Principal’s Report

This term has been a very busy one, with our students and staff involved in a wide range of opportunities. These have included: the Mathematics Competition; Soccer, Volleyball, Hockey and Netball teams, Year 10 Careers Expo, Book Week and the Outdoor Education Snow Trip.

Welcome Back to Mr. Williams
This term we welcome back Ben Williams from the FIFA World Cup in Brazil. On the last assembly, Ben presented his experience and the hard work and commitment that were required for his achievements. Ben’s presentation was both inspiring and thought provoking for all. On behalf of the entire Belconnen High School community I would like to congratulate Ben on his achievements and thank him for his presentation to the school.

Welcome Back to our World Challengers
Our two teams of World Challengers returned from Malaysia and Borneo in Week 1 of the Term. The stories I have heard so far tell of a fantastic experience for all and I look forward to the planned assembly presentation. I wish to thank the staff: Ms. Ikin, Ms. Bridges, Mr. McAuliffe and Mr. Knox, for their hard work and time in providing this fantastic experience for our students.

School Upgrade
Work has commenced on the upgrading of the school’s facilities. In carrying out the work, priority has been given to minimising the disruption to the normal operations of the school, in particular student learning. The first part was to temporarily relocate Music to the textiles rooms. The textiles rooms were renovated in the last school holidays to facilitate this move and Music is now in the Main Building. Work is now currently underway to relocate the Art facilities into the space that Music previously occupied. This work is scheduled for completion for the start of next term. Next year, refurbishment of the school Hall will be completed to provide specialised facilities for Music and Band. As a result, for the remainder of this year, textiles will not be offered to students.
Belconnen Regional Trade Skills Centre (BRTSC)
Planning is now in its final stages with work scheduled to commence over the Christmas holidays. As part of the BRTSC, at Belconnen High we will be offering students Certificate I in both Hospitality and Construction from the start of the 2016 school year. Also, as part of the BRTSC, Hawker College will be offering up to Certificate III in these areas as well as their other vocational courses. The new facilities will include an outdoor covered area for the Construction course and the upgrade of one of our kitchens to commercial specifications and a café in the back of the Library. The café will include a “Coffee Window” that will be open for parents on your way to work. I will continue to keep parents up to date as this exciting venture progresses.

Year 9 Camp
Last year we introduced year camps for each of the year groups. In week 10 of this term there will be the Year 9 camp at Tathra. The camp will focus on leadership skills for students and will encompass the Peer Support training this year. The school leaders for 2015 will be chosen from the camp. I strongly encourage all students to attend this important and fun event. For more information please contact Rebecca Cowan, the Year 9 Co-ordinator. Some places are still available.

School Uniform
I wish to thank parents for your continued support of the school uniform as our students continue to be the pride of our community.

David McCarthy
Visual Arts News

A select group of students from Belconnen High School recently showcased their talents at this year’s Step into the Limelight Art Exhibition as part of the ACT’s largest youth Arts event. *Step into the Limelight* is the Territory’s creative and performing arts showcase event for public schools with more than 1600 students from over 65 public schools from preschool to year 12 participate in either performance productions or art exhibitions. The students’ artwork, under the categories of 2D Art, 3D Art and Photography, was on display at the ANU Art School Gallery during the month of July. We would like to congratulate the following students; their work is to be commended:

Yr 10: Olivia Hood, Jasmine Bignell, Jasmine Clear, Liam Luhrs, Emme Murphy, Eugene Robertson and Yousif Mohamed
Yr 9: Britney Gill, Adrian Capulong, Adya Mathur,

*Craig Harris and Fiona Bridges*
Netball
Both the 7/8 and 9/10 girls netball teams went out on Monday 11/8 to represent Belconnen in the Northside Netball Competition. Both teams faced some very tough competition, with some varied successes. The 7/8 girls came away from the day with 2 wins, which was a big improvement on last year. Unfortunately the 9/10 girls weren’t so successful, but improved immensely throughout the day, and considering most were football players, did well against better opposition. All girls were great representatives of the school and a special thanks goes to the 7/8 girls who were brave enough to umpire the 9/10s games all day.

Miss Harries & Miss Beattie

Boys Hockey
I took a delightful group of young men out to the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham, on the 6th August. We played 5 matches and these were the results:

1-0 win v SFX Yr 7/8
2-4 loss v SFX Yr 9/10 (after scraping back to 2-2, we conceded a goal and then almost made it 3-3, before conceding another)
1 - 0 win v Lyneham (who were in the Final)
1 - 1 draw with Kingsford Smith
1 - 0 loss v Stromlo.

We then made the Semi-Final, which we unfortunately lost 2-0. The boys should be very proud of themselves – both on and off the field. They worked so hard, after only having one reserve player all day. Special mention also goes out to Emily Fisher (Year 10), who performed admirably as Umpire for the day.

Mr Williams

Girls Hockey
On Monday the 4th of August 11 girls went out to the Lyneham hockey centre. We were a team of all abilities and the girls fought really hard all day (which was amazing considering having no subs). The girls started the day with a loss, but fought hard in the second game to gain a convincing win over Alfred Deakin which followed with a draw. The girl’s efforts got them into the semi-final with Amaroo who unfortunately was the better team for the day and ended up taking the overall competition. Well done to all the girls, it was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

Miss Lazarides

UPCOMING SPORTS

- Soccer
- Athletics
- Badminton

OTHER PE NEWS
Congratulations to Rafael Moang who was selected in the ACT under 15 indoor Cricket team. He competed in the national championships in Werribee Victoria in July.
This term we welcomed back Ben Williams to the PE faculty after his trip of a lifetime to referee at the FIFA World Cup in Brazil. We are all extremely proud of Ben and watched with great excitement as he officiated over three matches as the central referee and one as the fourth official. It has been great to have Ben back at Belconnen and share his many stories with our community. Ben has been very open to receiving feedback from his most vocal critics…his students. Well done Ben on an amazing achievement.

UPCOMING UNITS IN PE CLASSES

As we head into the warmer weather all PE classes will be beginning Athletics units in preparation for our Athletics Carnival on the 12th September 2014. It is important that students have appropriate attire for outdoor activities, including a jumper should it still be cold.
Sporting Achievements

Year 10 students, Nabil Slikker and Aaron Martin, both refereed at the Kanga Cup International Football (soccer) Tournament during the July holidays, and were both successful in being appointed to officiate a finals match. This happened to also coincide with Mr Williams Refereeing the World Cup. Nabil also qualified to attend a special camp for the referees, as part of the Referee’s Academy program.

Both boys had their medals re-presented to them by Mr Williams on stage during the Week 3 Whole School Assembly. They both refereed in the sleet/snow in the first week of the holidays and came home frozen, but enjoyed their experiences and learnt a lot. Both Nabil and Aaron play for the same Belsouth U15’s Soccer team.

In the last week of Term 2, Aaron Martin (year 10) was nominated for the monthly (Canberra region) ACTEWAGL “play of the day” competition by the Belsouth Soccer Club Committee.

The nomination was successful and Aaron was “crowned” the ACTEWAGL “Play of the day” winner for the month of June.

Play of the day is open to all ACT and Region residents (adults and kids).

Aaron was nominated for:

“his voluntary involvement every Saturday as well as assisting Committee members with anything that needs doing. From assisting with training drills, selling merchandise, cleaning store rooms. It’s a credit to a teenager to volunteer his time without being asked. Aaron referees and plays for the club.”

See more info and photos at: http://www.capitalfootball.com.au

Aaron normally goes down to the Hawker playing fields between 8:30 and 9.00 every Saturday to volunteer, then he referees a couple of games, and plays his game, before arriving home after 5pm.

The committee recognised him last year for volunteering as well – with a medal at the awards ceremony.

Well done to both Nabil and Aaron. May your hard work and commitment bring you more opportunities in the future.

Daniel Mowbray
**On Friday 19th September**, Belconnen High students and staff will be participating in *Belconnen Day*. The aim of BHS Community Day is for us to celebrate as a school community and the SRC will be responsible for the organisation of the day.

The first hour we will focus on beautifying our school environment. Each Pastoral Care group has nominated to work on a project around the school and all hands will be on deck to complete as many projects as possible around the school.

Then all Pastoral Care Groups will help raise funds for the school by running stalls/activities at Break 1 or Break 2. Ideally the students plan, prepare, set up, run and clean up the stall/activity (with their friendly Pastoral Care leader guiding and assisting them.)

The SRC are also running “*Belconnen’s Got Talent*” where our talented students will perform for the whole school after they have made it through the auditions to be held at Break 1 week 6.

Finally in the afternoon, the SRC will run a trivia quiz challenge in Pastoral groups to see who really is the smartest and best at general knowledge.

Please have a conversation with your child about what their Pastoral Group is doing on the day and if your family could assist in any way, we would love to hear from you.

We may need support with things from Popcorn, Fairy Floss and Fun Tattoo machines; to chip containers, power cords and amplifiers.

Sue Smith
Pastoral Care
**Teenage Kids Need your HELP**

Come along to this terms Forum where Amanda McCarthy, a Senior Social Worker at Calvary Private Hospital, will be presenting and discussing

**Skills for Parents to help Teenagers build Self-Esteem, Coping skills and Resilience**

Amanda in the past has presented engaging and informative presentations that are based around a long experience dealing with teenage kids.

Come along and listen and discuss ways that may help your child through teenage years with a smile on their face and a lot less stress for you

**BHSPFG @ Rocksalt**

The PFG is organizing a social night for parents, friends and teachers at Rocksalt restaurant at Hawker Shops on Monday 15th September starting at 6.30pm.

Parents, teachers and friends enjoy a menu selected by Rocksalt’s owner Chris and his chef.

The night is an enjoyable, relaxing event, seats are limited, reserve your place now.

**RSVP by 10 September to Amanda Sheaves (BHSPFG Treasurer) by email: amandash@aapt.net.au or by phone: 6255 3124.**

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
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 upon us. If you have any items of second hand uniform please drop them in and we will put your name in the draw for a

$30 iTunes Card

Drawn at the end of Term 3

If you have dropped clothing to the front office please make sure you give your name so you can enter the draw.

Thank you to all the people who have already donated clothing

Come in and have a browse.

Contact Lorraine Myatt on 0407108621 for further enquiries.
4 August 2014

David McCarthy
Principal
Belconnen High
Murrarji Street
Hawker
ACT 2614

Dear Mr McCarthy,

RE: ACTION's New School Services Network

On Monday 1 September 2014 a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. This will include a new school services network.

Over the past 12 months ACTION has reviewed all school services and school service patronage. As a result changes to the school services network have been made to increase network efficiency and reinvest resources into the morning and afternoon peaks. Some school routes are unchanged and others have been redesigned or merged. Where patronage levels no longer support a dedicated school route this has been replaced by regular route services. Approximately 59% of school student boardings are already on regular route services.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks’ notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare.

Information about school bus services and regular routes which service schools is now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au and details of any changes affecting your school are listed below. A dedicated schools information hotline has also been established to handle enquiries.

ACTION would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.

Thank you in advance and should you have any queries please contact the dedicated schools information hotline on 6205 5033.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Roncon
Director, Public Transport
School Service Changes for Belconnen High
Please visit the ACTION website [www.action.act.gov.au](http://www.action.act.gov.au) or call the dedicated schools information hotline on **6205 5033** for full details of changes and new school service network routes, maps and start / finish times.

Please note: Although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, please check the start and finish times.

**BELCONNEN HIGH**

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2014 School Satisfaction Survey

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted from the 11th to the 29th August 2014. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won’t take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au) under publications.

Please contact the schools front office if you have not supplied us with your email address and would like to participate, or if you would like a paper copy to complete. If completing a paper copy please return it to the front office by the 29th of August.

Thank you to all parents and carers who complete the survey. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Kerrie Monck
Survey administrator.

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**Belconnen High Class of 1984**

**30 Year Reunion**

20 September 2014
Southern Cross Club, Jamison ACT.

For further details please
email: bhssclassof842014@gmail.com
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**HOLIDAYS** - Saturday 27th September 2014 to Sunday 12th October 2014

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