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From the Principal

As we approach the half-way mark in Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students of the importance of completing all required work as soon as possible. All students need to maintain their focus until the end of term and take advantage of every available minute. Good attendance is extremely important at this time, as is participation in classroom activities and the completion of assessment tasks. Year 12 students, in particular, should be working closely with their teachers in the next few weeks and taking notice of their knowledge, experience and informed advice. Year 12, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of utilising the support offered by your teachers, the learning centre staff and the university tutors. The feedback you have received about your trial exams is invaluable – heed it and follow it to the letter.

Graduation for our HSC students will take place on Wednesday 21st September, followed by refreshments for students and their guests. An invitation will be sent to you shortly. This is an important celebratory day as we acknowledge the hard work of the students in the final year of their formal education. A special thanks in anticipation to Ms Pandelis and her team of staff and students who will make this event happen.

Year 11 students should, at this time, concentrate on completing any outstanding assessment tasks in readiness for your Final examinations in Weeks 9 and 10. The same advice applies to you- take advantage of the support offered you in the classroom, the learning centre and the Library. Get help with outstanding work and ensure that you attend every lesson so that you can complete the BOSTES requirements for your course.

Lastly, I am always more than happy to speak with any parent about their

child's progress. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at the College. When teachers and parents work together, we achieve success.

Anne Doyle
Principal

From Deputy Principal

Term 3 as usual has been a very busy term for both students and staff. Year 12 have survived their trial HSC examinations – the first time many of them have had to sit 3 hour paper – and their last days of lessons and graduation is now becoming very close. Many students have been studying consistently throughout the last two years, and I look forward to seeing great personal results which reflect their hard work and effort. For those students who have struggled to maintain consistency or who have been disappointed by their Trial results try not to stress, make a plan, ask for help, and clarify with your teachers where you can improve and move forward. A late start to your preparation is better than no start at all! Starting at this stage can make a huge difference to your final results. As Miss Doyle says 'Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance!' To everyone in Year 12, good luck in your HSC examinations, and all the best as you start the next stage of your life journey.

Year 11 Yearly Examinations are also coming up soon. To all these students, good luck, make sure to prepare well. I look forward to seeing you back in Term 4 to get your results, adjust your subjects for the HSC year and start Year 12 courses. As well as completing their course work, Year 10 have been working of the Authentic Project and preparing for the interviews that they will complete next term. Prep and EFS



have also been working hard to improve their English Skills so they can continue along their educational pathway

All the staff, in classrooms and out, have been working hard to ensure that the school runs smoothly with a minimum of fuss, so to all teachers, a deep and heartfelt thank you for all your efforts. I am sure the students are appreciative of everything you do!

Authentic College Showcased

On the 26th of May the College hosted the Ultimo Principals Network meeting. The day was a resounding success!

Great team work and dedication saw our college prepare and organise morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for over 150 delegates. Comments such as "this looks like we are at a wedding" and "the food is amazing" were heard throughout the school auditorium!

Special thanks should go to the organisation team which included our music teacher and her students, our events co-ordinator and BTP teacher Mrs Aravanis, the SRC and the SRC co-ordinator Mrs Ginis and our Hospitality teacher, Ms Parenzee and her students.

The students benefitted greatly from the opportunity to take part in an authentic learning experience and the College is very proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by all who participated.

This is just another example of the great teamwork which is central to our success as an educational setting that values learning, inclusion and collaboration!

Well done one and all!

Sharon Byron

Deputy Principal

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Firstly, I would like to commend all BSC students for significantly improving their attendance this term. This shows that students understand the importance of attending **all** lessons. If you are absent for even one lesson you could miss out on learning a very valuable concept or skill. Any Year 11 or 12 student who has been sent an N-Warning letter must catch up the work missed as a matter of urgency as they must be resolved before the end of term.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Parents Focus Group on Tuesday 6th September from 10:00 – 11:30am where information is provided regarding student attendance.

The end is in sight for Year 12 and as part of our Learning Support program at the College we have invited guest speakers from 'Elevate Education' to present a third and final study skills workshop this term. The 'Finishing Line' presentation will cover topics such as:

- Setting short term goals for the final exams
- How to work effectively during the exam

period

- Holiday work and how to avoid putting it off
- The importance of sleep and how bad sleep patterns affect productivity.

The workshop is designed to be a final motivation for Year 12 students and an opportunity for them to ask questions and have their concerns addressed by the tutors.

Also during Term 3, teachers at Bankstown Senior College have been developing their skills and knowledge in the Reciprocal Teaching strategies of literacy and numeracy. The Reciprocal Teaching strategy involves students predicting, reading, clarifying, questioning and summarising information in order to gain a clear understanding of the text or problem being studied. It is hoped that these strategies will give students greater confidence when tackling difficult reading tasks or mathematical problems.

BSC staff also completed a basic training course in the emergency treatment of asthma. The College is now recognised as an asthma friendly school.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our Preparation students and new EFS students to the College. We hope you have an enjoyable experience at BSC and take advantage of all the opportunities available to you to help improve your education and social wellbeing.

Jenni Gardiner ☺

English/EALD Report

Term 3 has been a very eventful one for the English/EAL/D faculty. Our students have been given the opportunity to enter our annual Writing Competition and many entries have come in. Winners will be announced at the assembly in Term 4.

One of the ways the English/EAL/D faculty is trying to improve literacy and overall communication skills in the classroom is to renew our focus on Reciprocal Teaching. Many classes have been using this strategy to develop their reading skills and to improve group work skills. Ms Korondi's CSWE class allowed many teachers to witness the difference Reciprocal Teaching makes in students' learning. We would love to hear from students who are using this practice and are noticing improvements in their understanding of written texts.

Year 12 have completed their Trials and are now eagerly preparing for their HSC exams. The students' level of commitment to their English studies was proven by their near perfect attendance at their Trial English exams. With only a few short weeks remaining, we would like to wish all students the best of luck in their HSC. This year we were very fortunate to have attended two lots of HSC Study Days and a live performance of the prescribed HSC text *Away*. Students who attended were very grateful for these opportunities.



Off to Sydney Uni!



Now at UTS!



After the 'Away' performance – Seymour Centre

Year 11 are busily preparing for their Yearly exams. Most students have chosen the correct English course by now, but some are still making up their mind about changing to English Studies. If an ATAR is not required for further study, students should be considering this course.

Year 10 have demonstrated great skills in creating persuasive text, and some posters are of a high standard. Such a task enabled students to engage with visual literacy and form a deep understanding of the features of a visual text. They are also looking forward to participating in a Claymation workshop later this term as part of their Storytelling unit.

EFS students graduated last semester and are now completing either a higher EFS level or the Preparation course. This will give students an excellent opportunity to improve their English skills in order to cope with the demands of higher level study next year. It is great to see our students' strong commitment to learning.



EFS Graduation Ceremony in TLS

As part of an SRC initiative, the English/EALD faculty have organised a Games Room for students to participate in fun board games that are targeted at improving literacy and guaranteeing a lot of fun. This event takes place every lunchtime in A13 and all students are welcome. Mrs Ginis and myself have collected many games and are always looking for new suggestions for more. So far, many students are participating in these activities but more are always welcome.

M.Georgiou



Refugee Transition Program (RTP)

Welcome Back Arash!

Guest Speaker for BSC Refugee Week 2016

In light of Refugee Week, Mrs Brunet and Mrs Pascalis warmly welcomed Arash Arian, a former IEC/BSC student, class of 2014, to give an oral presentation to the Year 10, EFS and IEC students of the College in the Hall on Thursday 23 June.



Arash comfortably and casually perched himself on the stage and spoke from the heart recounting his long, challenging and unpredictable journey as a refugee from his country of origin, Afghanistan to Australia. His mission to survive and find a safe home to settle over a lengthy period of time displayed his perseverance, resilience, bravery and optimism. The audience listened attentively to some of his stories which they strongly related to as was evident in their praise and questions posed at the end of the session. Our jaws dropped as Arash captivated us with his big bundle of colourful and honorary medals he had achieved for his high level Tae-kwon-do championships. He explained the significance of each medal concluding with his impressive attempt to almost acquire a place in the upcoming Olympic Games, placing himself third in the Qualifying Games. A five time National Champion, Arash's mission is to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



His words were definitely inspiring and motivating as his final message stressed the importance of focusing on a person's doubts of your ability to drive you further and stronger to achieve your goal which enabled him to pursue his studies through a law and international studies degree at the University of Western Sydney, actively participate in Youth leadership and fulfil and succeed in his challenging

Tae-kwon-do competitions. He was showered with praise and admiration by all especially Mrs Brunet, Ms Tsoli and Mrs Pascalis. Arash fulfilled brilliantly the Refugee Week theme displaying his courage to come forth to tell his story to a wide audience helping to gather the students to similarly take courage and follow his footsteps. He encouraged all the students to be "change-makers".

YOGA at BSC

Thank You to STARTTS!

During Term 2, STARTTS (SERVICE FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF TORTURE AND TRAUMA SURVIVORS) had very kindly offered our female students a one-hour, seven week course in Yoga. Thirteen female students had come together from various year groups to de-stress, relax and develop their fitness every Tuesday period 7. This was a great opportunity for the students to mingle and enjoy each other's company in a different setting. Our Year 12 students proved to be the most loyal and committed participants who were wise to attend regularly to help them cope with the stresses of their HSC course. Students were lucky to receive a free fitness assessment, and these free Yoga sessions, courtesy of STARTTS who also supplied brand new personalised mats as well as Yoga diaries. These diaries served to be a meaningful activity for the students to reflect on their feelings relating to Yoga over the seven weeks. It gave them freedom of expression which served to be very therapeutic (healing/soothing) mentally and emotionally.



Female Students Post-study Relaxation Through Yoga

Mrs Brunet and Mrs Pascalis enjoyed organising this RTP initiative and thank Mrs Harwood for her supervision and support during the sessions as well as Ms Fajou for her good will to accommodate this activity in the Music room. A sincere thanks is expressed to the encouraging Yoga instructor, Ashley and to Lina Ishu from STARTTS who played an important role in co-ordinating this much needed course.

The RTP team at BSC enjoyed collaborating with STARTTS to build strong relations for our students to become familiar with and access some of the diverse and useful services offered by STARTTS. We look forward to offering our students other courses through STARTTS in the near future.

Look out for other craft, hair and make-up courses!



BPI performing at the closing event of SSI Art Exhibition for Refugee Week 2016

Settlement Services International is a very large community based non-profit organisation that helps refugees and other people in need to settle in the metropolitan area of Sydney. For Refugee Week 2016 they organised a large festival called "New Beginnings" at Darling Harbour on 18 June 2016 and at the same time an Art Exhibition at Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Camperdown. This Art Exhibition was curated by Miriam Cabello and featured works by a group of artists from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds; this multifaceted exhibition featured visual art, photography, multimedia, installation and film screenings.

With the support of Mrs Pascalis, Mrs Rahimi and Mrs Brunet, Bpi was successful in the selection process and was the first musical item of the special closing event of this incredible Art Exhibition on Sunday 26 June 2016.



Despite a nervous start, Bpi soon found his mojo and performed melodic songs in his first language, Karen, accompanying himself with his guitar. Dressed in Karen clothes, Bpi captivated the audience and was asked to explain the meaning of the songs. At the end of this special closing of the Art Exhibition, Bpi was given a thank you present which really surprised him. In his words, "the biggest present was to be given the opportunity to perform". Carolina TRIANA, Arts and Culture Coordinator at SSI complimented Bpi, "We were delighted to have Bpi performing at the event. He has such a beautiful voice, we all loved his performance. I'll certainly be back in touch again about other opportunities." More great things to come for a talented student.

BSC is proud of Saeeda, Hani, B, Moo Ko and Rami!

We are thrilled to announce that Auburn Diversity Service Incorporated (ADSi) recognised the special strengths, skills and talents of our committed students. Leading up to Refugee Week, ADSi organised a presentation of the Western Sydney Refugee Youth awards at Auburn Town Hall on Saturday 18 June. We thank ADSi for taking the initiative to acknowledge, value and award the Refugee youth of our district and for organising the entertaining cultural performances, inspirational speeches and an important address from MP

Leader, Mr Luke Foley which all successfully contributed to a very eventful and fulfilling afternoon.



ADSi Award Ceremony

Mrs Brunet and Mrs Pascalis proudly applauded the following recipients who were offered awards in the various categories: Saeeda Ahmadi (Yr12) for Academic Excellence, Moo Ko Paw (Yr12) for Community Leadership, Rami Suleiman (Yr10) for Sport, B Bpi (Yr10) for Performing Arts and Hani Abdile (Yr10) for Creative Arts. The students are grateful to the BSC teachers who believed in them and kindly nominated them for these categories. Saeeda has an outstanding level of achievement receiving the prominent Victor Chang award, a scholarship from the University of Western Sydney as well as an array of first place awards at BSC in various Key Learning Areas. Moo Ko has been an active and effective member of the community educating members of the Karen community in her Christian faith, offering her interpreting skills in Karen/English to STARTTS as well as studying concurrently at BSC and in Nursing at Bankstown Lidcombe hospital in order to fulfil her career commitment in the health and welfare of the community long term. Rami has displayed his successful sporting achievements in a variety of sports ranging from soccer to body building to basketball and table tennis in Syria, Iraq and Australia. Hani is a popular, enthusiastic and highly creative composer of 80 poems which have healed and entertained her fellow refugees and all members of the wider community in countless performing arts events which she tirelessly and passionately supports. B is a self-taught performer whose melodic voice and performances in guitar have served to heal, support and entertain his Burmese community for years of survival in refugee camps and at various festivals and community events throughout Sydney. The above summaries of each student are brief so please feel free to learn more about your fellow students when you have the pleasure to meet them.

We sincerely commend these students for their passion, dedication, hard work and humble nature in their areas of success. We thank them for taking their impressive talents and skills and offering these personal and precious gifts to benefit the wider community in their special ways. We wish them well in their pursuit of their long term careers. We look forward to recognising the talents and skills of other BSC students in the near future.

Mrs Pascalis and Mrs Brunet



A Great Day@ The ETA HSC Study Day

The ETA ENGLISH HSC STUDY DAY was a most informative and worthwhile learning experience which served to carefully guide and advise students in ESL, Standard and Advanced English courses preparing them for their fast approaching final examinations. Students and staff successfully found their way through the overwhelming maze of lecture theatres scattered in various architecturally impressive buildings on the UTS campus. This experience gave students a true taste of the level of independence and initiative needed to tackle tertiary study which some may look forward to pursuing after 2016. These invaluable lectures confirmed the students' understanding of course requirements and greatly helped to keep them motivated for the few weeks remaining of College classes and their study vacation. We thank Mrs Georgiou for her organisation and arrangements to fund the attendance of 60 students and 6 staff on what proved to be an excellent and essential excursion.

M. Pascalis

Rami and Bpi – music duo perform at UWS Community Forum

On Saturday 9th July, Ms Fajou and Mrs Pascalis proudly accompanied Bpi and Rami who joined forces to entertain guests during a lunch session at a Community Forum held at the University of Western Sydney. It was a unique blend of cultures as they performed songs in Arabic, Karen and English. The crowd was very welcoming and receptive to their melodic performance. Further to that, they received offers to perform at upcoming events elsewhere as they were approached by various guests who enjoyed their music.



This is what BSC staff always hopes and work towards for their students- to increase their study and work opportunities especially when learning outside the classroom. Mrs Brunet, Ms Fajou and Mrs Pascalis have worked together to support Rami and Bpi and other students to prepare them and to seek more opportunities of this nature.



Students Music Rehearsal

It is most rewarding for the staff to see these students make an impressive contribution to the community. We thank Mr Oliver Maboreke, Project officer for New and Emerging Communities Engagement Education program UWS who kindly arranged for this invaluable experience.

Mrs Brunet and Mrs Pascalis

Science Report

Medical Professionals

Year 12 Biology and Senior Science students made their way to the University of NSW recently to visit the Museum of Human Disease.

The students' task was to investigate the disorders that affect humans and the impact on society. Many students have voiced a wish to enter careers in medical science so they can help people cope in our changing world of health.



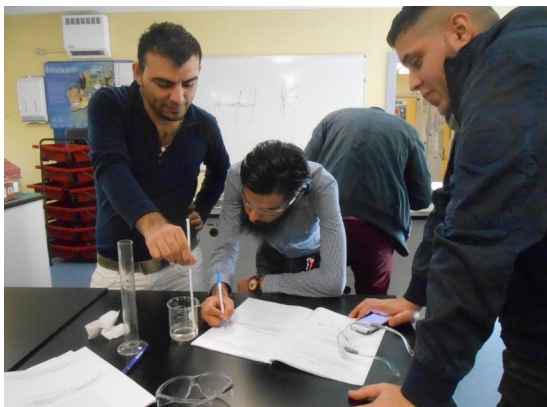
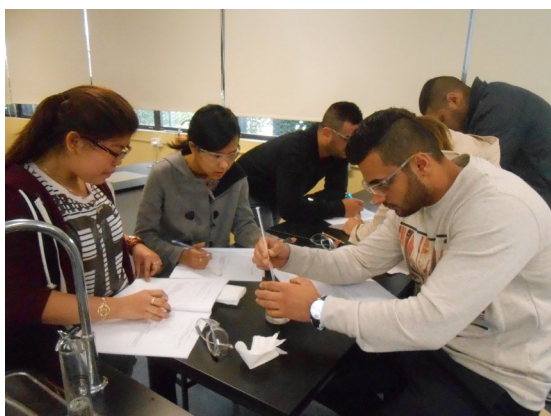
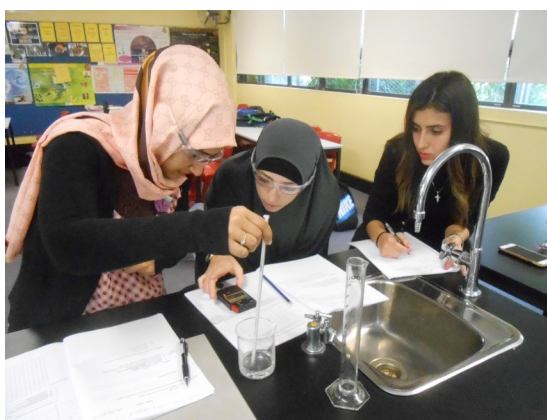
Museum of Human Disease



Year 10 Consumer Science Research

Year 10 student's major project in science this year focuses on the claims of detergent manufactures. Advertisements can be misleading, so this year the students are putting the claims to the test scientifically. After doing a unit on chemistry and safe use of chemical the students set about designing a variety of experiments which would provide realistic data about the various cleaning products. The final report will be in a format not unlike the popular choice magazine reports and will include a value for money section.

The initial data is already interesting suggesting low key brands may be better at getting the job done than the bigger flashier ones. The science department is eagerly awaiting the final reports.



Medical Scientists and Researchers in the Making

Year 12 Biology students have put their learning and acquired skills to the test in their most recent venture into the world of better health. As part of their course students have designed, carried out and collected data about disease spread through fruits and vegetables over a four week period. They collected data, researched and took photos to ensure they had the documentation and data to produce a scientific report.

The learning and skills obtained during the project is easily transferable to the outside community and now many of the students are looking into careers in medical science and research.



Lab Experiments

All Parents are welcome to the Term 3 Parent Focus Group

Tuesday, 6th September 2016

10:00am to 11:30 am

Bankstown Senior College

C10 (above the cafeteria)





Vocational Education and Training Awards 2016

Congratulations!

Business Services – Hakim Noor

Information Digital Technology – Hakim Noor

Construction – Esho Anoaël

Retail Services – Fawwaz Almaged

Hospitality Kitchen Operations – Moi Thi Nguyen



Esho with Ms Meissner



VET Award Recipients



Group Photo



Business Services

New Trade Skills Centre at Bankstown Senior College

The refurbished workshop is a state of the art facility for use by students studying Industrial Technology and Construction. The funding for this project was



Fawwaz with Ms Makridis

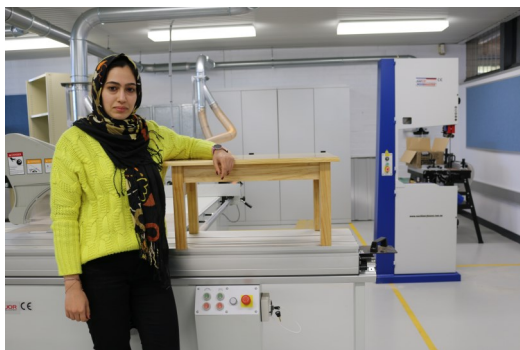


provided by the Australian Government

Muhammad Zubair Sarfaraz with his completed Major Project "Blanket Chest" for the HSC



Atifa Noori showing her final Year 11 Industrial Technology Project



Rojeen Fazeli showing her final Year 11 Industrial Technology Project



TSC Plaques

BTP to Barangaroo

During term 2 Monday the 27th of June, BTP staff and students went on an excursion to Barangaroo.

We met at Circular Quay and before walking around the harbour we stopped for milkshakes and coffee at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The views of Sydney from the cafe were breathtaking. We looked at sculptures and took photos on the balcony, with the harbour in the background.

We continued the foreshore walk and reached the Sydney Theatre Company for lunch. The S.T.C was a hip place with a good vibe. There we admired the photos of famous actors in past and present productions.



After the lovely lunch we ended up at our destination Barangaroo. The wet weather didn't take away from our fun and we took every opportunity to take photos.



Finally a short poem captures the mood of the excursion:

**The BTP outing was a good opportunity
To enjoy a nice day out at Barangaroo
Not being at school never felt more exiting
The girls and Richard, all enjoyed the
Day out, posing for the camera**



BSC Iftar Night

As some of you may know, Iftar is the meal which is eaten after sunset during Sawm, the fasting which occurs during the month of Ramadan in Muslim tradition. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability for Muslims in Australia.

At BSC, Iftar night was a warm and inviting event which embraced a group of 50 staff and students from the College community who shared a wonderful, winter meal after sunset on Thursday 30 June in our very own colourful cafeteria. The Middle Eastern feast was prepared by many busy, capable hands including some traditional, delicious, Afghan dishes from Mrs Rahimi and Mr Niazi and supplemented by caterers. Some of the amazing dishes featured were babaganouj and humous dips, lemon garlic chicken, rice with meat, Qabili Palow, fried eggplant, meatballs and Biryani to name a few.

Mr Niazi's words were very welcoming, praising the gathering of College members coming together from diverse backgrounds to celebrate a significant Islamic event outside College hours. This was a great

opportunity for our College to promote its values of cultural diversity, harmony and acceptance in its community.

Cultural and religious practices of this kind enable us to admire the self-discipline and commitment our Community members display and inspire us to do the same in all areas of our lives. This expression of culture and faith also allows us to reflect on our own cultural and personal beliefs, making us realise sometimes how similar people of different nationalities can be.

We would like to thank wholeheartedly Mrs Rahimi, our highly committed Community Liaison Officer whose enthusiasm and tireless efforts made this successful night possible. We would also like to praise and sincerely thank Mr Niazi's and Ms Parenzee's involvement and contribution as well as the input of various staff and students in the preparations for this memorable community event which we hope to celebrate annually.

Mrs Pascalis





Hospitality- Authentic Learning

Bankstown Senior College was privileged to host more than 100 principals and delegates from the area at a network meeting on the 26th May. We were a relatively small group of less than 20 students but we accomplished much because we worked as a team.



Students from Year 10 and 12 Hospitality prepared and served the food and beverages that was provided to our guests over the course of the day. Special mention has to go to Year 11 Hospitality students Effy Mu, Chang Huang and Kelvin Sze To, who helped at the function on a day that the rest of Year 11 were on study leave. They had the daunting task of providing more than 180 espresso coffees to guests during the course of the day. The excellent feedback confirmed that they had very satisfied customers.



As the hospitality teacher I was most impressed with the teamwork, initiative and focus of students as they went about their tasks during a very long day. We all arrived at 7am with most students who live quite far from school, leaving home very early in the morning to be here on time. On the day we worked as a well-oiled machine, with everyone doing whatever was required to make the event the success it was. Well done to the all the hospitality students involved, you have done yourselves proud!

Ms Parenzee



Principals' Conference BSC Hall



SRC Report

The SRC members have been heavily involved in fundraising this term. The two worthy causes chosen by the SRC were Stewart House, which assists educationally disadvantaged children, and the Cancer Council, which provides funds for cancer research.

We raised \$132 for Stewart House, selling all the balls and key rings we had ordered. Thank you to all students and staff who supported us by buying one of these items. We are still in the process of selling the pens, badges, and key rings for the Cancer Council, so please continue to support us if you can.



After suggestions made in the Mentor Survey this year, a number of activities are now running in the College. The English Games Room is up and running every Thursday lunch in A13. All students are welcome. Sporting activities have also been organised.

The SRC will also be assisting in organising and running the Talent Quest which will happen in Term 4. Students have already begun to rehearse their performances. If you think you have what it takes to perform in the "Bankstown's Got Talent" competition, please consider entering.

Remember, if you have any ideas on how to make college life even more enjoyable, please speak to your SRC representatives.

S. Ginis and Z. Miglionico
SRC Coordinators

Macquarie Mentoring Program

The Macquarie Mentoring Program will be running again this semester. This time, the lucky students who will be able to take part will be our Preparation students. The program will be running on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30-3:30 in the College Library.

The Macquarie Mentoring Program matches our students who wish to go to university, with students who are current students at Macquarie University. Our students will be helped to understand university expectations, ATARS and possible career choices in a fun and interesting way with the support of vibrant and enthusiastic mentors.

Last semester's Year 11 group found the program very useful, some even doing it for a second time. One of the highlights was the tour of Macquarie University, which everyone found very inspiring. Photos taken on the day reveal the fun that was had by all. Tears were shed as we had to say goodbye to our new friends and much respected mentors.

Please make sure you consider this very worthy program if you are in the Preparation course.

S. Ginis

Coordinator



Year 11 Students at UTS



Teacher Librarian Opens the Door to Research Skills

In term 2, Year 10 Science students were given the task of making a pamphlet, or poster, about an element in the periodic table, using a range of resources, not just websites. At first this was a daunting task but with the help of Mr Lowe, it was made much easier. After assisting students to learn about "Oliver" - a new library network system, and how to make brochures using Microsoft Publisher, the students were empowered to access a variety of resources and display a full range of abilities as independent and responsible learners.



Putting their new learned skills and access to the test, students successfully put together works of great scientific and creative merit.

The Science department has been very impressed and feels that the research and technology skills will assist our students in Year 11 and 12 on their life long journey of learning.

Six a Side Soccer

Energetic soccer students have been involved in a mini competition focussed on increasing co-ordination and meeting new people, during lunchtimes over the last term and half. The competition has been good natured and a lot of fun ensuring a healthy body and mind come together in our students ensuring success in the future.



Soccer At BSC Ground

Biggest Morning Tea

A simple cup of tea and piece of cake became a great party of inspiration and support as the college staff focused on supporting the Cancer Councils Biggest Morning Tea.

The behind the scenes workers with the support of the local community raised \$656 for the worthy cause of research into this disease.

Special raffles accompanied a magnificent morning tea which was fit for kings and queens with prizes donated by the local community ranging from cakes, caps, to gift vouchers and baskets.

A second raffle for a colourful hand crafted crocheted blanket raised a further \$250 for the cancer council.



Biggest Morning Tea contributors included:

Bankstown Medical Centre Café
Bankstown Sports Club
Beverly Hills Cinemas
Bisaro's Pharmacy
Blooms the chemist Padstow
Blue Ribbon Cake
Canteen Cuisine
House to Home Padstow
Hoyts Cinema Bankstown
Maria's Fresh Flowers
Repco Bankstown
Thu's Nail & Waxing



The college thanks each and every one of the organisations for their generosity.



Message From The Bankstown IEC Head Teacher

Dear IEC Students and Families

Welcome back to every student at Bankstown Intensive English Centre (BIEC) and the College as well and to all teachers and office staff to Term 3! The winter holidays are now in the past and at the IEC we are all focussing on our subjects and on learning English through our subjects. At the moment we have about 100 students who have come from many countries e.g. Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Vietnam, China, South Korea and Myanmar. It is great to see them and we welcome them to our school!

This term, we have introduced at BIEC a special **Electives Program** which happens every Tuesday period 4 (11.05am-12.00pm). The idea is to reflect a similar program as in a mainstream high school, giving choices to students to choose a course or a skill that they like or know and want to extend it further. The courses range from pure leisure to more academic courses. Some of them are: "Healing through Evan Yako's Drumming", "MOSAIC" program with the University of NSW (this only occurs every Term 3 and UNSW students mentor IEC students at school), Yoga, Lovers of Music, Playing with English Language on Computers, Athletics, Public Speaking, Choir/ Singing and Watching Films. The students are quite excited about the elective options!

In addition, this term, we have an **AFL program** which will be running every Monday, Period 8 (2.30pm-3.30pm) at the school coordinated by Ms Tsoli and Mr Elchah. Students who are partaking in this program will be competing at the Term 4 Inter-IEC AFL Multicultural Cup! Very exciting!

Lastly, in term 3, our graduating students this term and next term will be taken through the "**TAFE Taster Program**" which is coordinated by Ms Hubbard and Ms Lonnon. This is an important component of our IEC to assist our students in their transition from the IEC to further education opening more career pathways for them! Students will be able to "taste" a few TAFE courses by visiting for 2 whole days TAFE venues exploring their own options.

To all the IEC and College students, have a great and successful term!

All students at Bankstown are **fantastic** students!!

Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos

21st September
Year 12 Graduation



IEC Students Healing Through Yoga



IEC Students Healing Through Evan Yako's Drumming



Bankstown University Tutor Program

The Bankstown University Tutorial Program is in its fourth year of operation at the college. The program has grown over the years and now employs a total of seven tutors from various academic backgrounds, three of which are previous students of the college. The tutors provide individual and personalised assistance to all students in their efforts to attain their personal learning goals.

The tutors are based in the Library Learning Centre and are available at various times during the week, including year 12 study periods, recess and lunch. The tutorial program is further supported by a number of staff throughout the week including the Learning Centre Coordinator, Mr Culligan and four other Learning and Support Teachers, Ms Karpin, Ms Zhang, Mrs Milgate and Mr Russell.

The program attempts to cater for all students of the college both in and out of the classroom and provides access to online educational resources, computers, a SMART board, iPads and the Learning Centre.



weekly basis during school terms, cook, share life experiences and enjoy a meal together with the students. "I'm really enjoying the experience," Mt Lewis hospitality student at Bankstown Senior College, Elias Nousier, said. "My grandmother is back in Syria, and I don't often get a chance to interact with older people. I'm learning new cooking techniques and interesting recipes along the way." Greenacre's Fadia Jamal said having the opportunity to collaborate with young people provided her with a welcome social experience, while allowing her to share her family recipes from Lebanon.

Principal of Bankstown Seniors College, Anne Doyle, said the commercial kitchen at the school was under-utilised and she was excited to be able to provide the facilities to such a worthwhile project.



Bankstown Senior College hospitality student Elias Nousier with seniors, Aboriginal elder, Uncle Gary Haywood-Gowe and Fadia Jamal at the

Cooking up cultural mix

Story taken from Local News, originally appeared in: Torch | August 19th, 2016

A PROJECT bringing socially isolated seniors and students together with food, is fostering more than connectedness. Family recipes from far away lands are being shared among different generations from different cultures in the Kitchen Project. The Bankstown Women's Health Centre's Kitchen Project cooks up a storm on Thursdays at the Bankstown Senior's College and on Tuesdays, at Birrong Boys High School, where two commercial kitchens are well-utilised.

Bankstown Women's Health Centre manager Mariam Mourad said the NSW Government provided funding to establish a pilot program, using community services such as school kitchens, Bankstown Community Transport group and groups that redistributes surplus fresh food to the community.

Bankstown's older residents attend the program on a

ARE YOU OK DAY ! 8th September

R U OK Day is a suicide prevention campaign, which encourages us all to ask those around us "Are You Ok?" in order to create connections, help in seeking opportunities and hope.



2016 CALENDAR

For your diary / notice board

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| Term 4: | Start Date Monday 10 /10/2016 |
| <u>Year 11 Yearly Exams:</u> | 12 Sep to 22 Sep |
| <u>HSC Written Exams Begin :</u> | 13 Oct |
| <u>Year 10 Exams:</u> | 7 Nov to 17 Nov |

Upcoming Events:

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| 6 Sep | Parents Focus Group |
| 7 Sep | RTP UWS Campus Tour |
| 8 Sep | Are You Ok Day |
| 12 Sep | Year 11 Exams Starts |
| 21 Sep | Year 12 Graduation |
| 22 Sep | IEC Graduation |
| 3 Nov | Wellness Day |
| 21 Nov | Year 12 Formal / <u>L'AQUA GOLD ROOM DARLING HARBOUR</u> |
| 30 Nov | BSC Talent Quest |

Hospitality Courses At Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club

Who can Apply? Students at BSC What is the cost? Free

(This course package is valued at \$570 but is a special offer to BSC students)

Only 15 places available

How do I Apply?

Contact Mrs Pascalis or Mrs Brunet

WHITE RIBBON DAY At BSC

When: Wednesday **23rd November**

Making violence against women a thing of the past.
Wear a white Ribbon and help stop violence against women.

WELLNESS DAY AT BSC

When: Thursday **3rd November 2016**

Where: In the **Hall** period (1-4)

Wellness day is a mini-expo where communities and government agencies are given the opportunity to provide our students with lots of wellbeing/welfare information.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR YEAR 12 LEAVERS!

BEST WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

