. Our Year Meeting focused on celebrating and reinforcing the PBL expectations of Learning, Respect and Safety; while Blacktown Police School Liaison Officer Amanda Jones spoke to the boys about the dangers of illicit drug use and underage alcohol consumption. It was fantastic to witness students engaging in conversation that allowed them to gain a greater understanding and awareness of these dangers.

As the first year as their year advisor draws to a close, I wish everybody in the Blacktown Boys' High School Community a wonderful and safe Christmas/New Year Holiday Break. Well Wishes.

Daniel





YEAR 10
YEAR ADVISER
Mr David Martin

Term Three for Year 10 students has been mostly taken up with subject selection for Stage 6. It was pleasing to see so many parents attend the information evening, discussing their son's interests in the subjects with them or with the teachers present on the night. These selections have now been made, and I would like to congratulate the students on approaching the process with a high level of maturity and diligence. If you have any questions regarding subject selection and Stage 6, please feel free to contact the school for more information.

As we proceed into Term Four, the students should be mindful



Completing TAS projects

of their academic progress. The Yearly Exams will be in Week Two, and students should use the holidays to revise in preparation for these. Students who have met the requirements will be completing their Stage 5 Record of School Achievement, and these requirements, including attendance and completing all work, continue for the duration of the term. It is also a good chance to develop effective study habits prior to beginning Stage 6. All students are also reminded of the three scholarships awarded to Year 10 students, and should continue aiming for these. One scholarship is for the student who has the best overall results in Year 10, another is for the most improved from the end of Year 9 to the end of Year 10, and the last is for the student who most resembles what it means to be a Blacktown Boy.

Finally, also in Term Four, there are several events students can look forward to. In addition to Men's Health Day, Year 10 will be completing the Step Up program. Step Up is a series of activities and sessions designed to support students in transitioning into Year 11 and becoming adults. In Week 10, Year 10 students will also complete work experience, and they should begin considering where they will go for this week – if they are interested in a career in a specific industry, they may wish to consider work experience within that industry.

Mr D. Martin

Year 10 Advisor

Vietnam Veterans Incursion





YEAR 11 YEAR ADVISER

Mr Evan Shiel

Firstly, welcome back to all. This term, Year 11 begin their Higher School Certificate programs of study. During the Year Meeting held in Week 1, Mr Addy spoke to the year group. He stressed the importance of developing a positive attitude to learning early on in their HSC year. It is incredibly important to establish good study habits and time management skills, as from here, the work load will increase significantly. Any student who finds this transition difficult is welcome to come speak to me, regarding techniques to help cope with stress or managing their time to complete assessment tasks. My plan this term is for students to receive literature to help with these concepts during homeroom.

The year group also were given the opportunity to vote on peer created designs for their Senior Jackets. Lachlan Klingberg, Brindan Somalingam and Abubakr Sajid each submitted a design. Students selected elements from all three designs and a final concept will be confirmed with the year group in the coming weeks.

Lastly, a massive congratulations go to the new Blacktown Boys' High School Leadership Team for 2018. Lachlan Hibbert was voted in as the new School Captain, with Kalolo Matavesi as Vice Captain. Utkarsh Sharma and Abubakr Sajid complete the team as Prefects. Well done, and I wish them the best in their new roles for the coming year. Evan Shiel Year 11 Year Advisor

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Vivo Student of the Week Rugi Bansode

Congratulations to our VIVO students of the week during Term 3 and 4! Each week, a student who has earned the highest amount of VIVO points for displaying Blacktown Boys' High School's PBL core expectations of Learning, Respect and Safety, receives a \$5 canteen youcher and certificate.

As we continue progressing with VIVO, more and more students are beginning to reach their bronze and silver VIVO levels, for earning 600 and 1000 points respectively.





YEAR 12 YEAR ADVISER Mr Andy Franjic

Congratulations to our Year 12 students for completing their formal lessons on Wednesday, 20th September. The students officially celebrated their graduation at the 'Graduation Ceremony' on Thursday, 21st September. I would like to particularly thank our School Captains, Alan Reji & Frank Starr for leading the first part of the ceremony and also for their prepared speeches which were well received, Kevin Kyaw for his outstanding visual presentations, our musicians which included Jonas Tay, Sebastian Varela, Jarrod Grgic, David Mila, Junior Tapuagia and Alan Reji. I would also like to thank Pang Yat



Andy Wu, Upninder Saini, Peter Sultana and Jonas Tay for their speeches during the ceremony which highlighted what a fantastic school we are fortunate to have. I would also like to thank the Year 12 cohort for their generous Year Adviser gifts which consisted of a clock signed by all the students and a fantastic Dragons jacket which I am looking forward to wearing next season. Finally, I would like to thank our P&C headed by Marie Swan for their tireless work in preparing a fabulous morning tea for the students and their families to enjoy after the Graduation Ceremony.

Please find over the page the academic awards that were presented at the Graduation Ceremony.

HSC Exams

The HSC starts on Monday, 16th October and conclude no later than Friday, 10th November, 2017. It is important that all students read their timetables and attend all exams on time.

Sign Out and clearance

All students will need to attend the school to 'sign out' and complete their clearance from each subject on Monday, 6th November, 2017 from 8:40am to 11:00am. Students need to return any texts or any other school property they may still have





on this date. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend on this date to arrange the return of these items.

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 formal will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November at Oatlands House. The formal will run from 6:30pm to 11pm. This should be a great evening and one last opportunity for the class of 2017 to enjoy the company of their peers and staff.

Afternoon tea

All students are invited to attend the afternoon tea on Friday, 15th December to celebrate the release of their HSC results. This will run from 3pm-4pm in the staff common room.

On behalf of the school I would like to wish all of our Year 12 students every success in the exams and into the future.

First and Highly Commended in a Course				
Course	Academic Award	Consistent Effort		
Ancient History	Kurt Kaufmann	Aalok Varma		
Biology	Hary Nethra	Delnesh Sundarampillai		
Business Studies	Ronin Selvage	Unpninder Saini		
Chemistry	Aalok Varma	Pang Yat Andy Wu		
Engineering Studies	Samuel He	Sami Kopra		
English (Advanced)	Mark Yubin Liang	Hary Nethra		
English Extension 1	Mark Yubin Liang	Hary Nethra		
English Extension 2	Mark Yubin Liang	N/A		
English Standard	Abdulsamad Mohammed Abdul	Jarrod Grgic		
Food Technology	Jonas Tay	Sebastian Varela		
History Extension	Kurt Kaufmann	Aalok Varma		
Industrial Technology	Jarrod Grgic	Jonas Tay		
Legal Studies	Kurt Kaufmann	Ronin Selvage		
Mathematics General	Sebastian Varela	Isaac Walker		
Mathematics	Sachin Paliwal	Ronin Selvage		
Mathematics Extension 1	Pang Yat Andy Wu	Jonas Tay		
Mathematics Extension 2	Pang Yat Andy Wu	Tushar Virk		
Modern History	Harry Lomax	Frank Starr		
Music	Jonas Tay	Jarrod Grgic		
PDHPE	Ronin Selvage	Harry Lomax		
Software Development & Design	Tushar Virk	Harnam Singh Hothi		
Visual Arts	Kurt Kaufmann	Sebastian Varela		



SRC CO-ORDINATOR
Miss Jessica Shields

This term the leadership team focussed on R U OK? Day and ran a BBQ to lift school spirit at Blacktown Boys' High School. The

BBQ was run by many of our SRC members with some helpful Year 12 students. SRC representatives also initiated more discussion with their roll call groups to see what the SRC could do to help the school. These discussions will occur more regularly within roll call, as the SRC continues to act on behalf of their peers.

Congratulations to our Year 12 SRC students on their graduation. Thank you for all your hard work throughout the term and over the years.

I am delighted to welcome Ms Tang to the SRC next term, as she takes on the role as the SRC coordinator. I look forward to seeing the SRC progress in and prosper under her guidance.

Miss Shields

SRC Coordinator



SRC CO-ORDINATOR
Miss Cindy Tang

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVE

COUNCIL

Extra Curricular Activities



Craig Stevens
Premier's Sporting Challenge
Ambassador

Premier's Sporting Challenge

On Monday, 14th August we were fortunate enough to have former Olympic swimmer – Craig Stevens address our school assembly as an ambassador for the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Craig answered a number of questions, that were put to him from our students, about the benefits of physical activity in his life, the sacrifices required of an elite athlete, how it felt to represent your country at the Olympics and how

Premier's Sporting Challenge Award Receiver's with Craig Stevens

he felt when Ian Thorpe competed in the 400m Freestyle event at the Athens Olympics for which he graciously gave up his spot after Ian's disqualification from this event at the Olympic trials in Sydney. Some might remember it was when Ian famously fell off the blocks before the starting signal resulting in automatic disqualification.

I would like to thank Craig for coming out to our school and answering all questions so openly and honestly to give our students a unique insight into the life of an Olympian and an Australian representative.

On the subject of the Premier's Sporting Challenge, this year signifies 10 years since the beginning of the concept to promote and encourage the importance of engaging in physical activity. Our students and a number of staff completed the 10 week commitment to the challenge in Term 3 and all physical activity data has been submitted. Students will receive a certificate based on the overall performance of their Homeroom. Certificates should arrive at the school later in Term 4.

Congratulations to all students and staff who participated in the challenge this year. It is great to see that physical activity is a major component of our lives both here at school and in the wider community.



FTC Robotics

Blacktown Boys High is running the First Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics competition once again. This year's theme is 'First Relic Discovery'. Our students will need to work together, with the aid of Robotics mentors from Macquarie University, to design a robot that can be autonomously and manually operated to traverse a complex obstacle course.

We are happy to welcome the veteran students of the school who have participated in previous competitions, as well as some new faces to this year's season.

The competition will be held across two days, 9th and 10th of December, 2017.

Ms Lisa Sun







HOUSE CHALLENGE

This year has seen the start of a new event which will continue to run throughout Term 4. The House Challenge is an elimination event which runs during recess and lunch, for any student who wishes to register to represent their house.

Due to all carnivals and representative carnivals being completed for the year, the ability to earn House points comes from within School Sport and other school representation e.g.

Debating, school teams etc. The House Challenge gives students the opportunity to earn additional house points coming towards the end of the year

The Basketball House Challenge in Term 3, had 3 separate divisions:

Congratulations to the winning houses in each division and keep your eyes out for the announcement of the next Sport House Challenge for Term 4!

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В	9/10	HALL
С	11/12	BRADMAN



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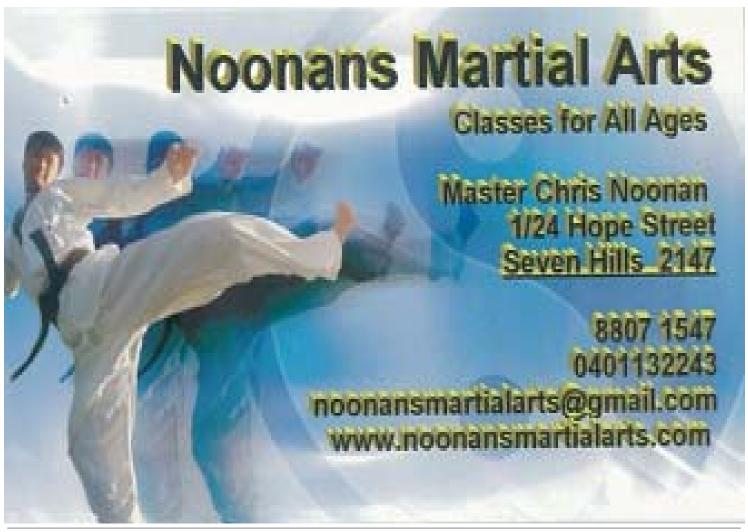
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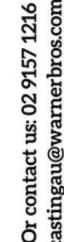
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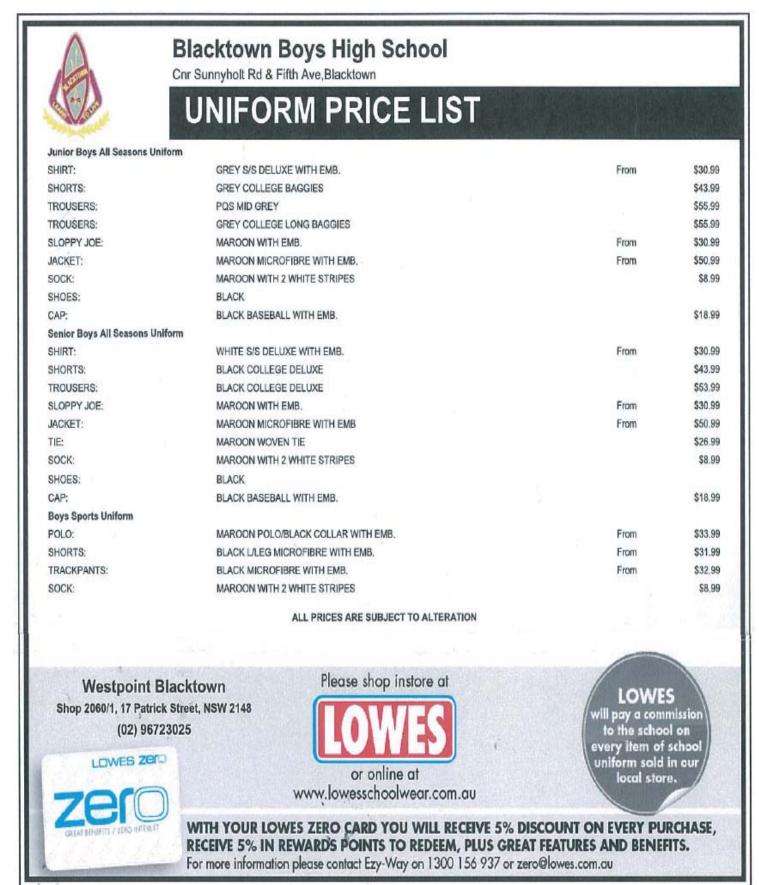


SCHOOL UNIFORMS ONLINE

I am pleased to let you know that the school uniforms can now be ordered online at **Lowes.** This is an exciting addition to the service that Lowes currently provides to Blacktown Boys High School.

http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=354

Lowes offers free delivery for orders over \$100. There is a \$10 delivery fee for orders less than \$100 or they can be picked up from the store at no extra cost. See the advertisement in this newsletter for further details.



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