

Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Co-operative
2 June 2017

the Relieving Principal

Staff Development Days – 17 and 18 July 2017

Broken Hill High School continues to provide our students with opportunities. There are many sporting opportunities through school and West Darling that students can participate in. Year 12 VET Students have recently completed Work Placement and we thank the businesses that continue to support our students to complete the relevant hours.

Year 7 – 10 students are currently completing their half-yearly examinations and are encouraged to continue to study and prepare themselves for each exam to achieve their best. Year 11 recently completed their exams and Year 12 and Year 11 reports will be coming home in the coming days and weeks. Year 7-10 reports will be sent in weeks 9 and 10.

Students are reminded that during the cooler months they are required to wear a school jumper and ensure they are in the correct pants. Tights are **NOT** permitted at Broken Hill High School and if students are in tights we will contact the parents/carers to either collect their child to go home and change or to bring a pair of correct pants to the school to change in to.

The beginning of Term 3 will see teachers at Broken Hill High School complete a two day course on Quality Teaching Rounds. These days will be run by the University of Newcastle

and students will return to school following the holidays on Wednesday 19 July.

Broken Hill High's CCTV system in and around the school grounds has been installed and is switched on. The purpose of the CCTV surveillance is for the protection of property and duty of care:

- ensuring the safety of students and staff during school hours, protection of assets against theft, vandalism, damage and unauthorised use
- duty of care for students
- protection of students and staff from unauthorised persons entering the school during school hours; interruption of educational programs caused by vandalism and damage to school property; potential injury hazards caused by discarded objects such as rubbish, syringes and broken glass
- minimising litigation against the DoE resulting from accidents to unauthorised persons entering the school outside of school hours

The School Cross Country Carnival was held in Week 4 and was an outstanding success. The whole day was trialled this year with the races in the morning and the students participating in tabloid games and a colour run at the end of the day. I would like to thank all the students and staff for their participation and enthusiasm during the day and huge congratulations to Clare Williams for her outstanding organisation.

In the coming weeks, Broken Hill High School students will compete at the Regional Dance competition, venture to Sydney for an Art Excursion, West Darling boys will compete in Albury for AFL and Year 12 students will travel to Dubbo for the HSC Seminar Days. I wish everyone the best of luck in all competitions and hope everyone gains plenty for their time and efforts.

Students are reminded that it is essential they complete and submit their assessment tasks and classwork on time. It is also important for students to be attending school and arriving on time.

“The right angle from which to approach any problem is the “try angle”

– Sheldon Cooper – The Big Bang Theory –

Paul Gauci
Relieving Principal.

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.

Sign Out Procedures for Year 12 Students

If you are signing IN/OUT because you have study 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 discussion with parent from the Year Advisor.

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.

SAFETY SHOES IN TAS CLASSES

Please note that all students attending TAS classes must wear closed-in leather shoes. This is mandatory due to Workplace safety rules. Any student who fails to have the proper footwear will not be able to participate in practical lessons. This includes woodwork and metalwork classes, kitchens and the Ag Plot. Notes have been handed out to relevant students and must be returned ASAP.

NORTA NORTA NEWS:

The Year 11 and 12 ATSI students are encouraged to seek assistance from Ms Dannatt with any help regarding assessment tasks or classwork.

ROSS CLARK LEARNING CENTRE:

Any student who would like assistance with classwork, assessment tasks or exam revision please see Ms Dannatt.

Parental advice concerning head lice

Please be advised that we suspect that nits (eggs) or head lice are present in the hair of some students at Broken Hill High School.

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/wellbeing-and-learning/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/head-lice>

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Support Unit News:

What a fantastic day the Support Unit students had at the Cross Country on Wednesday 17th May. Everyone participated in the many events with their year groups winning, eagerly earning points for their sporting houses.



Annabelle Satori starred in the sack race. Patrick Roberts and Riley Zanon had a smile on their face in the walk around the oval. Morgan Langdon and Mathew Burke had fun with the novelty events, particularly when playing with the parachute, hoops

and climbing under the tarp.



Jack Pellizzer loved being in the fresh air. Georgina Holden, Sebastian Mew, Tia Houseman and Wyatt Houseman were very keen to try all events, especially the ball rolling game.

Jacob Thom had a great day and his favourite place at the event was the canteen.



Kyan Coombe was amazing, running the Cross Country most of the way. All his friends cheered him on to cross the finish line to score points for his team. All staff were very proud of his efforts.



Paddock to Plate – Who wants a Sultana??



Yr 12 Agriculture Students in the “Vines” with Miss Toynton, Mr Blackwell & ADPF “Australian Premium Dried Fruits” Operations Manager, Adam Surgey.

Year 12 Agriculture students had an exciting trip to Merbein, Victoria, on Thursday 12th May 2017. The purpose of their trip was to conduct a Farm Product Study as part of their Year 12 studies. The students were met by the amazing Adam Surgey, Operations Manager of “Australian Premium Dried Fruits” (ADPF), whereby he gave them great insight to the dried fruit industry around Merbein. The tour began with a walk in and around a paddock of grapevines, of which supply sultanas to APDF’s processing plant. Adam described to the students the practices and processes that lead to improved quality and quantity of sultanas from the vines. The students were very eager to learn, and asked many questions.

Following the tour around the grapevines, Adam took the students to APDF’s processing plant and discussed ways by which the sultanas are graded, stored and prepared for processing. He then gave them a detailed view of the amazing technologies that are utilised throughout the processing of the sultanas, which included using lasers to shoot out impurities amongst the sultanas! The students were able to identify and appreciate quality assurance processes and packaging styles, based on the market the sultanas were heading for.

Adam then took the students to the company’s boardroom, whereby they were able to sample many different varieties and qualities of sultanas. The students asked many questions about marketing strategies and market destinations, as well as the importance of this company to the national agribusiness sector.

Miss Toynton would like to personally thank Adam and the ADPF team for an outstanding insight into the sultana industry. She looks forward to reading the Farm Product Study reports when submitted by her fabulous students!!

English Department:

This semester has been an exciting one for the English/LOTE Faculty at Broken Hill High School. There have been some particular highlights throughout the faculty, which have seen students inspired and enjoying the English language.

In Mr Adams classroom, Year 7 loved learning about Consumer Literacy and the many stories from Mr Adams experiences. He was able to stir particular passion with the students when explaining the plight of his shoes, resulting in numerous trips to Adelaide for an exchange. Eventually with the class’ help, Mr Adams won that battle.

Mr Jones was lucky enough to go to Sydney in Term one and work with the Bell Shakespeare Company learning how to teach both Shakespeare and drama. His enthusiasm has been transferred to the classroom resulting in many students proclaiming “Are we going to the Staff Common Room today?” Year 8, in particular are looking forward to this opportunity. We are also excited to announce that Bell Shakespeare intend visiting Broken Hill High School late in Term 3. More information will be posted soon.

Mr Hammond’s classroom is always a buzz of excitement and wonder. His wonderful Year 9 group had a blast when given the opportunity to produce their own poetry. Many students proved themselves as beautiful poets and it is believed that even some of the boys were able to engage with their sensitive side. The class has also demonstrated a keen interest in Shakespeare and their upcoming studies of Romeo and Juliet.

As our resident History and English teacher, Mr Usher has had the pleasure of teaching a lovely and unique Year 10 English class. The class was particularly engaged when creating 2 sentence horror stories during their creative writing unit. One of the best examples: “I woke up to hear knocking on glass. At first, I thought it was the window until I heard it come from the mirror again.”

Whenever anybody passes by LOTE there is always an exclamation of joy coming from the classroom. All of Year 7 are lucky enough to have Mr Cranby as their Japanese teacher, and his daily excitement towards the subject is certainly infectious with the students. There has been particular fun surrounding the studies of Japanese culture.

Mrs Cox's effervescence personality is always passed through to her students and 2017 has been no different. Year 8 had a wonderful time being able to create their own poems with some stunning pieces of literature being created. Some particular poems that produced wonderful metaphors still bring a smile to Mrs Cox's face on a daily basis.

Year 12 have thoroughly enjoyed their time in Mr Roberts' Advanced class since the beginning of 2016. They have engaged in a number of beautiful texts and are currently studying the depth of The Great Gatsby. However, students are still heard to be proclaiming that they want more Shakespeare and "Can we do Hamlet again?"

Senior and junior exams are drawing to a close and we wish all students the best in their results. Keep up the hard work.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN AN AMAZING TEAM OF MORE THAN 60 STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN BROKEN HILL?? IF YES, THEN WE WANT YOU!!! YMCA IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING/ SUMMER SEASON! ☀

Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre is looking for energetic, committed and passionate **Customer Service Officers, Lifeguards** and **Swimming Instructors!**

If you are not already qualified but really want to take on this great opportunity, don't worry! If you are the right fit, we will help you get your qualifications before commencing with us. Also enjoy great employee benefits including a free gym and pool membership! Applications close June 18 and candidates will not be reviewed until June 19th.

For more information about the positions available please contact Jacinta Simmons on 0400 780 380.

To apply please visit our Facebook page: YMCA Broken Hill



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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 17th June Sturt Club

7.00pm

\$15 per head
Table Teams of 8-10

Contact
Marie 0414 225 642
Or
Michael 0457 507 645
To book a table.

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