

# Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Co-operative  
20 October 2016

## From the Principal

### Year 6-7 Transition

On Wednesday 19 October 2016, Year 6-7 students attended an introductory evening to Broken Hill High School. After a short talk, they were given a tour of the school. Students will be attending transition visits to the school in Week 4 as well as their peer support day in Week 9 on Monday 5 December as well as the orientation day to be held on Tuesday 6 December.

Unfortunately owing to unforeseen circumstance a new Year 7 Coordinator has been appointed for 2017. Ms Erin Connors has accepted the position and is highly enthusiastic about this new challenge.

### Good luck for the Higher School Certificate Year 12

The HSC began last Thursday with English and Music examinations. The last examination will be held early in November. We wish our students all the best in their endeavours.

### End of Year Testing

Students in Years 7-10 will be sitting final year examinations this term. We recommend that students set aside study time over the coming weeks and find out from their teachers exactly what they will need to learn. We also wish students well in their examinations.

### Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be

made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#) Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

### **Tell them from Me Survey**

Please fill out the online survey for parents to help us improve your child's education.

### **The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October 2016. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Click on the link below to access the survey. If you cannot access the survey by clicking on the link, copy and paste into your browser.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bhhs16>

### **Students Who Are Late To School or Leave Early**

Students are NOT allowed to call their parents during school times to collect them. If students have a valid reason to be collected, they are to either go to the Front Office or the Deputy Principal for someone to call their parent/caregiver to come to the school and collect them.

Students who have a doctors/dentists appointment at a certain time can either have the parents attend the school to collect or supply their child with a note. This note must have a valid and reasonable reason for the child to be signing out of school with a time, date and signature.

It is recommended that if your child attends a doctor or other appointment, that they request a certificate

and a copy is given to the school so their time out of school can be justified and explained properly.

If a student is late to school, they must provide a note or a phone call from parent/carer with a reasonable and valid reason. Personal and family reasons are not a valid reason.

If a student is late to school without a note it will be documented as late and unjustified, which affects their final attendance rate, unjustified and unexplained.

If a student continues with this behaviour the following will occur:

3<sup>rd</sup> offence – call home from the Year Advisor to discuss with parents.

5<sup>th</sup> offence – 20 days Individual Attendance Plan.

### **Right Place, Right Time**

There has been an increase of students not being in the right place at the right time at Broken Hill High School. To eliminate distractions and ensure all students are getting the most out of their time at school we have revised our truant procedures that will come into effect in the coming weeks.

It is essential students attend Roll Call every day as this ensures your child is present at school and this then doesn't affect their attendance. However, if your child is late they MUST sign in through the Front Office. Your child MUST have a legitimate reason and be supplied with a detailed note signed and dated by the parent/carer.

If your child is truanting class then the new system will ensure your child is spoken to and the following consequences will occur.

First offence – receive a written warning. This will be handed to the student.

Second offence – referred to relevant DP for pre-suspension and yellow monitoring card.

Seniors – one week loss of senior privileges

Third offence – Timeout Room for the Day

Fourth offence – SUSPENSION – 1 day

Fifth offence – SUSPENSION – 2 days

Parents/Carers can check on their child's attendance through the Parent Portal. If you have not received the access key for the parent portal please call the Front Office to receive one.

Regards, Paul Gauci  
Deputy Principal (8,10,12)

### **Sign Out Procedures for Year 12 Students**

If you are signing IN/OUT because you have free periods, you MUST sign in/out using the kiosk only.

This will only work if you have

1. Your flexible card (if you have lost this you will need to pay \$2 for a replacement card)
2. Returned your signed permission form to the Front Office.

If not you will NOT be signing out early and if we sign you in it will be Unapproved and will count towards your 3 late arrivals and a Deputy Detention will be issued.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your address, phone number or have a new emergency contact person (in case we can't get in contact with you if your child is sick or in case of an emergency) please let the Front Office know so details can be updated.

Hope to see more students participate in this extracurricular activity next year.

The participants will receive their certificates at the Semestral Awards ceremony at the end of the year.

### Assessments Due



Year 7 Science Practical Exam will be completed during one allocated Science lesson in Weeks 1 and 2, Term 4. This task is worth 20%.

All assessment tasks will be posted through the parent portal by their classroom teacher.

If there are any concerns or enquiries please contact Mr Gauci at school.

Please submit your assessment tasks as due to your teacher by 9:00 am on the above due date(s).

**ICAS English Competition** was held at the beginning of Term Three and all of our participants should be congratulated on their effort:

YEAR 7:

1. Nataya Hayllar
2. Lucy Pierpoint
3. Kaleb Philp

YEAR 8:

1. Michelle Galea
2. Sarah Lyons
3. Kelsie Mitchell
4. Ebony Nicholas

YEAR 10

1. Lily-Anne Chapman
2. Sasha Cox

Well done, guys, you make us all proud of your commitment, positive attitude and achievement!