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The End of Term Grows Near

The Easter break has quickly approached and we have reached the end of a very busy term. It has been a privilege to see how hard the girls have worked this term and to see them head off to a well-deserved holiday.

Year 12 Exams

As I write this report I can see our year 12 girls heading down to the Hall to sit for their mid-course exams. This marks the half-way point of their HSC course. I hope that they are using these exams wisely and use the valuable feedback their teachers will give them to enhance their learning and prepare for the last six months of their formal secondary education.

News at the Top

After a meeting with my Director Jan Green, I have been asked to continue on as Principal until Mrs Harper returns in the middle of next year. It is wonderful to get the opportunity to be Principal in such a wonderful school and I look forward to working with our amazing staff to provide learning opportunities for our girls.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Porreca who has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal to fill the vacant position left with the departure of Mr Borg. Mrs Porreca was successful through the merit selection process and brings many great qualities to the role. I know that Mrs Porreca has been filling this position for a period of time now and the relationships she has established with students, staff and parents are extremely positive and I enjoy working with her as part of the school’s senior executive.

School Plan and Annual School Report

The school has worked hard to develop its plan for the next three years in consultation with all members of the school community. The process has been strengthened with a whole school review that was conducted throughout 2014. This has allowed us to focus on the most significant areas to move forward with and reinforce the areas that we are doing well in. The School Plan is an important document that highlights our vision and how we intend to get there.
The School Plan 2015-2017 and the 2014 Annual School Report will be published to the school’s website on 1st May and will be available for download. The school’s website address is;


ANZAC Day

This year we recognise the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The council in conjunction with Jason Clare MP are hosting an event at Bankstown Memorial Oval on Saturday 25th April. The event is beginning at about 11am and will conclude approximately at 2pm I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come to this important event and recognise those who have served our country and sacrificed much in time of conflict.

Holidays

I hope everyone has a safe and peaceful break. School starts back on Tuesday 21st April and I look forward to seeing everyone back.

Mr M. Leary
Relieving Principal
Bankstown Girls’ High School
I would like to start this article by saying what a busy term we have had at Bankstown Girls. As I write this article Year 12 are sitting their mid-course exams. This is the first of the examination periods that Year 12 will experience before sitting for their HSC. I must remind Year 12 that it is very important that they maintain their attendance and submit all assessment tasks on time so that they don’t have to be interviewed by the Senior Review Committee. A number of girls have already been interviewed and we will soon be moving to the next phase of monitoring which will mean parents coming to the school to discuss their daughter’s progress. However, I am sure that we will not have to enter this phase because Year 12 will understand the importance of meeting requirements if they want their HSC.

The Helmsman Project has been on again for Year 10. This time the mentors are working with a different group of girls whom I believe are also enjoying the program as well as working with their mentors. The girls will be undertaking their first sailing experience this week and I do hope that they enjoy themselves and get the opportunity to apply what they have learnt at school on the sailing boat. Good luck girls! I would like to also remind Year 10 that they are working towards their ROSA this year and so need to maintain their attendance and attempt all assessment tasks if they wish to succeed. Next term we will be monitoring those girls who are not meeting requirements and they will be interviewed by the Junior Review Committee in order to put in place strategies to help them achieve their learning outcomes.

Year 8 students are at Swim School at the time of writing this article. They will have a very busy three days ahead of them when they will be learning some very important skills and enjoying themselves in what could be the last of the warm weather.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Please remember that next term the weather will be much cooler and you will be expected to wear your full winter school uniform.

I would like to thank everyone for a very productive term and look forward to working with you in Term 2.

Mrs Porreca
Bankstown Girls’ High School
Deputy Principal (Years 7, 9 & 11)
Term 1 is almost concluded and most of the girls have been working hard in all of their classes and achieving some pleasing results. Year 12 have been very busy with assessment tasks and major assignments. The Senior Review process for Year 12 was completed a few weeks ago and all girls who were falling behind with their studies due to either poor attendance, lateness or failure to complete assessments have been counselled and given strategies to improve. I hope these girls now put in the necessary effort to do well. These girls will be monitored and if there is no improvement a parent interview will be organized with the Deputy Principal or the Principal at the beginning of Term 2.

The Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival was a highly successful day for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see the girls participating and the spirit that was generated to support their houses. Congratulations to Freeman who were victorious on the day and to all of the girls who supported their house and participated in the day’s events. A big congratulations needs to go to the effort year 12 displayed in preparing for their annual carnival dance and their costumes that were varied and very creative. It was one of the best shows of effort I have seen from a year 12 group at BGHS. I would also like to thank our YEAR 9 PASS class, Mrs Kalogeropoulos and the PE staff for their outstanding organisation. It takes a lot of work for a carnival like this to be successful and they should be proud of their efforts.

Harmony Day

On March 25th the School celebrated Harmony Day by holding a range of activities to raise awareness amongst the girls. This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. As a school with a large multicultural population it is always a joy to see how harmoniously the girls work together and are accepting and supportive of differences. On the day, the school was a sea of orange, the official colour to signify harmony day and this theme was continued in many of the
activities organised during the recess and lunch breaks. Congratulations to Ms Kelly and her team for her efforts in organising a fun and important day.

**Parent Access to School Portal.**

Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the Parent Portal; this will support and provide parents information about their daughter’s progress at Bankstown Girls’ High School. All parents should have received a letter or email from the school. As we develop this initiative, I am confident that the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day to day management of your daughter’s schooling. Should you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. I also look forward to hearing from you about your experience with our Parent Portal, and any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to adding further functionality and improvement.

Finally, I would like to wish all the girls and their families a safe and relaxing end of term break and I look forward to all students commencing Term 2 focused on their learning and ready to excel across all key learning areas.

Enjoy your Holidays Girls 😊

**Danielle Clarke**

Relieving Deputy Principal (Years 8, 10 & 12)
Bankstown Girls’ High School
ACHIEVER’S ASSEMBLY
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

By Yasmin Haddad & Nadine Kabbara

Breath stroke...backstroke...butterfly...all sound familiar? On the 4th of March 2015, Bankstown Girls’ High school gathered together to attend their annual school swimming carnival at Birrong Leisure centre. Faces painted in red, yellow, green and blue assembled to their designated team area O’Neil, Freeman, Sauvage and Jackson and compete for the Championship!

Students from Year 7 and 8 made their way down the track to the first race of the day – 50m freestyle. This was followed by the 14, 15 and 16 year old competitors from Year 9-12. Throughout the day we also participated in exciting novelty races and enjoyed delicious food from the open canteen. The carnival ended with some fun kick-boarding races and team relays. A big thank you to the PE staff for organising such an exciting and competitive event, the Year 10 PASS class helpers, and all the teachers who participated in supervision, recording, announcing and starters, and the students who participated in the races and novelty events. Most of all, a big congratulations to the winning house team O’Neil and the girls who made it through to the zone swimming carnival!

Age champions
12 years: Fatima Kamaleddine
13 years: Kayla Saraya
14 years: Thuy Vu
15 years: Lina Tagirara
16 years: Ceila Wilson
17 years: Isha Saraya
Athletics Carnival

By Taylor Stoten

Bursting with colour and a new location for many, Wednesday 18th March saw Bankstown Girls make their way to The Ridge to invest in a variety of activities including track running, high jump, shot put, discus and taking numerous selfies with the dressed up Yr 12s. Thankfully, the weather held up creating a perfect day to get little hearts ticking.

Of course, this day wouldn’t have been made possible without the immense dedication of the PDHPE staff and all the wonderful teachers across every faculty that pitched in to create a smooth running day.

On behalf of the Year 12, we would like to praise the school as a whole on helping us fundraise, getting behind our tasty barbeque that left your tastebuds content. (On that note, we can forgive you for being the quietest crowd during our performance; we must have left you speechless from our amazing dance).

Congratulations to all the girls who get involved in as many events as possible. Below are the results on the age champions!

**Age Champions**

12 years: Hawa Kondeh
13 years: Amira El Zahr
14 years: Maryam Almouie
15 years: Alpina Bou Sleiman
16 years: Kimberly Lelei
17 years: Taylor Stoten
JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL VISIT
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bankstown Girls’ High School would like to congratulate the following students and teams that made it through to the Regional Championships! Well done to our girls!

U16 Zone Touch Championships:
Jessica Phan
Rhonda Butt
Maryann Oaariki
Deane Ngo
Alpina Bou Sleiman
Rayan Dib
Bayanne Ahmad

Opens Volleyball Championships:
Olivia Bula Rataverebukui
Kimberly Lelei
Pauline Lelei
Moana Paese
Maryanne Oaariki

Opens Touch Championships:
Olivia Bula Rataverebukui
Leila Bou Sleiman
Rhonda Butt

Opens Soccer Championship:
Adama Jalloh
Olivia Bula Rataverebukui
Alpina Bou Sleiman

Opens Netball Championships:
Ashley Butt
Rhonda Butt

Opens Basketball Championships:
Ashley Butt
Taylor Stoten

OPEN SOCCER

The clouds disappeared and the sun came up shining on Tuesday 17th March as 18 extremely excited girls made their way to Fairvale High School in a ‘friendly’ game of soccer that decided whether they were advancing into the next round. The game was close with Bankstown on the lead 1-0 at half time but unfortunately too much air got to our heads and Fairvale managed to slowly slip past. The girls still held on to their pride and kept a strong defence on the opposing team showing almost perfect team work and communication. The final result was 2-1 Fairvale way but the performance of every girl from our school was enough to know deep down we were the true winners with sportswomanship practically radiating out of us. Good Job girls! (I couldn’t be more proud of you, you made my last year a memorable one).

By Taylor Stoten
Football United a Leadership Program

Written by Natalie Veljanovska

A group of year 10 and year 11 students were selected to participate in the peer mentoring Football United Leadership Program. This program is delivered to a target group of potential youth leaders to engage with local primary school children. The purpose of this activity is to build leadership through coaching football and promoting participation and access to sport for children. This program goes for 1 hour per week over 6 weeks.

Over the 6 weeks we got to pair up and coach a group of year 5 students from Bankstown Public School. We had to create different warm ups and games which related to soccer each and every week.

We also had the chance to go to the Harmony Day Sydney FC match. Before the game started, some of us had the opportunity take photos and get autographs from the Sydney FC Players. Furthermore, we had the opportunity to be flag bearers on the field. Sydney FC defeated Brisbane Roar in a nail-biting 5-4 win. At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great day out!

On behalf of the students, we would like to thank all the mentors and coaches who did a great job over the 6 weeks. We would also like to thank Ms Karceska for all her effort and commitment.
Sydney FC Match
BE BRAVE AND SHAVE

By: Angelina Tuitupou

On the 17th of March, Bankstown Girls High School held a big event in honour of the World’s Greatest Shave. The SRC went to great lengths to set up a number of different activities for the fundraising.

The activities included a photo booth, delicious cupcakes, hair colouring and hair braiding as well as the good old “Guess-How-Many-Lollies In-The-Jar” competition. The World’s Greatest Shave proved to be lots of fun, with teachers and students contributing to raise a total sum of $368.45, which was donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Raising this much, however, meant that the SRC did not hit its target to raise at least $500! Nevertheless, Mr Stam still kindly agreed to shave his head bold, therefore a big thank you to Sir for “being brave to shave”.

Congratulations also to Mrs Carpenter who went home with the lolly jar and to the SRC team for organising a great day!!
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

By Ms L. Carmody

The English Faculty at BGHS has been involved in a project with the Sydney University English Department for the past three years. This program sees students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 participating in workshops both at school and at Sydney Uni. The workshops range from creative writing, film studies, Shakespeare to Asian perspectives, and link in perfectly to what we study in our English classes at Bankstown. Not only are the students working with the university professors, but we also have a partner school Coonabarabran who we meet up with regularly.

This year, a philanthropic organisation recognised the good work of our BGHS and USYD partnership and have very generously provided us with a grant to keep the project running for another three years. Thanks to the Nelson Meers Foundation, we are able to keep our great work going. Check out the website where our girls have their own featured page that tells the world how wonderful the projects are that we create at Bankstown!

UTS Excursion

Written by: Hadeel Salem

Earlier this year, on the 5th of March, the Year 9 and 10 IST classes had embarked on an excursion to UTS (University of Technology Sydney). After having left behind schedule, the group rushed to the station and onto the next train, arriving in unison with other schools that had also come for the event.

The brick building had seemed ordinary from the outside, only to find upon entering it that it was anything but. With its high ceilings, intricately patterned walls, long wooden tabletops, and bright florescent lights, UTS was a sight for sore eyes. Looking past the hurdles of school students sprawled across the place, you could see the university students walking to their different destinations and you could not help but envy those who had made it to be in their position.

We were then ushered toward a great hall where we were seated, preoccupying ourselves with our gift bags while we waited. After the hosts introduced the event, the first presentation began.

It was my personal favourite, where a representative from Microsoft had spoken to us of technologies to come. He spoke of the holograms that are currently a work in progress, showing us a video of the technologies that will soon be available to us; they were amazing, and quite hard to believe they were achievable. A specific invention he had shown us was the Microsoft 10 Hololens.

After him came many more presentations, giving us a look of what it may be like to work in the IT industry. We got insight of what new ideas were brewing and learnt of what new technologies the future may bring. The excursion to UTS had been an awesome one, and was definitely an eye-opening experience. Not to mention the McDonalds break- that’s always a highlight.
2015 ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The environmental group is raising awareness this year for three important issues we need to improve in our school: Littering, energy waste and lack of natural green area. We are inviting every single student and teacher in our school to help to make a positive change and care for our environment by:

1. **Smart energy use:**
   - Monitor, measure and reduce school energy from
     - Heating and cooling
     - Lighting
     - Electronic devices
   - Dress for success:
     - Replace the need for heating and cooling by dressing for the weather.
     - Wear extra layers—check and come prepared for the weather

   **How does this help?**
   - Your changes have big impacts on electricity costs- Save electricity, save money.
   - Save resources
   - Create less pollution

2. **Be waste wise**
   - Pause, stop and explore your day-to-day waste and make better choices by placing your rubbish in the new bird proof bins
   - Use less plastic such as shopping bags, disposable drink containers, straws, toothbrushes—less packaging
   - Reduce the use of papers by using less photocopies, worksheets and recycling papers

   **How does this help?**
   - Everyday changes make a powerful impact on reducing waste in our school
   - Help reduce the spread of disease
   - Create less pollution!

3. **Create and care for green spaces**
   - Green it up wherever you can. Explore and increase schoolyard biodiversity.
   - Create a shady garden to relax, read and study in
   - Measuring and audit schoolyard biodiversity
   - Participate in National Tree Day planting.
   - Help your tree to survive and thrive with water, mulch, compost, PEST CONTROL and a little chat.
How does this help?

- More green spaces creates healthy environment for people
- Support your local ecosystem – animals, insects, plants and aquatics
- Shade planting near buildings helps summer cooling
- Improve SCHOOL LEARNING through connecting to nature
- Create less pollution

By Tuyet Nguyen and Lan Anh Vu

BUNNINGS FAMILY FUN DAY!

Bunnings Warehouse (Lowest Prices Guaranteed!) will be holding a family fun days on the 18th of April, 10am – 2pm, at Bankstown Airport, Milperra Road. Bring your family along on this special day which includes market stalls, music, jumping castle, clowns, fairy floss, popcorns, face painting and much, much more.
HELP US IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL!

Buy a raffle ticket to go in the draw to win this Jumbo Hamper

The environmental students will be selling raffle tickets to win the hamper, donated by Bunnings Warehouse, Georges Hall. The hamper has lots of **barbecue, household and gardening items** which are useful for everyday use. The value of the hamper is more than **$100!!** The money collected will be used towards improving the small area near the hall and create a shady garden. The draw for the winner will be announced next term during Week 6.

The tickets will be sold as follow:

- 1 ticket for $2
- 2 tickets for $3
- 4 tickets for $5

Please buy a raffle ticket to support our group and have the chance to win this valuable basket.

Jenny To and Belinda Nguyen
SCIENCE – THE NO ‘FLUX’ ZONE

…and that’s how you hold a test tube!
I think I need to re-evaluate my favourite subject list.

I just might stay back during lunch to finish this chocolate volcano.

No-one told me when can be creative in Science!
Engineering Club

By Deane Ngo

Are you a student in Year 9 or 10? Are you interested in science? Are you interested in designing and building structures and models? Heroes don’t need to zoom across the sky and wear capes, heroes need to save lives! The Engineering Club is the place for you!

The Engineering club is held by Miss Haselden every Thursday at lunch in room 3. The club takes on board and encourages students whom have a passion for building and constructing models. Being in the Engineering Club is beneficial as it opens many opportunities to participate in competitions and, not to mention, the many excursions and incursions offered. Currently, the club has one competition available, the bridge building contest across NSW schools.

Fast Forward

By: Deane Ngo

On Monday the 23rd of March 2015, I, alongside 15 other girls from Year 9 had the privilege to attend the Awards Evening for the Fast Forward Program. Fast Forward program is a partnership between the University of Western Sydney and Greater Western Sydney schools which carries on for 4 years (Years 9-12).

The program helps students to see the value of continuing their education through year 12 and beyond and aims to develop student’s confidence, knowledge, skills and educational attainment and promote the benefits of lifelong learning opportunity to students and their families.

The evening was brought to us with many inspirational speakers and to end the evening, we were farewelled with a wide-variety of delicious food. On behalf of the girls, I would like to thank Mr Leary and Ms Porreca who their spared time to come and support myself and the girls. I would also like to say a big thank you to Year 9’s Year Advisor, Miss Haselden who took care of us the whole evening and Ms Hundy who organised this successful day for us, girls.
OUR NRL OFFICIAL PAGE!

By Rayan Dib

Ladder

1. Rabbitohs
2. Bulldogs
3. Knights
4. Panthers
5. Storm
6. Roosters
7. Warriors
8. Eels
9. Wests Tigers
10. Broncos
11. Raiders
12. Dragons
13. Sea eagles
14. Sharks
15. Titans
16. Cowboys

The Buzz's Weekly Winner Predictions (Round 4)

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### 2015 Team Additions

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| Brisbane Broncos              | Anthony Milford (Raiders)  
Mitch Garbutt (Storm)  
Adam Blair (Tigers)  
Greg Eden (Hull KR)  
Travis Waddell (Knights)  
Darius Boyd (Knights)  
James Gavet (Wests Tigers) | Wayne Bennett                |
| Canberra Raiders              | Sisa Waqa (Storm)  
Iosia Soliola (St Helens)  
Frank-Paul Nuuausala (Roosters)  
Josh Hodgson (Hull KR)  
Blake Austin (Wests Tigers)  
Rhys Kennedy (Storm)  
Sam Williams (Catalans Dragons) | Ricky Stuart                |
| Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs | Michael Lichaa (Sharks)  
Curtis Rona (Cowboys)  
Brett Morris (Dragons)  
Jarrod McInally (Easts Tigers) | Des Hasler                  |
| Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks    | Michael Ennis (Bulldogs)  
Mitch Brown (Bulldogs)  
Sami Sauiluma (Raiders)  
Jack Bird (Dragons)  
Gerard Beale (Dragons)  
Saulala Houma (Newtown Jets)  
Jayson Bukuya (Warriors)  
Ben Barba (Broncos)  
Kyle Stanley (Dragons) | Shane Flanagan              |
| Gold Coast Titans             | Josh Hoffman (Broncos)  
Matt Robinson (Panthers)  
Ryan Simpkins (Panthers)  
Lachlan Burr (Bulldogs)  
David Hala (Broncos)  
Kierran Moseley (Panthers)  
Eddie Pettybourne (Wigan) | Neil Henry                  |
| Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles     | Blake Leary (Cowboys)  
Sosaia Vave (Sharks)  
Feleti Mateo (Warriors)  
Brayden Williame (Knights)  
Willie Mason (Knights)  
Luke Burgess (Rabbitohs) | Geoff Toovey                |
| Melbourne Storm               | Tom Learoyd-Lahrs (Raiders)  
Shaun Nona (Northern Pride)  
Blake Green (Wigan Warriors)  
Dale Finucane (Bulldogs) | Craig Bellamy               |
| Newcastle Knights             | Tariq Sims (Cowboys)  
Jack Stockwell (Dragons)  
Carlos Tuimavave (Warriors)  
2015 Coach: Rick Stone  
North Queensland Cowboys  
Cowboys Additions: Jake Granville (Broncos)  
Ben Hannant (Broncos) | Rick Stone                  |
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| Parramatta Eels      | Kelepi Tanginoa (Eels)  
Justin O'Neill (Storm)  
Ben Spina (Northern Pride) | 2015 Coach: Brad Arthur |
|                      | Anthony Watmough (Sea Eagles)  
Richie Fa'aososo (Sea Eagles)  
Brad Takairangi (Titans)  
Reece Robinson (Raiders)  
Danny Wicks (unsigned)  
Beau Champion (Rabbits)  
Cody Nelson (Titans)  
Ben Crooks (Hull FC)  
Shannan McPherson (Salford Red Devils)  
Adam Quinlan (Dragons) | |
| Penrith Panthers     | Apisai Koroisau (Rabbits)  
Tupou Sopoaga (Sharks) | 2015 Coach: Ivan Cleary |
|                      | Glenn Stewart (Sea Eagles)  
Tim Grant (Panthers)  
Cody Walker (Storm)  
Angus Crichton (Schoolboys Rugby)  
Nathan Brown (Wests Tigers) | |
| South Sydney Rabbitohs | Eto Nabuli (Panthers)  
Shannon Wakeman (Cutters)  
Rory O'Brien (Cutters)  
George Rose (Storm)  
Rulon Nutira (Gundagai Tigers)  
Jake Marketo (Redcliffe)  
Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard (Warriors)  
Dane Nielsen (Warriors)  
Heath L'Estrange (Roosters)  
Beau Henry (Titans)  
Kris Keating (Hull KR)  
Justin Hunt (Eels) | 2015 Coach: Michael Maguire |
| St George-Illawarra Dragons | Martin Kennedy (Broncos)  
Abraham Papali (Warriors)  
Lagi Setu (Raiders)  
Matt McIlwrick (Raiders)  
Blake Ferguson (Contract registered)  
Willie Manu (St Helens) | 2015 Coach: Paul McGregor |
| Sydney Roosters       | Ryan Hoffman (Storm)  
Matt Allwood (Raiders)  
Bodene Thompson (Wests Tigers)  
Jonathan Wright (Sharks)  
Api Pewhairangi (Wentworthville) | 2015 Coach: Trent Robinson |
| New Zealand Warriors  | Chance Peni (Knights)  
Josh Drinkwater (London Broncos)  
Kevin Naiqama (Panthers) | 2015 Coach: Andrew McFadden |
| Wests Tigers         | Jake Granville (Broncos)  
Ben Hannant (Broncos)  
Kelepi Tanginoa (Eels)  
Justin O'Neill (Storm)  
Ben Spina (Northern Pride) | 2015 Coach: Paul Green |
BUZZLES
Sports Crossword

NOTE: No words contain dashes or spaces.

**Down**
1. Bat, ball, wickets
3. 2 teams, 7 players with 7 positions, GS, GA, GD, C, WA, WD, GK,
4. Field, goal keeper, ball
6. NRL, played by 2 teams with 13 players
10. Water, pool, freestyle, breath stroke
11. Jumping over a bar onto a mattress

**Across**
2. Racket, ball, net, 2 players playing against each other
5. You have 2 tags attached to you
7. Throwing a heavy disc as far as you can
8. Net, ball, you can’t catch the ball you need to hit it.
9. Ball, hoop, dribbling, 2 teams with 5 players
12. Skating on ice
13. Running and jumping into a sand pit
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent Carer support/index.html.

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With the centenary of the momentous first Anzac Day drawing near, NewsLocal has launched a unique competition for junior high school students - backed by the State Government - to bring to life the impact and experiences the conflict wrought on this young country.

Called The Great War And Me, students are invited to research and retell the stories of Australia’s involvement in the war from the perspective of those who were caught up in it at the time. Entrants from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are encouraged to tell the story of the life and experiences of a soldier, sailor, pilot, nurse, medic or even an animal that served in the Australian armed forces in the Great War of 1914-18.

There are three categories: a piece of writing of no more than 500 words, an artwork or a video of no more than two minutes duration.

To submit your entry, please visit the website below:

greatwarandme.com.au

NewsLocal is providing $21,000 in prizemoney for students and their schools, including a $3000 prize for the most outstanding entry across all categories.

Entries close April 12, 2015.

The best entries will be published in NewsLocal community newspapers as well as online.

The Great War And Me has the support of the Education Department and Minister for Veterans Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education, Victor Dominello
Bring a picnic rug and come early to reserve your spot on the green.

VIP area for Veterans and Seniors
FREE food stalls
FREE parking
FREE commemorative book

ANZAC DAY
25 APRIL 2015
Family Friendly Community Event
Starts 11am

11am Wreath Laying by RSLs, Schools & Community Groups
12 noon Gallipoli Dawn Service on the BIG screen
Bankstown Memorial Oval (Cnr Chapel Rd & Macauley Ave)
What is yourtutor?

yourtutor is available Monday to Friday 4 - 8pm
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your tutor's Online Classroom allows expert, real-life tutors to review specific homework and assignment questions with students using controlled chat, an interactive whiteboard, a file sharing tool and web browsing.

yourtutor is designed to help Years 4 - 12, as well as TAFE and first year Uni students get "unstuck" with questions about the following subjects:

| Mathematics   | Yr 4-6 Maths  |
|               | Yr 7-10 Maths |
|               | Yr 11-12 General Maths |
|               | Yr 11-12 Intermediate Maths |
|               | Yr 11-12 Specialist/Extension Maths |
| Science       | Yr 4-6 Science |
|               | Yr 7-10 Science |
|               | Yr 11-12 General Science |
|               | Yr 11-12 Biology |
|               | Yr 11-12 Chemistry |
|               | Yr 11-12 Physics |
| English       | General English (spelling, punctuation, grammar) |
|               | Essay writing |
| Research      | Assignment Research |
|               | (Humanities and Social Sciences) |
| Study Skills  | Note-taking skills |
|               | Time management skills |
|               | Revision techniques |

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yourtutor is a unique, free learning service offered by Bankstown Library that connects students to qualified tutors for individual conversations about homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions.

The service is FREE to all local students with a Bankstown library card number, which is used to log in at http://library.bankstown.nsw.gov.au
Students can access from any internet connection from home or in library between 4pm and 8pm, Monday to Friday.

Who are the tutors?

Tutors are all Australian educated and are certified teachers, professional tutors, post graduates and advanced undergraduates at Australian universities.

All tutors pass rigorous background checks and undergo regular training. Every single learning session is recorded and reviewed for quality assurance.
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