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Term 4 Newsletter 2022

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands across Metropolitan Region, where the fresh water flows into the salt water. The blending of these waters signifies the interconnectedness of all First Nations people and the lands where schools and workplaces of this Region are situated.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, who are the keepers and preservers of the cultural knowledges, languages and traditions.

We all have a role in creating workplaces, schools and communities that recognise, uphold and value the contribution of First Nations peoples.

Principal's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Another year is drawing to a close at our school. It's time to pause and reflect upon the successes and achievements, but also the areas for improvement for our school and for each and every student.

We've had many highlights this year including our recent term 4 celebratory awards night and graduation and formal for our senior students. A huge congratulations to our seniors who looked amazing at formal and did our school proud at graduation. As a cohort, their achievements are vast and varied, and I really look forward to seeing the first productive steps these students make post schooling next year.

As we move towards the final weeks of school, reports and results will be emailed home promoting the conversation with families regarding the results and comments provided. Every school year, our goal is to ensure that students have gained at least one year worth of learning growth. To be clearer, if you were receiving a B for achievement in English in year 8, one year of growth means you are still achieving a B in English in year 9. Talking about progress and growth is more important than the achievement grade that a student receives.

In closing, I hope this year has been a more positive one for students and families now that our lives have started to become less restricted after the pandemic. A big thank you to all of our school staff, that make this school a wonderful place for students, but also an amazing learning organisation to be a part of. Thank you to parents and carers for the partnership and cooperation you have afforded our staff this year and we look forward to seeing you and your students again in 2023.

Date Claimers

Term 4

25th November - Year 10 & 11's finish

9th December - Term 4 concludes

2023

Term 1

23rd January - Term 1 commences

27th January - Swimming Carnival

22nd March - Year 7 & 10

Immunisations

31st March - Term 1 concludes



Please have a safe and healthy holiday period.



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Australian Business and Community Network

This term a group of year 7 students have had the opportunity to travel to Brisbane to participate in an Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) program. The program provided opportunities for our students to engage and build confidence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workshops working along side current business mentors to build an understanding and awareness of STEM Careers. STEM jobs are growing significantly faster than any other jobs.

The program involved small groups of students working with mentors over four, fully facilitated sessions to apply skills such as creativity, innovation and problem solving. During the workshops students worked in small groups building skills to work and thrive in the twenty-first century. Discussions were centred around the pace at which industries are changing and that new jobs and organisations are being established all the time along with the twenty-first century skills that future employees will require. Students were able to practise being creative and designing solutions and completing challenges alongside real-world experienced mentors.

All students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience they have been offered and it has inspired in them an even greater passion for learning, particularly in the field of STEM. All students have been outstanding ambassadors for Bundamba State Secondary College.



Year 9

Junior Education and Targets Planning

Throughout the year, the focus of the year 9 Bundamba Care Class (BCC) program has been Career Education to lead up to our successful first ever JET planning day. JET, or Junior Education and Targets Planning provides an opportunity for our year 9 students and their families to meet with a year 9 Care Class teacher and Year Coordinator or Head of Year, to review the student's progress in their secondary school journey to date and identify future pathways. JET planning is undertaken at Bundamba SSC to provide an opportunity for students and their families to set realistic academic, effort and behaviour goals to set them up to be successful as they transition out of the Junior Secondary and into their Senior Secondary phase of their education. The students can also choose their year 10 electives and ensure that their subject choices line up with their proposed Senior Secondary pathway.

To Get Set for JET, our BSSC JET planning day in Term 3, students spent their Term 2 and 3 Thursday BCC lessons engaging in a wide variety of activities including:

- UQ presentation "Finding Your Future";
- Classroom activities to learn about all the Senior Schooling terms including QCE, ATAR, General and Applied Subjects, TAFE, VET and traineeships, and BSSC Senior Pathways: Green, Mint and White
- Classroom activities to investigate career options using www.myfuture.edu.au
- Reviewing their academic grades using TrackEd sheets and how to set SMART goals
- Head of Department year 10 subject talks;
- Head of Senior Schooling talk about Bundamba SSC Pathways;
- BLO Candice Ferrier talk about TAFE, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Work experience options;
- Attend the 2022 Bundamba SSC Career Expo

Term 4 care class activities have included a block of lessons focusing on the development of academic learning behaviours essential for survival in the senior secondary phase including Motivation, Discipline, Time Management (presented by external provider Elevate) and Persistence and Resilience.

For the remaining part of Term 4, students will take part in a rotation of practical activities to develop their skills to work in teams, solve problems together, improve their communication and develop leadership.

The activities presented by the year 9 Care Class teachers include a variety of sports, mindfulness, board games and gardening.





Year 11

Our year 11 cohort has had a busy term 4! We have elected our College Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects for 2023; completed our first round of senior uniform orders; completed Unit 2 assessment and contributed to the farewell activities for our year 12 cohort.

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed to a Leadership Position for 2023.

College Captains	Kaitlyn Hagar & Jarlin Wong
College Vice Captains	Kate Gorrie & Hudson Tille
Sports Prefect	Jade Zerafa
Cultural Prefects	Peter Setefano & Taiva Tuiala
First Nations Prefects	Mulana Walker & Alekk Mathieson-Johns
Wellbeing Prefect	Munarra Walker
Arts Prefect	Brooke McCorkell & Dezstany-Maree Wheildon
STEM Prefect	Tahleah Hinds
Goannas House Captain	Brad Smith
Kookaburras House Captain	Lachie Phillips
Magpies House Captain	Nicholas Jones
Wombats House Captains	Lafoia Galuvao



Senior Uniform

Round 1 and 2 of Senior Uniform Orders will be processed before the end of 2022. There will be a third order in term 1, 2023. To be eligible to order a Senior Uniform, students need to be up to date with school fees, be following existing uniform processes, and meet criteria aligned to attendance, behaviour and effort.



Happy Holidays

As our year 11 cohort approach their final year of schooling, we would like to remind them to use the school holidays to reflect, set goals for the year ahead, and get some well earned rest. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023!



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Year 11 - Highlights



Mental Health Week

We celebrated Mental Health Week at BSSC between the 8th-16th of October where students and staff participated in activities that encouraged awareness, belonging and connection. Awareness is about understanding the things we need to maintain and boost our mental wellbeing, knowing when we need to reach out for help and where to get it. Strategies for mental health care include mindfulness, acts of kindness, physical activity, time in nature and connecting with others.

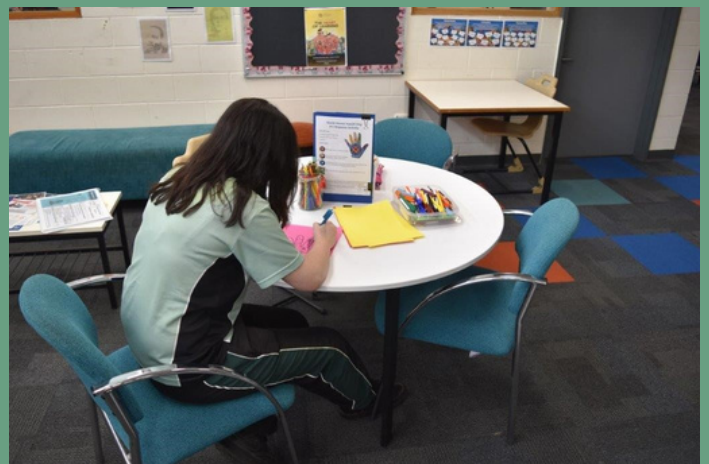


Belonging is about looking out for each other and ensuring we feel safe and supported. It's also understanding that however we feel, we are not alone, and that there are others going through the same thing. You can help others to feel like they belong by checking in with them and asking if they are okay, noticing if someone seems down, listening when they talk and smiling and saying hello.

Connection is about our relationships with our friends, families and those we care about. It is also about the groups, clubs and networks around us that we rely on to help keep us happy and healthy. Connecting with friends, family, sporting, religious and/or cultural groups and support organisations can help support our mental health.



With the holiday season and Christmas coming up, it is important to remember to take time for yourself. Our local community offers many support services and free programs that families can take advantage of over the holiday break. ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Services Facebook page can keep you updated with free holiday programs as well as regular monthly events. Other great community resources include the new Ipswich Central Library, Queen's Park Nature Centre and Ipswich Art Gallery. Nicholas Street Precinct are offering family activities and Jamie's Ministry of Food is offering a school holiday cooking workshop.



If you or a loved one need any additional support here are some contact details:

Parent Line 1300 301 300

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

13YARN 13 92 76

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

EHeadspace <https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>



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HPE and Sports Department Highlights

2022 has been an action packed year for all our students and staff in both HPE classes and sporting events.

Sportswomen and Sportsmen 2022



Senior: Tia Appoo and Ricky Brady



Junior: Gaby Reeves and Cody Mustey



Open Boys Volleyball and their supporters. They finished equal first after the pool games and narrowly lost a playoff for 1st place!

Open Mixed Netball teams played at Limestone Park Netball Association. They finished 3rd and 5th out of 8 teams on the day.





The boys were involved in the CISSSA District Rugby League Competition, in which they unfortunately were beaten in the Grand Final by Ipswich SHS. The students also competed in the NRL Schoolboy Trophy, to progress to the Southern Queensland Semi Final of the tournament.

Young Women's Academy started in 2022 and competed in CISSSA Rugby League, Karen Murphy Cup and CISSSA Volleyball. They also attended mental health talks, Uprise Program with the NRL and RAAF Experience Day.



HPE Highlights



Rope Haus: All students in year 7 to 9 and 12 Recreation participate in bouldering, climbing and high rope challenges throughout the year. It is a challenge by choice and the students learn to work in teams of 3-4 to complete the challenges. Students also have the opportunity to be part of our BSSC climbing club during lunch times and Tuesday afternoons. This year has seen an explosion in students engaging with the climbing club.



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Our year 12 Recreation students attended Maroon Outdoor Education Centre for a 4-day camp. They learnt about leadership, teamwork and outdoor recreation activities. It was a great camp with highlight for many students being the giant swing and camping outdoors.

They also ran a coaching clinic with 180 primary school students from Bundamba and Riverview State School.

The year 11 Recreation students went to Harding's Paddock to complete their assessment and participating in orienteering courses run and set up by Orienteering Queensland. They all had a great time but were completely exhausted after a busy day of exploring.



Other highlights throughout the year included having development coaches from Soccer Australia work with all our year 7 students. One year 7 HPE class also attended a Variety Inclusion Day held at Ipswich Showgrounds.



It has been an awesome year in the HPE department. Students have had many opportunities to experience different sports and learning opportunities in the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

