



Bonny Matters

"I shall Strive for the Best"

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Upcoming Events

November 21st - NSW Volleyball Schools Cup
November 21st – SRC Picnic Day
November 21st – Year 9 PDHPE Mean Girls Movie
November 22nd – Mega Math Day – USYD Excursion
November 23rd – Year 12 Police Talk
November 25th – School Spectacular Show
November 26th – School Spectacular Show
November 29th & 30th – Year 7 Swim School
December 1st – Year 10 Project 10
December 1st & 2nd - Year 7 Swim School
December 6th & 7th - Year 8 Swim School
December 8th & 9th – Year 8 Swim School

Message from the Principal

Welcome to another newsletter

Let me start with some extraordinary news for Bonnyrigg High School. Our school is one of only two schools selected in NSW to be part of the International Poetry Exchange Program. This very prestigious offer is due to the work of our English Faculty and particularly, Mr Ly and his poetry club. This program commenced in the USA by Caroline Kennedy the current Ambassador to Australia. Ms Kennedy is also the daughter of former President John F Kennedy. The program will see our students work and exchange Poetry with students across the USA and also Japan where Ms Kennedy was the previous Ambassador for the USA. Congratulations to Mr Ly and the English Department.

Congratulations to Ms McDonald, English Faculty, on her award from the South West Regional award for Excellence as an early career teacher. This is a prestigious award won by very few!

More congratulations to the school. This time in the form of the 'School Garden of the Year Award' by Fairfield Council. Our school has already won a prize but the overall winner will be announced at the Council Chambers on the 22nd of November. We wait with great anticipation on the outcome. It has been an achievement getting to this point.

Continuation from the Principal....

In line with community expectations and the NSW Government's clean energy policy more Solar Panels will be installed at the school. This in initial planning but 'should' be completed over the summer months. More information in the next newsletter.

The 2022 HSC has been completed and we await the results, late in December. The cohort had a wonderful farewell, their 'formal'. By all reports, as usual our students your children or should I say young adults behaved impeccably. This is a trait of our students perfect behaviour on the night.

The recent announcement by the Minister for Education giving teachers an extra 5 hours per term preparation time for the implementation of the new curriculum, in each subject commencing in 2023 and progressing through to 2025. Unfortunately for all high schools this is unfunded by the Department directly. This translates for Bonnyrigg HS to at Least \$250,000.00 we have to find to pay for the casual staff to cover the teachers, if we can get the casual staff in the current teacher shortage. This is a mandatory requirement. Consequently, we are looking at ways to provide the hours while at the same time reducing the costs to the school. Budgets will have to be slimmed down to provide the money, that is as said \$250,000.00. For 2023, at least it will be very difficult given the late announcement. However, throughout next year we will be looking at mandatory hours in subjects and the possibility reducing the number of periods by 1 for each child from 2024. This will shorten one of the days by a single period. Community consultation, through our P&C, will commence in 2023. There is not enough time to do the consultation this year.

Announcement - NSW Education parent app

Hi everyone, I would like to notify you that a campaign encouraging parents and carers to download the improved NSW Education Parent App will go live next week (from 20 Nov). The app already has 180,000 users and we anticipate this will increase with a media awareness campaign for parents and carers starting next week.

Until next time



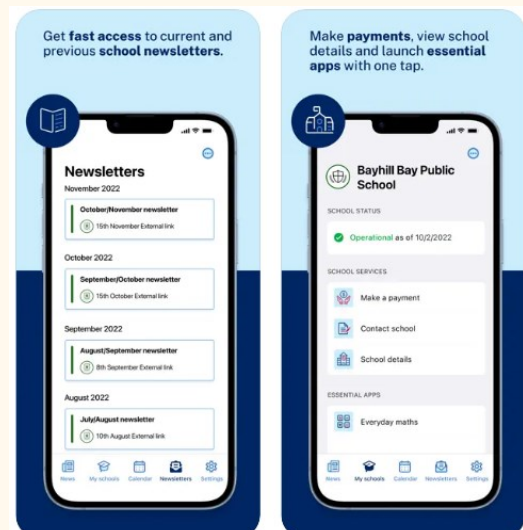
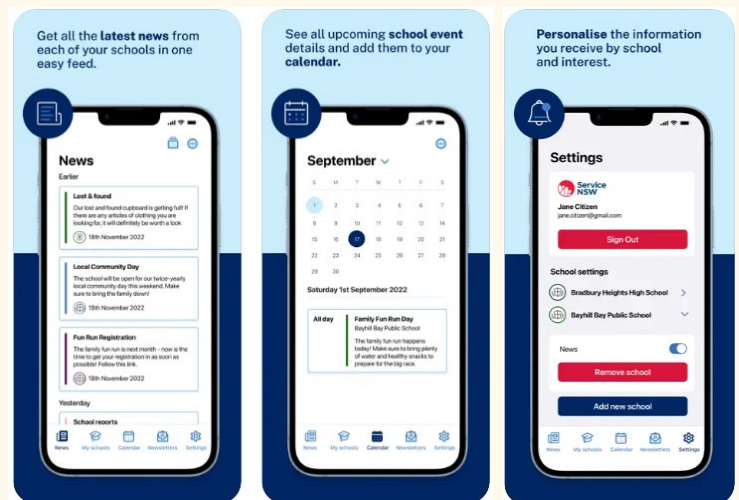
MNBryce Principal

Parent APP

The NSW Education Parent App has new features making it even easier for parents and carers to stay in touch with the latest news, and get emergency updates from their child's school

The app is designed to streamline communication between schools and parents and carers with features such as push notifications to your phone so you never miss any important news or an upcoming event

Drawing on the School's Website Service (SWS), schools can now display newsletters on the app via the website. Users will also now be able to receive emergency updates such as school closures



Congratulations

With over 266 schools submitting applications and only 13 Early Career Teachers being successfully selected from the Metropolitan South and West School Directorate one of our teachers Haylie McDonald has been recognised at the Principal Network Awards for her passionate professionalism, outstanding hard work and willingness to go above and beyond her students. This is an auspicious award and a remarkable achievement for Haylie.



Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th November the Bonnyrigg High School community gathered in solemn reflection to commemorate Remembrance Day. We remembered the sacrifices of those past and present service men and women who have fought for our freedoms and way of life. We especially honour those in our Bonnyrigg school community who are part of that special group of people.

It was great to see our ANZAC Ambassadors, SRC and Koori students making the ceremony a special one. Thank you also to the History staff who put this Ceremony together.

Mr R. Brown



Swim School

SWIM SCHOOL

YEAR 7 SWIM SCHOOL - 7B, 7E, 7C, 7H, 7N
 29/11/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm
 30/11/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm

YEAR 7 SWIM SCHOOL - 7A, 7P, 7O, 7I, 7M
 01/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm
 02/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm

YEAR 8 SWIM SCHOOL - 8B, 8E, 8C, 8H, 8N
 06/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm
 07/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm

YEAR 8 SWIM SCHOOL - 8A, 8M, 8P, 8O, 8I
 08/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm
 09/12/2022 09:00am - 03:00pm

Well Being

As the weather continues to heat up, it is a great opportunity to devote more time to being active, staying hydrated and staying connected.

This week we are going to focus on staying hydrated. This is a difficult thing to do when we are busy so we need to try and be intentional about taking water breaks throughout the day.

Please see the diagram below for more information highlighting why staying hydrated is beneficial.

Water and your health

Drinking plenty of water every day is important for good health. Our body relies on it for many of its functions. Water helps to:

- moisten our eyes, nose and mouth
- regulate body temperature
- absorb nutrients
- prevent constipation
- lubricate joints to help us move
- make hormones and neurotransmitters
- protect body organs and tissue
- get rid of waste products
- deliver oxygen to all parts of the body
- support the growth and reproduction of cells

Between 50% and 80% of the human body is made up of water

We get about one fifth of the water we need from food and the rest from drinking fluids.

Men need about 10 cups* of fluids every day, women need about 8 cups and kids need 4-6 cups depending on their sex and age.

It's a good idea to choose water over other drinks that contain added sugars or alcohol.

Sources: Eat For Health - What is a serve? Nutrient Reference Value - Water Mayo Clinic - Nutrition and health eating

*In Australia, 1 cup is equivalent to 250ml.

healthdirect

www.healthdirect.gov.au

Project 10

Project 10 will be in Week 8 of Term 4. It is compulsory for all students in Year 10 at BHS. The Year 10 students will participate in a range of activities to prepare them for Senior studies. Looking forward to a great week.

- Ms GORO!

BHS PROJECT 10
 WEEK 8 OF TERM 4, 2022

COMPULSORY FOR ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Attendance

Everyday matters!

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little late doesn't seem much but...

He/She is only missing just...	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	5 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

Library News

Refurbishment Updates

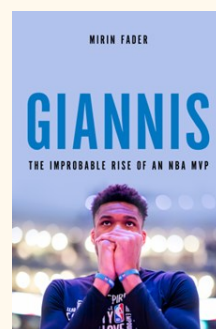
As you know we are still in the process of updating the library and creating spaces that will enhance your library experience. You may have noticed the new setup in the senior study area, where we have acquired independent study desks for quiet learning, and movable desks and ergonomic chairs for flexible learning. Our new shelving will arrive by Week 6 and hopefully you start seeing the transformation of our fiction section in the following week. We are extremely sorry for the ongoing disruption, however we are certain you will love the new space once it is all completed. Very exciting times!



Upcoming Book Titles

Our latest book order will be arriving soon. Below are just some of the titles that will be in the new arrivals. You will be allowed to borrow during the Christmas break, i.e. up to 6 books across all collections, so start preparing a reading list now and read all the books you didn't have time for!

Our eBook and audiobook collection is available 24/7 on the Wheelers ePlatform. Simply download the app on your devices to access the books, particularly those that may not be in our physical collection.



Makers Club

In Makers Club during Year 9 sport, students have learnt to use the Cricut Maker and create their own designs for t-shirts and tote bags. In doing so, students have built on their creative and ICT skills in developing the designs and learning to use the software associated with the Cricut Maker. Other activities during Makers Club have included jewellery making, origami and using the stem t4L robotic kits.



Librarians S.Ali & A.Spiteri

What's Been Happening

Girls Rugby League

On Monday 7 November, 15 female students from years 9-11 participated in a Girls Rugby League development day hosted at Ashcroft High.

The purpose of this day was to build confidence and skill in Rugby League for girls in the local area. Our girls learnt safe tackling techniques and refined their passing skills to create opportunities for scoring tries.

We are hoping to build Rugby League for Girls at Bonnyrigg in 2023 and participate in organised competitive games. If you are interested in learning new skills and improving your fitness, please see Ms. Dixon in the PE staffroom for more information.

Thank you to the students and Miss Whittard for an enjoyable day.

Ms. Dixon

Rugby League Coach



STEM

The brightest minds come up with the brightest solutions for the brightest future' - Mayor Frank Carbone

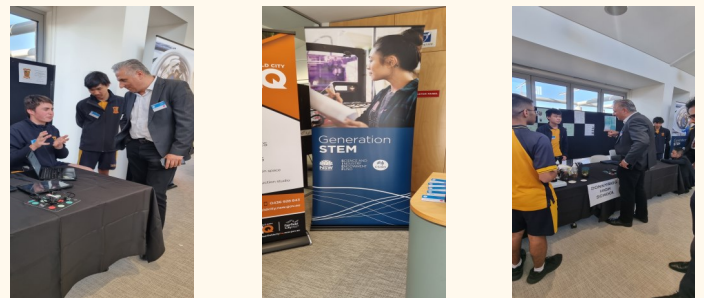
Our fantastic I-innovators have been looking for innovative solutions to problems affecting the Fairfield city council. In partnership with Australia's largest government agency responsible for scientific research, CSIRO and the Fairfield city council our STEM class created brilliant solutions!

Presenting to fellow students in neighbouring schools, our esteemed mayor Frank Carbone as well as Federal MP Dai Le.

Everyone was blown away! Quoting Mr Carbone ' I would be putting a patent on it!' as one of groups especially wowed not only the mayor but federal MP Dai Le with their brilliant ideas.

A big congratulations to all on their Generation STEM projects for 2022!

Ms Ali STEM teacher



Online Cultural Exchange Program with Japanese students

Commencing in early October, Bonnyrigg High School Year 9 and 10 students have been chatting online with students from Kagoshima prefecture in Japan. So far they have completed 3 zoom sessions with students from: Izumi Middle School, Ijuin Kita Middle School and Shoyo Senior High School.

This wonderful program develops cultural awareness and increases language knowledge of participants from both sides. Questions that our students asked include: What sports do the Japanese students do? What does their lesson structure look like? What are the popular sports at their schools? What are their school rules?

Things that Japanese students were keen to find out from Australian students include: What are some of the well known Aussie slangs? Why do our students want to learn Japanese? What sort of school events/sport events do we have? What do our students think of Japan?

Our students have really enjoyed the online conversations with their Japanese high school counterparts and so have the Japanese students. Bonnyrigg High School students showed a lot of enthusiasm that they have won lots of praises from the organiser of the program "With the World Inc". The purpose of this organisation, which has the support of the Board of Education Japan, is to connect Japanese students with students from different parts of the world (not just with Australia). Hopefully the wonderful bond between the Japanese students and our students will continue to prosper in the future. A big thanks to Ms. Kumiko Kawasaki the organiser WITH THE WORLD INC who have given us this amazing opportunity.

Ms M.Ellis



Past The Shallows

Year 12 English Standard and EAL/D students studying Past the Shallows for their current HSC course recently went to watch a performance for their set novel. Students travelled to the Rebel Theatre near Circular Quay to attend the performance with other HSC students in attendance. Students enjoyed the performance to aid their understanding of what they have already read and analysed within class time.

Miss J.Foster



Girls Group

Girls Group, together with Ms Clarke and Miss Spinozzi, end of year celebration at Social Escape Rooms as a reward for their meaningful growth and for building friendship with each this year.

If you feel like you would benefit from attending Girls Group please speak to your year advisors for 2023

Miss S.Spinozzi



Peer Support 2022

Over the past four terms, Year 7 has participated in a number of peer support sessions to help them transition into Bonnyrigg High School. This has seen them partake in a number of team building activities to help them bond with their peers, meet their teachers and better understand the school. It was a great success and a lot of fun for the students and teachers involved. Both Ms Cheah and Miss McDonald loved seeing the students interact in such a positive manner to each activity. We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Katirci for all her hard work and dedication to the Peer Support program, the year 7 students have loved their time involved in the program.

Miss H. McDonald



Korean Excursion

On Friday 11th of November, Ms Chun and Ms Cho took Year 9 and Year 10 Korean students to the city for an excursion that immersed them in Korean culture. They dined at Bornga, a popular Korean barbecue (KBBQ) restaurant, where students were able to grill their own food. They addressed the employees and ordered in Korean, much to their teachers' delight. It was a fun day for all. **Ms L. Lam**



Sydney Story factory

Over the past four terms, a number of students from year 9 and 10 have been working with published and award-winning author Vivian Pham to create their own anthology of writing. This saw students working with both Vivian and Story Factory to harness their creativity through a number of short stories and poems. In addition, teachers at Bonnyrigg High School submitted their own work to feature alongside our students' work in a joint project.

This anthology of work is now published and able to be bought directly from Story Factory at the following link https://shop.storyfactory.org.au/products/thoughts-unfold?_pos=1&_sid=d262fd9bc&_ss=r

Miss H. McDonald



Sharp Short Dance Festival

Congratulations to these year 9 Dance elective students who competed in the regional heats for the Sharp Short Dance Festival yesterday. They competed against performers that were 21 years old.

- Natalie Qaqish
- Andjelina Tosanovic
- Hillary Do
- Stephanie Kuzet
- Sarah Librado
- Roset Kiryacoc

Miss L. Babeleh



Bonny Live Concert

Congratulations to all of our Music students for presenting their incredible performances at Bonny Live 2022. This concert showcased students' abilities to perform music across wide-ranging genres from classical to rock and pop. Over the last few weeks, our students have practised extremely hard to bring Bonny Live back to life after a three-year hiatus. The hype during and after the concert certainly proves their hard work has paid off! Well done to all involved

Ms J. Leung



Careers News

University - Institutes

Macquarie Big History Scheme

Our Big History scheme rewards you with three adjustment factor points for your commitment to learning. To be eligible, you must complete the Big History: Connecting Knowledge – available through Coursera.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/adjustment-factors/achievement-based>

Reminder – UTS Faculty of Engineering & IT Research Showcase

29 November, 2022. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

You are invited to attend the Faculty of Engineering and IT Research Showcase on campus event.

This event highlights our Higher Degree Research candidates' work and achievements, with our wider community.

There will be a preliminary speaker and three different presentation formats throughout the day. A number of candidates from our six schools will present their work and the

best presentations will receive a certificate and prize.

If you are interested in attending, please register for the event by completing the event registration form.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/faculty-engineering-it-research-showcase-2022>

ACU Pathways Finder Tool

There are alternative pathways into a course if a student doesn't receive the ATAR they were hoping for, including our Foundation Studies program, certificates and diplomas. Use the pathways finder tool to narrow down admission pathways for a study area or course of interest and explore your options.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/acu-pathways/pathwayfinder>

ACU Change of preference event

Register to speak with staff and students about your study options and pathways to ACU. You can drop in at any time throughout the event.

This event will cover all courses across our Sydney campuses.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/change-of-preference-event-strathfield>

ACU Change of Preference Consultations

15 December

Are you finishing your year 12 studies?

Join us for change of preference advice to navigate your study options and alternative entry and admissions pathways.

for Parents webinar

8th December

Choosing what and where to study is heavy going. This webinar will lighten the load for you and your student.

You'll learn about our student support services, admissions process, and work-integrated learning options, as well as the strong graduate employability an ACU degree offers.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/acu-essentials-for-parents-webinar>

University - General

Starting university? These are the tips I wish I knew about as a student

Personally, my idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. Ones that involved pies.

I was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength.

With the wisdom of hindsight, there are a lot of things I wish I could tell my younger self to get the most out of my university experience.

<https://www.abc.net.au/everyday/starting-university-tips-guide-for-students/10812548>

iCanMed Free UCAT Webinars

Nov-Dec

The UCAT is a key criterion for medical/dental interview & course offers, but many top students fail to get a competitive score due to poor planning. This webinar will cover efficient UCAT study advice to help students catch up to candidates who started prep in April, plus a full summer holiday prep plan (+ mini mock test).

<https://www.icanmed.com.au/events/>

TAFE

Job Trainer

NSW JobTrainer provides fee-free* training courses for young people, job seekers and school leavers to gain skills in Australia's growing industries. Explore hundreds of qualifications and register your interest today.

Whether you're a school leaver on gap year, recently unemployed or upskilling to expand your job prospects, a JobTrainer full or part-qualification is a great way to future-proof your skills, explore new interests and trial in-demand industries.

<https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/jobtrainer>

TAFE NSW Your students can get skills fit this summer Summer Skills

This is a fee-free short course program designed for school leavers from 16-24yrs, to support skill development over the summer months. Whether your students plan to attend TAFE NSW, uni, or have a gap year, TAFE NSW has a course that can give your students the skills for a brighter future.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/summer-skills>

Uniform Shop

Location:

431 Elizabeth Drive, Bonnyrigg

Entrance to the shop for parents/carers is via carpark

Opening Hours:

Parents/Carers please note that the Uniform Shop is attended during the student opening hours, if you arrive outside of those hours, please proceed to the School Office.

Students:

Monday: 8:15 – 8:38

Tuesday: 8:15 – 8:38, 10:40 – 11:00

Wednesday: 8:15 – 8:38, 10:40 – 11:00

Thursday: 8:15 – 8:38, 10:40 – 11:00

Friday: 8:15 – 8:38, 10:40 – 11:00

Parents/Carers:

Monday: 8:15 – 10:40, 11:10 – 2:00

Tuesday: 8:15 – 2:00

Wednesday: 8:15 – 2:00

Thursday: 8:15 – 2:00

Friday: 8:15 – 2:00

Payment Method:

Preferred method of payment is EFTPOS, but we do also accept CASH and CHEQUES.

If paying by CASH or CHEQUE, you will need to pay at the School Office before you can collect your uniform



School Uniform

It is the responsibility of the parent and/or caregiver of the student to ensure the students are in full school uniform each day.

Joggers, name brand sports apparel, navy blue hooded jackets/jumpers, black or navy leggings are NOT school uniform.

No exceptions will be allowed.

House shirts or sports uniform (including sports shoes) can only be worn for PDHPE practical lessons or on your designated sport day ONLY.

A reminder about school footwear

The school expects students to follow Department of Education Policy and the WHS Act 2000 by wearing **black, enclosed leather, lace-up, buckle or velcro fastened shoes.**

They must cover the whole top of the foot and have a low heel. Failure to wear these types of shoes may result in temporary exclusions from a practical subject

This year our teachers are focusing on building strategies to actively teach their students what is expected of them whilst in the classroom.

Classroom Expectations

Teachers set their classroom expectations at the beginning of the year once they have met their students. Teachers have put together the following classroom expectations to ensure that there is a consistent approach across the school.

PROMPT



- ★ Be on time.
- ★ Enter classroom quietly.
- ★ Quickly get seated.

PREPARED



- ★ Have all your equipment.
- ★ Submit assessments on time.
- ★ Be dressed appropriately.

PRODUCTIVE



- ★ Focus on your learning.
- ★ Try your best and follow instructions.
- ★ Electronic devices away.

POLITE



- ★ Respect yourself, your peers, your teachers & your classroom.
- ★ Be kind to everyone - swearing, teasing and bullying **is not** OK.

PATIENT



- ★ Wait respectfully and calmly for your turn.
- ★ Listen to others and remain seated.
- ★ Be safe and raise your hand.

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD
-NELSON MANDELA

Social media Platforms

Our school posts regularly on our school's social media platforms. Give them a follow to make sure you never miss out on anything we may post throughout the year.

These are some of our main ways we like to communicate with our students and parents online.



DID YOU KNOW?

Parents can choose to translate your school communications into over **80 languages.**

HOW?

On the School Stream app:

1. Go to the side menu and click Settings
2. Click Translate Content
3. Select Language

