Term 2 has been both a busy and productive time at our school with the year 8 and year 10 camps in week 1, the cross-country carnival and a large number of excursions and sporting events taking place. Staff and students are now busy completing Semester 1 studies.

NAPLAN Testing
This year we again conducted the NAPLAN tests in individual classrooms with a familiar class grouping and a familiar teacher. This is designed to minimise disruption and maximise each student’s ability to do their best. Again, I was proud of the way our students engaged with the testing.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of the staff, students and parents in preparing for and sitting the tests. Well done to all! I look forward to seeing the results.

Primary School visits
Over the past two weeks, Sue Smith, along with some year 7 students, Diana Whymark and I, visited our three local Primary schools: Hawker, Weetangera and Florey. This was followed up by the Primary students attending a “Come and Try Day”. The students had a great day experiencing what High School is like and I would like to thank staff and our student leaders who made this possible for the Primary School students.

Information Night for Parents
On the evening of Wednesday the 18th of June the Belconnen Parent Forum Group is hosting an information forum for parents entitled “The Future of Belconnen High School”. At this evening I will be presenting to parents the exciting new direction that will change our focus from teaching content to our students to one that centres on our students learning. I encourage all parents to attend this evening. Please keep an eye on the school notices and information coming home concerning the evening.
**Open Night**
The School’s Open Night was held last Tuesday evening. The evening was very well attended with the highest number of current and prospective families that I have seen since my arrival at the school. Families toured the school with fantastic displays featuring student work and gained important information from each of the curriculum areas.

Feedback both on the evening and subsequently has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly in reference to our new uniform, the curriculum offered, our enthusiastic students and our professional staff.

I wish to thank the dedicated staff, students and parents for their hard work on the night and the way in which we proudly presented our school.

**World Challenge**

In week 9 the second of the World Challenge trips will be leaving for their month in Malaysia and Borneo. This year there are 2 separate teams that for the last 18 months have been raising money for their fares and other expenses and preparing for this incredible experience. I wish them all the best and look forward to the many stories on their return.

**David McCarthy**

**OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS ARE IN SAFE HANDS**
The Year 7 students have actually been in very safe hands all semester as the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders have been guiding them through lessons each fortnight on high school orientation, time management, resilience, and valuing themselves and others. The Peer Support leaders have been preparing these lessons in their elective class and learning dozens of new energisers and icebreaker games to teach to their Pastoral Care groups this semester. The Year 7 students are loving having these senior students teach them, guide them through the first year of school and build solid friendships with them.
YEAR 6 STUDENTS COME TO VISIT

Over the past week, Belconnen High has had the pleasure of hosting Florey, Weetangera, Hawker and Out of Area year 6 primary students who came to see what all the fuss is about. They toured all manner of classes where they cut, drilled and sanded wood into a key ring and then burnt their initials into it; had science experiments that went bang and showed them how much iron is in Nutri Grain; played games in the gym, cooked pikelets, developed their own photos and modelled some amazing clay creations. Speaking to them, they were delighted to see the vast array of subjects you could do at Belconnen and commented on how friendly the “big” kids were. It was great to see them enjoying a high school canteen and playing handball in the quad. The days finished with a BBQ lunch and a chat with our year 10 and year 7 leader guides.

Thanks to all the primary students who visited, their teachers and Belconnen staff and students who helped create 4 fantastic days of fun and learning.
ARE YOU READY TO GIVE UP?

The SRC is and hopefully lots of students and staff are too. At the recent World Vision Global Leadership Convention at the AIS, the SRC took a pledge to Give Up either food, electronics, their bed or use of one hand for 40 hours in order to help the plight of the people of Rwanda. In August the SRC would like students, parents and staff of our school community to give up something important to them for 40 hours and collect sponsorship at the same time. The SRC are currently working with World Vision to plan their fundraising campaign so please get behind this great cause in the next 2 months.
Welcome

The Future of Belconnen High Forum
Come along and hear David McCarthy, our school principal, talk about the future direction of Belconnen High School

David has a vision that moves the primary focus from teaching to learning

This is a great initiative of the school executive that will energise your child’s learning at high school. This is an exciting new development so come and hear all about it

Come and join us for a few nibbles at 6pm on Wednesday 18th June. Presentation starts at 6:15pm

BHSPFG Bowling Night

Feel like having a bowl and socialise with students, teachers and parents?

Come along to Belconnen AMF Bowling on Thursday 3rd July at 7pm for an unlimited amount of games. Bowling costs $19.90 plus $2 for shoe hire.

Please RSVP to bhspfg@gmail.com by Friday 27th June

We’d love to hear your ideas for forums or social nights, please email ideas to bhspfg@gmail.com

If you would like to be included on the PFG email list, please email bhspfg@gmail.com

Coming Events

Wednesday, 18th June, 2014
6:00pm
Parent Forum
Professional Learning Centre
(See attached Flyer)

Thursday
3rd July, 2014
7:00pm
Parents/Students/Teachers Bowling Night

Monday
28th July, 2014
P&C/ PFG meeting
Teachers Meeting Room
6pm

Term 3
Rocksalt Dinner
Hawker Shops
Details in Week 10 Newsletter

Uniform Shop
Open every Monday
During term
2:30 to 3:00pm
Second Hand Uniform Shop
Open every Monday
2.30pm until 3.00pm

The uniform shop is located within the old gym around the corner from the canteen.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of clean, good condition uniforms. Donations can be dropped off at the front office or at the uniform shop when open.

We are in desperate need of jumpers with the cooler months approaching. If you have any items of second hand uniform please drop them in and we will put your name in the draw for a $20 iTunes Card

Drawn at the end of Term 2

Come and have a browse.

Contact Lorraine Myatt on 0407108621 for further enquiries.
Musical achievements this term

Nicky Philipse:

We would like to congratulate Nicky Philipse (one of our star Belconnen High School Concert Band members) on her successful placement into the Canberra Youth Orchestra after a rigorous audition and probation process. The Canberra Youth Orchestra is the top ensemble in Canberra Youth Music. This is quite an accomplishment considering she is the second youngest in the orchestra at 14 years of age and most other students in the ensemble are in Year 12 or above. These students come not only from Canberra but also as far away as the South Coast and Cooma. This is a fantastic achievement by Nicky and we are very proud of her!

Virginia Herrick
Music Teacher

Financial payments

Parents/Carers are able to make payments in person at the front office, via credit card, direct deposit to our school account or on line via the school website.

www.blch.act.edu.au

If paying on line click on the payment link at the top of the school’s webpage. This will direct you to Westpac’s secure payment site Quickweb payment system.

When you access the Quickweb payment screens you must enter the mandatory fields.

1. **Student details**: student key, given name and surname
2. **Payer details**: Payer full name and contact details plus email address
3. **Payment option**: voluntary contribution, excursion etc.

If fee code is not known, please give description i.e. Year 7 camp, then enter student ID number if known to enable us to receipt your transactions more efficiently. These details will need to be entered every time you make a payment. If paying by direct deposit please use the following information.

Bank: Westpac bank
Account Name: Belconnen High School
BSB number: 032777
Account number 001017

Information that needs to be entered is student name and field i.e. excursion, fees etc. if the field allows.

All information you input will be held by Westpac subject to the Privacy Policy available at http://www.westpac.com.au/privacy/

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Please note that from 1 August 2014, card holders will no longer be able to sign for payments made in person.

This is part of a banking industry initiative to improve credit card security in Australia, while most overseas countries have already adopted this method of card purchase authorisation.

This also applies to payments made using debit cards and savings account cards.

A ‘PIN’ authorisation is required when paying at an EFTPOS terminal. Any transactions without a pin will be declined after that date.

If unable to locate the original PIN you can update the PIN by dropping into their bank with card and ID.
# Belconnen High School Uniform Order Form

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