



Belconnen High school

Term 3 Week 10 School Newsletter



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the end of another busy term! For our year 10 students this is the beginning of their final term of high school, and a time to work on a strong finish to this chapter of their schooling. Our year 7 - 9 students are also in the final term before the next year level, with opportunities to think about the way they'd like to finish the year, and the start they want for the next one, and as we go in to term 4 I encourage all our students to think about what they'd like to achieve before the end of the year.

Rich learning can happen anywhere, and this fortnight we've had students learning both in and outside the classroom. We've had Y9/10 students on Snow Sports camp, Y10 students at the SheLeads Conference, we've had Oztag, Netball, and Track and Field teams head out to compete, and our year 7 students have just returned from Camp Wombaroo.

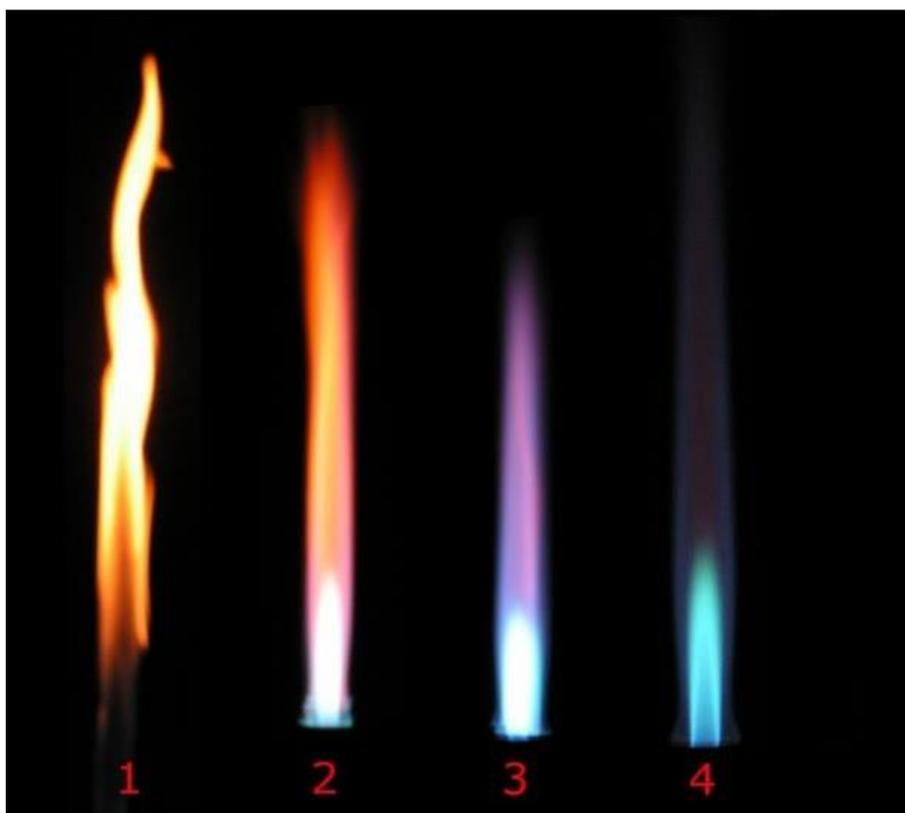
I was lucky enough to be on year 7 camp, in the crisp Southern Highlands sunshine, and I saw students challenge themselves over the three days. Students were presented with many activities during camp, and for some - like the giant swing, and the high ropes - they had to step right outside their comfort zone! I also saw students and teachers get to know one another outside the classroom, with students leading and encouraging one another, working as a team, and taking time to reflect on what they'd achieved. For some, just going to camp was a wonderful achievement! Congratulations to all involved - it was a real success.

So a big well done to all our students on working hard to finish the term well. Whether you've been at school, representing the school, challenging yourself, or learning about how to improve your place in the world, I'd like to congratulate you all on their work this term. And of course all of these experiences - both in the classroom and beyond - would not be possible without the incredibly hard work of our teachers and staff here. A massive thank you to all.

We hit the ground running next term, with parent teacher interviews in week 1. As teachers this is a wonderful opportunity to make contact with families and to discuss and set some goals for the term ahead, and I encourage you to make your bookings for these meetings.

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe break, and I'm already looking forward to seeing everyone at the start of term 4.

MATHS / SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS



How quickly the term has gone. In Maths and Science we have continued with our work, focusing on providing students with opportunities to develop their critical and creative thinking. It's been wonderful to see the work that each year group has produced and I would like to thank our students and teachers for their efforts this term.

We have some wonderful work samples to look at, please enjoy reading them, and have a good break.

Jakki Pyner

Year 7 students have been investigating balanced and unbalanced air resistance by designing and testing forces on a parachute. Each group was given different goals to work towards keeping in mind the overall aim was to minimise gravity by taking advantage of drag forces.



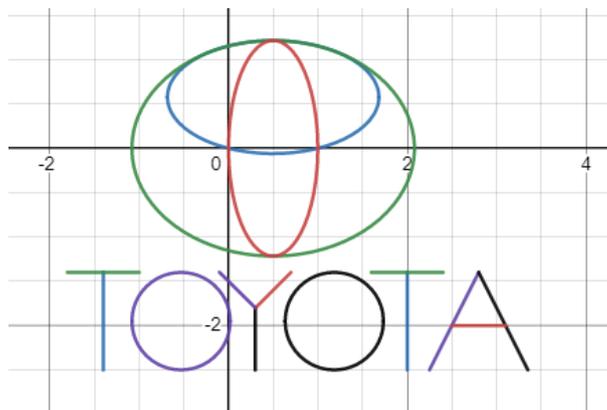
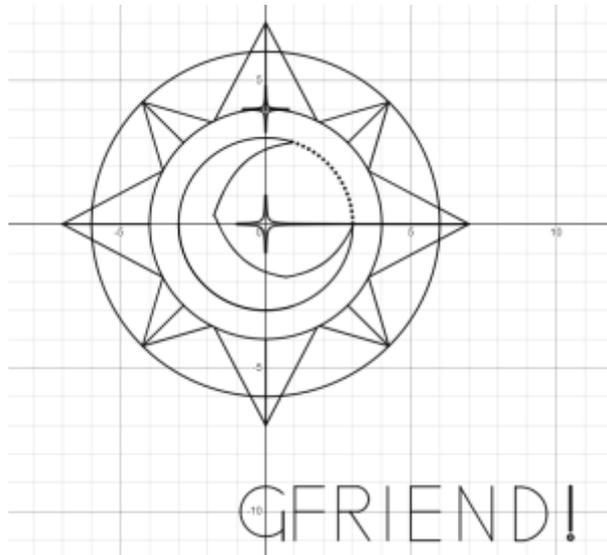
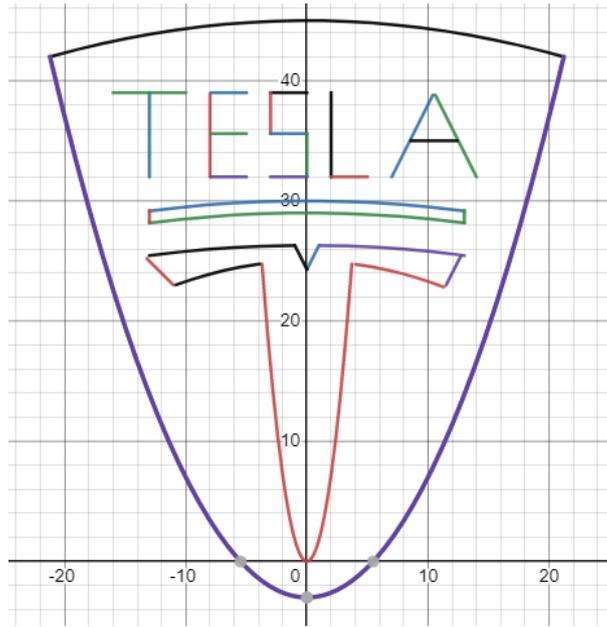


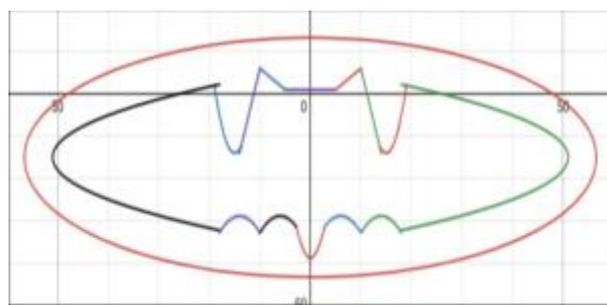
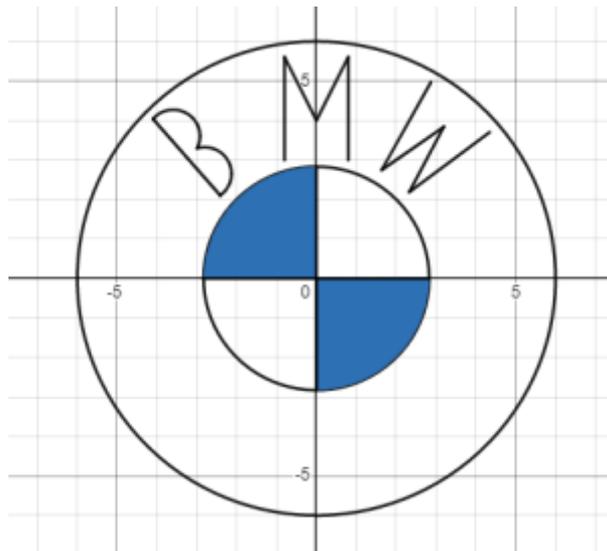
Mrs O'Neill and the science teachers facilitated a session on exploring the 'Museum to You' education kit. This session gave the students an opportunity to deepen their intercultural understanding by learning about the strong connection First Nations people have to the land and how they use it.



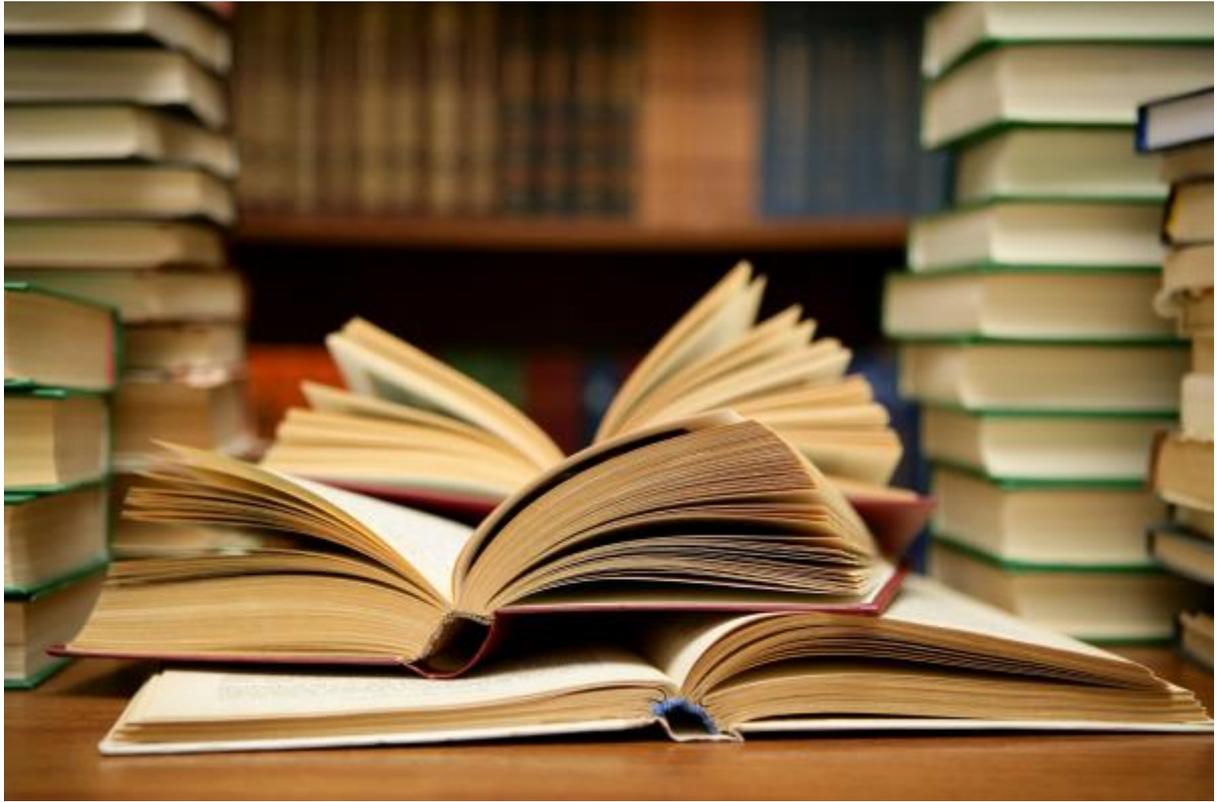


Ms Wang's Extension Maths elective class completed a non-linear relationships assignment on duplicating a logo of your choice. Students used the program demos to create formulas to recreate their logos.





ENGLISH & HUMMANITIES NEWS



CULTURAL INTEGRITY



Leah Brideson is joining us next term as our Cultural Integrity Coordinator (CIC). Leah is an Aboriginal woman born in Canberra, ACT. Leah's mob are Kamilaroi from her Grandmother's country in the Gunnedah region. Leah is a self-taught contemporary Aboriginal artist and began painting at a very young age. She has been painting in a professional capacity since 2013. Leah works as a Cultural Integrity Coordinator and Indigenous Education Officer with the ACT Education Directorate. She will be working and supporting the teachers to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cross curriculum perspectives into their planning

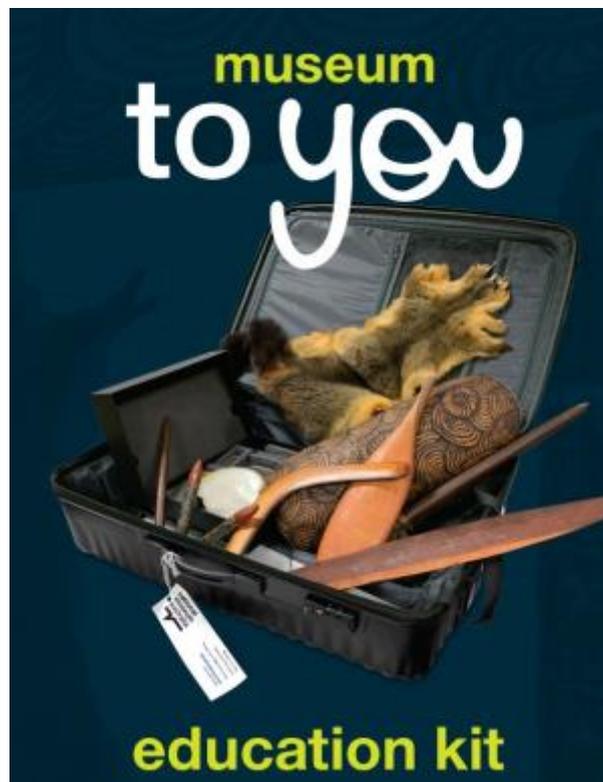
The Australian Curriculum sets consistent national standards to improve learning outcomes for all young Australians. ACARA acknowledges the gap in learning outcomes between Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander students and their non-Indigenous peers. It recognises the need for the Australian Curriculum to provide every opportunity possible to 'close the gap'.

Therefore, the Australian Curriculum is working towards addressing two distinct needs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education:

- that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are able to see themselves, their identities and their cultures reflected in the curriculum of each of the learning areas, can fully participate in the curriculum and can build their self-esteem
- that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority is designed for all students to engage in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures.

Leah has worked at a number of other schools in the Education Directorate and we welcome Leah and look forward to the depth of knowledge that she brings to Belconnen High School.



Over the last weeks we had two kits of *Museum to You* from the National Museum of Australia First Nation artefacts. This excellent educational kit contained a number of artefacts from First Nation peoples. There was a supporting Teacher's booklet and also information for teachers to use the objects into their curriculum. We used the kits in a variety of ways including;

- Professional Learning for 12 teachers across a number of learning areas
- All Year 7 Science classes have been learning about forces and tools, the *Museum to You* Education kit was a perfect way of discussing the First Nations tools and the ways of using them.
- Angela Van Dyk's Year 9 Hass class is doing an assignment of making a Museum artefact. The *Museum to You* artefact case was presented to the class to enhance their understanding.





Josh White is completing the Engoori training this week to join other members of staff who have completed the training.

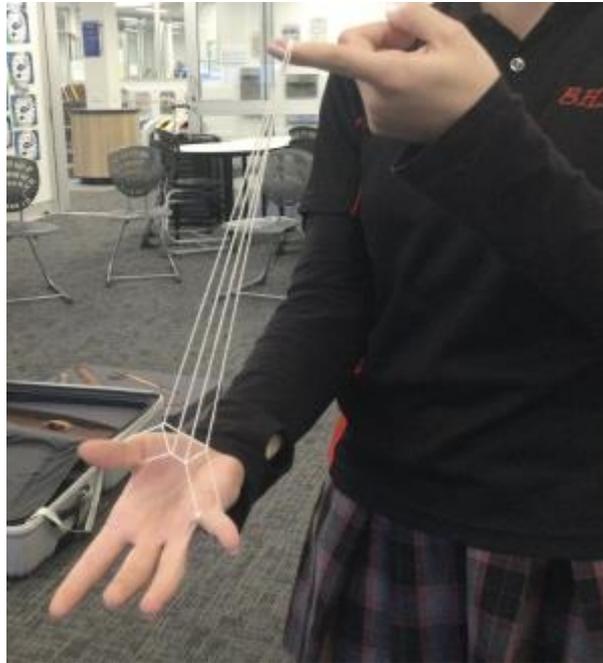
Engoori is a three-phase strength-based approach which acknowledges that when dealing with [Complex Challenges](#), having conversations with structure, purpose and process, is often the most powerful action one can take. The Engoori story belongs to 'Tjimpa' of the Mithaka people of South West Queensland and historically was used as a method of diplomacy between conflicting ideologies and groups. Traditionally, Engoori was used as a set of diplomatic protocols to create and maintain robust challenging cultures that embrace diversity to enable forward movement with the big issues.



Connecting to Country

Josh White returned in Week 7 from his sporting leave and is teaching the Connecting to Country classes. Anne O'Neill is still supporting the classes and will teach the classes again when Josh White represents Australia in the World Softball Tournament in November.

In the four Connecting to Country classes we played the 'Wool game' trying to understand the impact of colonisation. This leaves us with leftover string so we used orality and memory to recall the string games we learned as children and then student teach each other all whilst being in a yarnning circle.



The four Connecting to Country classes looked and learnt about the National Museum of Australia, *Museum to You* First Nations artefacts. The classes examined the objects including; coolamans, woomera, possum skins, shields, boomerangs and a number of other objects. The students discussed the purpose and different names of the tools in language depending on the First Nations Countries.



The four Connecting to Country classes will be going for a walk to the Pinnacle Reserve to be on Country and to place the importance of the knowledge they have learned. We observed the scar

trees, ring trees and artefact scatter sites. We emphasised “to observe and leave the land as you find it” to pay respect to the land through an Acknowledgement of Country.



We compared the 1835 Robert Hoddle ‘Ginninginderry Plains’ painting to the Brindabella ranges discussing the changes in uses of the landscape since colonisation. Possible reasons as to why the Pinnacle reserve was an excellent place to live with the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee rivers and Ginninderra creek.



Image 4: 'Ginninginderry Plains', c.1835, Robert Hoddle.¹⁰⁰



ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FACULTY NEWS



Food Technology News

Year 7 and 8 Belconnen High students recently showcased their cooking skills and talents in their 'Showstopper' assignment challenge. Students were assigned the task of creating, baking and decorating either a batch of muffins or a showstopper cake. The student had free choice on what they could make and present. Despite some challenges and some students learning that it is not a good idea to ice a warm cake, most students achieved some very pleasing results.







Art Around the World

Art Around the World students began the Term exploring cultural masks.

Students selected a culture of interest and adapted the meaning behind the mask into their own contemporary design.





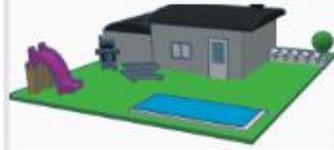






Students are currently working on creating websites and creating 3D models to use in creating video games next semester. They have been learning new industry standard software's and languages to prepare for College and work in the future.



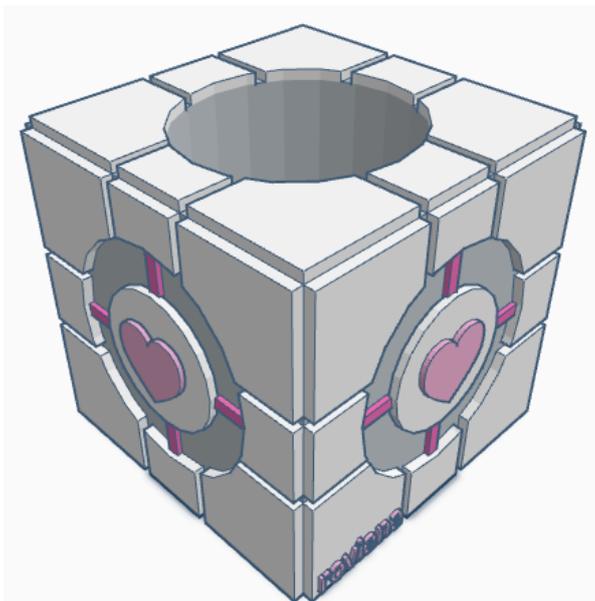
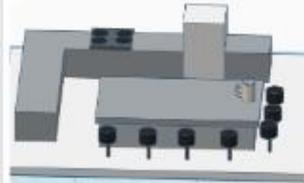


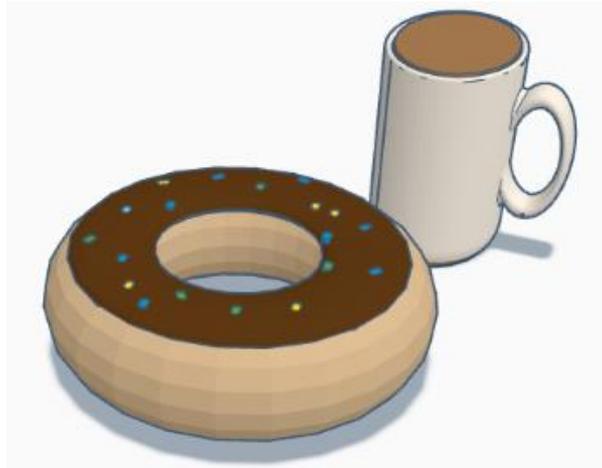
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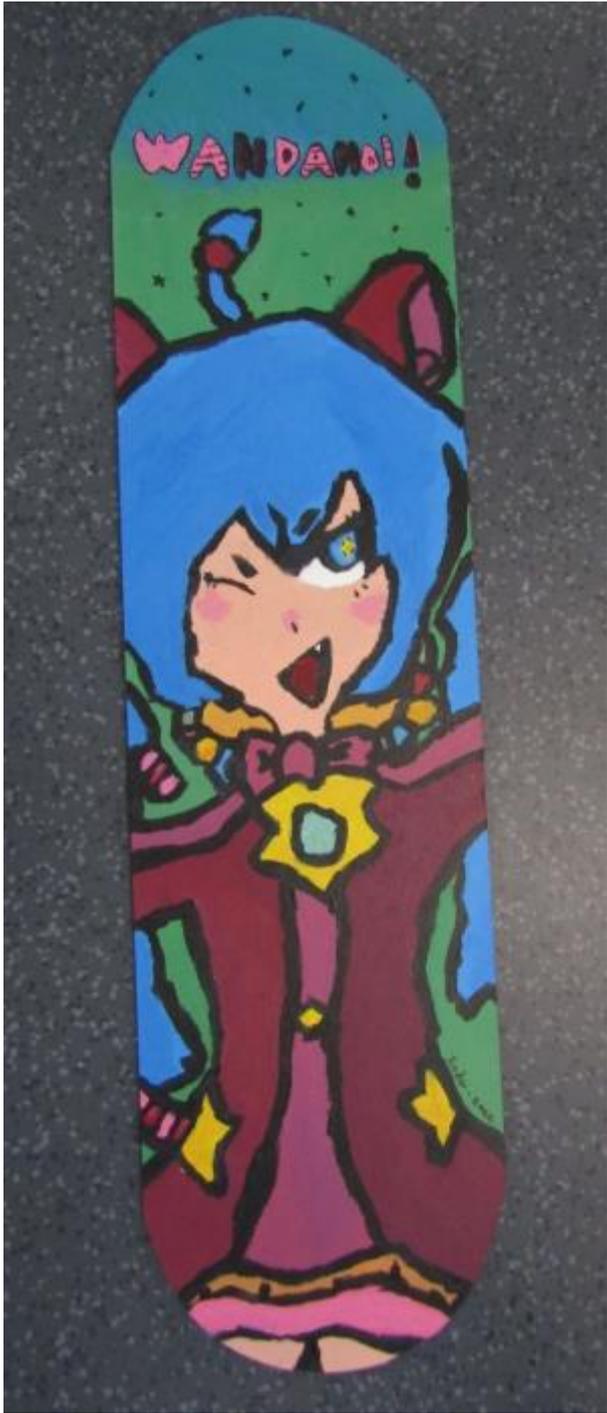
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- Nestled in the heart of the quiet suburbs
- Top-notch architecture
- First-rate residential facilities





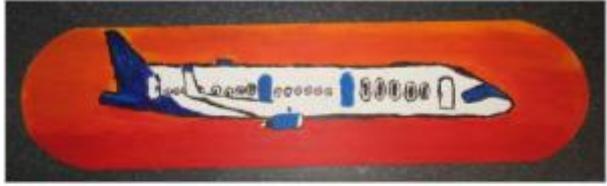
Year 7&8 2D Art students recently completed their major painting piece- *Design your own Sk8board*. They applied painting skills, techniques and terminology covered in class and should be proud of the work they achieved.













PRODUCTION NEWS



PE FACULTY NEWS



Term 3 - School Sport

School Sport is back up and running and it has been a very successful Term 3 for BHS. Congratulations to all the students selected in teams and the staff for coaching and preparing our students for the competitions.

National ALL School Cross Country

The BHS community would like to congratulate Kodi C (Yr 8) and Andy L (Yr 10) for competing in the National All School Cross Country in Adelaide. Kodi finished 8th and Andy finished 19th, this is an outstanding performance!

Well Done Boys.



Junior Boys & Girls Soccer - Week 4

The 7/8 boys endured an unfortunate day at the soccer carnival. We ended up finishing 3rd in our group and just missing out on finals after one win, one draw and one loss. The boys felt hard done by as all goals conceded came from penalties by the other team. They all played in good spirit and represented our school well.

MVP on the day goes to Nick B for scoring clutch goals when it mattered.

Senior Boys & Girls Soccer - Week 5

The 9/10 Girls Soccer team displayed valiant effort against some tough competition, finishing 4th on the day. They showed tremendous improvement and teamwork with each game they played and represented the school in a respectful manner. The MVP of the day goes to Charlee P who led the way with her leadership and exceptional talent that trickled down to the rest of the team. Coaches award goes to Sachi S who happily played any position she was put in and gave it all her effort.

In a fairy-tale run, our 9/10 boys soccer team won the Northsides boys carnival which meant they could represent our region at the ACT Championships. Our boys represented the school with good sportsmanship and hard work throughout every match. We made it all the way through to the ACT grand final, where we scored a late equaliser to send the game to penalty shootouts. Unfortunately, we just fell short, finishing second place overall. We could not be more proud of the effort displayed by our boys, taking our school all the way to the finals against some incredibly talented teams. Great job boys, you should be very proud of yourselves and the effort you put in throughout the tournament.



Boys Oz tag - Week 5

Mr Hamilton and Ms Chaplin had the pleasure of coaching the Junior and Senior Boys BHS Oz tag Teams. Both teams are to be commended on their commitment to several training sessions before the tournament.

The 9/10 Boys had a tough draw and an injury in the first game, this meant they had to play the rest of the tournament with only one sub. The boys did an exceptional job to come 4th overall on the day. Congratulations Hamish S for being awarded the MVP. Hamish was the energizer bunny covering in defence all over the field, supporting his team mates and entertaining the spectators with his fancy footwork and some impressive tries. Mr Hamilton's coach's award goes to Cooper Wilkinson for bringing his never give up attitude and supporting his team mates on and off the field.

Our 7 /8 Boys had a very impressive day, going through to the Semi Final undefeated. The boys played against St Francis, Canberra High, JPC, Lanyon and St Edmunds, winning all games in a convincing manner.

We played St Francis in the semi final and won 6-1, this game saw some impressive team tries and lots of celebrations. This put the team into the Grand Final against Daramalan. It was a close first 10mins going try for try but unfortunately the boys lost 6-2.

They finished 2nd across the ACT which is an outstanding achievement.

The MVP on the day goes to Toby Drummond - Templeton who led the way for his team and also helped out the 9/10 team by playing up a division for a few games. Ms Chaplin's coaches award goes to Harely B in Year 7. Harley had a consistent tournament and gave a 100% effort for his team mates in every game.

Congratulations to all the boys in the senior and junior teams for representing BHS to a high standard on and off the field.

Girls Netball - Week 6

Friday of week 6 saw our 7/8 girls netball team compete at the North Side Secondary Schools Netball Competition. In our round games we defeated UC Kaleen high School and Harrison School, but narrowly went down to Merici. This saw us finish second in our pool and go onto the semi-finals. In the semi-finals we came up against a strong SFX side who had won their pool. After a hard fought game, we won 18 - 15. This saw us through to the grand final where we came up against Merici. We had a nail-biting game full of ups, downs and controversy, making it worthy of a grand-final. Unfortunately, we went down by one point in the end.

After finishing second in the North Side Secondary School Netball Competition, we qualified to go through to the ACT Secondary Schools Girls Netball Competition. This competition was re-scheduled for Tuesday of week 10. Unfortunately, this clashed with the Yr 7 School Camp which left our team with only 4 players from our original team able to compete. After much hard work from Ms Chaplin, Ms Pyner and Miss Pajuczok we were able to select 5 new players to come away with us. In the round games we were defeated by a strong Merici side, we defeated a physical Stromlo side 21 - 14, and we defeated a delightful Lanyon side 20 - 9. This resulted in us finishing second in the round games and going through to the grand-final against Merici. Despite fighting hard Merici were too strong, and we were defeated, leading to us finishing in second overall. All students should be proud of their conduct and achievements throughout these two competitions.

Boys Netball

During week 8 our 7/8 and 9/10 boys netball teams went and competed in the ACT Secondary Boys Netball Competition. Both teams finished second in their pools. The 7/8 team having gone down to Harrison in the round games by 1, and the 9/10 tied for first with their result against Harrison in the round games pushing them into second. In the preliminary final the 7/8 team showed their netball skills and won against Burgmann. While the 9/10 team came up against a strong Erindale side which saw them eliminated. The 7/8 team came up against Harrison again in the grand-final. Despite fighting hard, they went down by 4, making them the runners up. Both teams should be proud of their achievements and congratulated on their results.

Mountain Biking Championships - Week 6

8 students from Belconnen High School participated in the ACT School Mountain Biking Champions at Stromlo Forest Park, one team of Year 7s in the junior category and a team of Year 9 and 10s in the senior category.



In this event, single riders take turns to complete a lap of the course in tag-team style. The team with the greatest number of laps after four hours wins. It was a big field in all categories with over 700 riders from over 60 schools from places such as Newcastle, Sydney, the South Coast, Illawarra, Wagga etc. Our teams did a commendable job with the juniors coming in 34th out of 55 teams and the seniors team coming in 14th out of 36 teams.

In the end it was a great experience for many of us, racing for the first time in an event like this, not to mention soaking up the sun and getting pretty muddy.

Girls Oz tag - Week 9

On Wednesday 14th September our 9/10 girls competed at the ACT Oz tag gala day. Mr Bradbury was optimistic about the day and had high hopes for our girls. A few lead up training sessions on the soaking wet ovals, with the girls more concerned about getting their new Nike shoes dirty than catching the footy (Lucie B) meant our prep was a little disrupted. On the day, spirits were high, the sun was beaming and the girls rallied together to finish 3rd in our pool, 1 point away from a semi-final appearance. Sophie I created a try-scoring strategy called "night club", Emma M was furious at the cost of sausage rolls at the food truck and Lara R only complained about being tired 10 times. All and all, huge success. With only 2 subs, and 5 games played, our girls went above and beyond for each other. Showing great sportsmanship on the day and representing BHS in a way they should be proud of.

MVP winners: Madison D & Sophie I Coaches award: Mary O' H

The 7/8 Girls put on a wonderful performance during the Oz tag Gala Day in week 9. Each round game Ms Chaplin set a new goal each round game and the girls delivered - the team and individual improvements were impressive throughout the day. The team played 5 round games and qualified for the Semi Final match against Canberra High, who they had lost 3-1 against in the round games. The Semi Final was an absolute cracker, the girls played their guts out and the team spirit was outstanding. At the final siren it was a draw (3-3), this meant a drop off extra time moment for BHS. Ms Chaplin had the tough decision of selecting 5 girls to take the field, after a magical kick and regather we made it through to the grand final, where we faced an impressive Daramalan team. Unfortunately, the girls were exhausted after the Semi and went down 4-1. Ms Chaplin was so proud of all the players for their hard work and wonderful sportsmanship during the

tournament.. The MVP was awarded to Leila B (Yr 8) for her leadership on and off the field. Ms Chaplin's coaches award goes to Chelsea K (Yr 7) for her never give up attitude, she played in several positions throughout the day and demonstrated some amazing Oz tag skills. Congratulations Girls for finishing 2nd in the ACT - Little Legends!



ACT Athletics - Week 7 & 9

BHS had eight phenomenal students qualify to compete at the ACT athletics championships at the AIS:

Sam B - (100m & Long Jump), Any C. L (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m), Kodi C (800m), Tobi D.T (101m, 200m & Long Jump), Kai H (Shot Put), Sophie I (100m & 200m), Chelsea K (High Jump) and Phoenix M (800m, 1500m & Triple Jump).

From this event, Tobi D.T, Kodi C and Andy C.L have qualified for the National Championships later this year. Congratulations boys and all the best of luck!

The highlight of the day was the sportsmanship on display. No matter the result or event, everyone congratulated one another for their efforts. It was my pleasure to manage the students on the day and I hope to see more students qualify for next year's event.

Mr White & Mr Bradbury Take on the USA!

In Week 7, Mr White and Mr Bradbury returned to Belconnen High School from their time away playing softball in the USA. They had a fantastic time and played against the best teams and players in the world. Players from places such as Mexico, Argentina, New Zealand and Canada were just a few of the countries involved.

They were also extremely fortunate to travel to tournaments in over 6 different cities and states across the USA, meeting new people and learning new things as they travelled.

This trip was in correlation with their selection in the Australian Men's' Softball Squad.

Since coming home, Mr White has been selected in the final 16 players to represent Australia at the World Cup in New Zealand in November.

Mr Bradbury is still training as part of the squad and may be selected in the instance of a withdrawal. Both Mr Bradbury and Mr White are eager to share stories and learnings from their experiences overseas with our students and BHS community.

9/10 Soccer

On Wednesday, the year 9/10 boys and girls competed in the Northsides soccer competition. The day was full of goals and good sportsmanship from both our teams, with many standout players making a name for themselves.

The girls managed to make the semi-finals, where they fell to the top-seeded team. There were many standout players, and the girls emphasised teamwork to score goals. Making semi-finals was a huge achievement and could have gone further if not for facing the top seed.

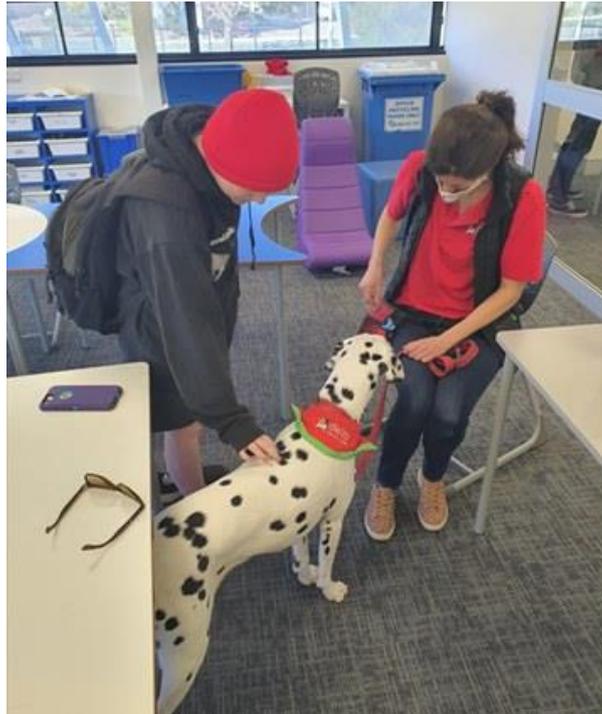
The boys faced injuries and soreness from a busy few weeks of school sports, but somehow managed to win the whole thing in a dramatic finish.

Lead by captain, Sam B. The boys came back from 1-0 down and a red card to one of our star defenders. Sam scored a late goal to tie the game at 1-1. This resulted in a penalty shootout, where the impressive Goalkeeper, Josh S stood up and made incredibly acrobatic saves. With this win, the boys faced their rivals from pool stages Darramalan. This was a tightly contested game, with Sam scoring the only goal from many chances for both sides. 1-0, Belconnen High School win the Northsides boys carnival and will be versing the top schools from Northsides and Southsides competition at the ACT championships next Thursday at Dickson oval. Good luck boys!



LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS





DELTA Therapy Dogs

Natalie and Beans in action in the Learning Support.

Ellie Robinson

Learning Support Garden

The Learning Support Garden is coming along as we begin to plant for spring! We hung the amazing sign last week that Hudson created in Woodwork, the arbour has gone up, as well as the hanging gardens. We have planted several spring fruit and vegetable plants including corn, chocolate mint, raspberries, passion fruit and lemons. We're keeping a close eye on the celery and lettuce, as they are almost ready to harvest!





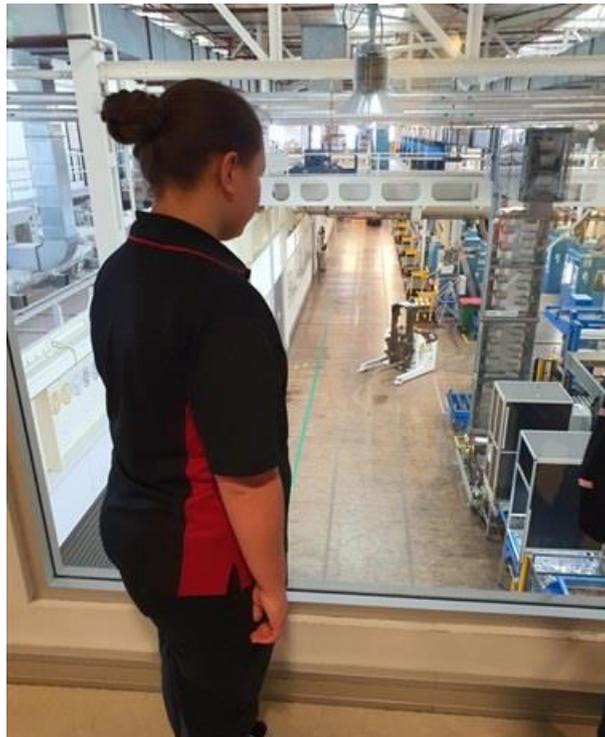


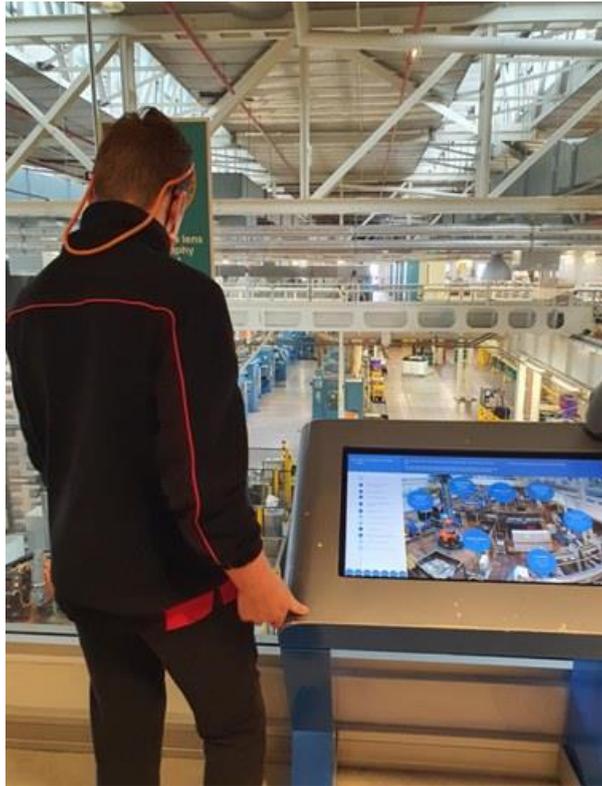


Michelle Turner and Ellie Robinson

Excursion to the Royal Australian Mint

The Life Skills class has been busy this semester, completing our So SAFE unit, working in the Learning Support Garden and learning all about Australian currency. On the 31st of August, the 7/8/9 Life Skills class embarked on an excursion to the Royal Australian Mint, they attended the tour and heard about the history of currency in our country. Students were also lucky enough to see Titan in action and create their own commemorative coin.





Merryn Brown and Ellie Robinson

Literacy 9-10

This semester the year 9-10 Literacy-SOSE students have been making their own modern history books!

They have been conducting research on the causes and events of WWI and II, several main battles and presentations on heroes and heroines of the time. Most recently we have investigated the Russian Revolution of 1917. Next term we will visit the War Memorial and continue our studies with investigations into WWII.

Below are sample pages of the books which will be printed and bound at the end of the year. We are all very excited about our books and they can be viewed in the classroom in 102 as we progress!

Well done 9-10 Literacy-SOSE!



What country and Age?

- He was born in 1900 in East Ham London
- He left school at age of 14 years old
- He gave up his job as a delivery boy and enlisted into the Royal Navy without his father's permission.
- He volunteered for Royal Defence Corps under Lord Kichener
- He was in the battle of Jutland

Injured/Killed/Survived?

- He was severely wounded but he remained at his post until he was rescued with shards of steel penetrating his chest.
- He later died at the hospital on June 2 1916
- He died before his mother arrive at the hospital



What happened after the war?

- Three months later, captain Robert Lawson of Chester described the events to the British Admiralty. Though at first reluctant, the Admiralty eventually decided to recommend Cornwell for a posthumous [Victoria Cross](#) and King [George V](#) endorsed it.

By Lachlan T Year 10

About Edith Cavell

By Lawson



Hi Very Kind Edith Cavell!

Link to Wikipedia of Edith Cavell:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Cavell



Hello Lovely Class!

Where she grew up

Edith Cavell was born in the village of **Norfolk, England**

Swardeston in

Her parents were Louisa Sophia and Reverend Frederick Cavell, the vicar of a local church.

She had three younger siblings: two sisters, called Lillian and Florence, and a brother, called John.

Interesting!



Details about her

- Name: Edith Cavell
- Country: United Kingdom
- Age: 49 years/Age at death(I think)
- Injured/Killed/Survived: Place of death at Tir national



By Lawson T Year 9

The tsar declared war on Russia, and he formed an immense army and forced men and working class to join. The people on the eastern front had no shoes, food or even weapons. Then the people hated him for sending them to war and killing 2 million and the 5 million who were wounded.

The Russian revolution started in 1917 the 8th of march to be exact. They protested against the tsar and led by Mr Vladimir Lenin and a group of revolutionaries called the Bolsheviks or большевики in Russian. They created government the Soviet Union



By Josh N Year 10

A large part of the cause of the Russian Revolution occurred on the 22nd of January 1905. Lots of the working-class walked straight up to the Tsar's palace to give him their petition for better workplaces. They were shot and killed or injured by soldiers. That day is known as Bloody Sunday.

Before Bloody Sunday, the majority of the population borderline worshiped the Tsar and believed that he was on their side. Their troubles were blamed on the government. The Tsar was unofficially declared an enemy of the peasantry and the revolution began to accumulate power.

Lachlan M Year 9

Catherine Walker

Equine Therapy

Equine Therapy has continued into the second half of this term with students focusing on communication, trust, and persistence while working with each other, the LSA's, teachers and their horses.





Ellie Robinson and Sarah Cotton

Integrated 7/8/9

Students have been busy in integrated this term developing their knowledge of lab safety, learning how to operate a Bunsen Burner, and have recently started experimenting with states of matter in particular Solids, Liquids and Gases. A highlight of the class so far has been witnessing students successfully earning their Bunsen Burner Licences. Students currently have a longitudinal experiment going where they are observing changes in matter. The experiment started with some ice cubes, and we are now slowly witnessing condensation and evaporation occurring. Students have made hypotheses as to how long it will take for the liquid from the melted ice cubes to evaporate from the bags.

Students will continue experimenting with states of matter and recording their findings throughout the remainder of the semester.



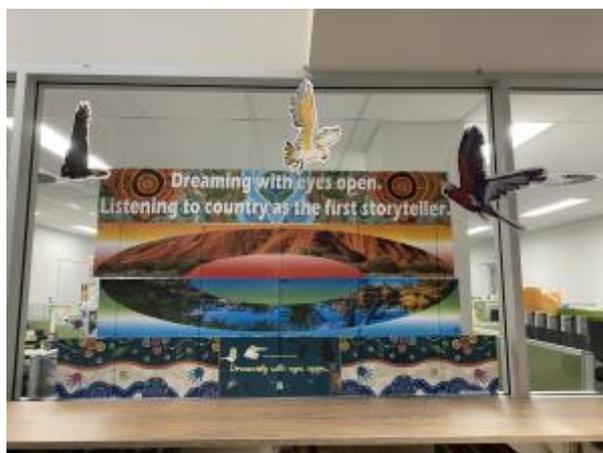


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BELCONNEN LEARNING COMMONS NEWS



Book Week 2022



Students enjoyed a number of activities for Book Week this year, including a daily book quiz, with a top result achieved by Mr. Grzywacz's pastoral care group. Break time activities included zine making, a book swap, come and try Book Club sessions, black out poetry as well as a short story competition based on this year's theme 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'.



Our talented short story competition winners -

Caelan C

Freya BP

Aban M

Aimee E



1 - Emily and Sidney completing a black out poetry activity at break.



2 - Zine making as part of 'Wear it Purple Day' on August 26th

Visiting Authors

Tracey Hawkins



Tracey visited our Children's Book Council of Australia Shadow Judging group to support creative responses to their reading of this year's shortlist. Tracey spoke about the CBCA judging process and the selection criteria, as well as generously sharing insights from her own life as a writer. Students enjoyed hearing about all of the paths that led her to writing, as well as hearing practical advice about character development and narrative arcs and the importance of writing about what they knew about.



Emma Batchelor



Emma Batchelor spoke to students in her role as an ambassador for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. Emma spoke about developing our own writing practice and gave practical advice about the importance of regular journaling, reading both critically and for pleasure, listening, observing, self-reflection and repetition. Emma covered the topics of memory and truth and writing, as well as courage and vulnerability. Emma’s presentation inspired students to write simply as an expression of them being unique and themselves. We look forward to welcoming her back in Term 4 when she will host a writing workshop for any interested students..

Student Reflections

“After meeting Tracey Hawkins and Emma Batchelor I think a genuine relationship was built, engaging in a shared passion of writing and reading. I was very grateful for this visit as it enabled me to gain more knowledge in writing and identifying different perspectives and tips on how to write a good book. This author visit also helped to gain a little bit of knowledge behind both authors and their journeys to get to where they are now.”

Shubnoor K, Year 10

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS



PCYC

Three groups of students participated in the PCYC programs on Wednesday this term and were fortunate enough to engage in lots of thought provoking discussion, connect with others, develop resilience, think about choices made, make new friends and participate in an excursion to PCYC Gym at Erindale.

A huge thanks to Chris from PCYC for making the program so successful for our young people.

Here are a few snaps from the excursions





PBL Draw winners for Week 5 & 6:

Year 7

- Caelan A
- Mia A
- Isaac C

Year 8

- Ted S.W
- Ruby M
- Prisha M

Year 9

- Ta Kaw Paw
- Elka L

Year 10

- Lachlan T
- Myah B

- Grace H

PBL tallies – up to end of Week 9

Year 7 394

Year 8 346

Year 9 192

Year 10 283

PBL

Our PBL focus for Week 7 and 8 this term was: “Being respectful with our language”

Our Week 9 and 10 focus was: “Being respectful of our equipment and environment”

Thanks to all our students who displayed these positive behaviours for learning, your teachers and friends really appreciate it!

Winner Winner – Pizza dinner!!

I am proud to announce Year 7 are the winners of a Dominoes Pizza lunch for the most PBL cards returned to student Services up to the end of Week 9.

The Domino’s Pizza lunch will be held in Week 1 of Term 4 on Tuesday 11 October in Break 2 at the front of the school.

The following dietary requirements will be catered for (Gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian, nut free)

Each Year 7 student will receive up to 2 pieces of Pizza

More announcements to come through the daily announcements

There will be another draw toward the end of term 4 - you need to get your cards in, to have a chance of being the winner!

Our PBL focus for Term 4 Week 1 and 2 will be Mobile Phones and Screen Time (Take 2)

FINANCE NEWS REGARDING CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS:



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Due to unprecedented times with Covid 19, Belconnen High School will only be accepting contactless payments until further notice. We welcome your payments via QuickWeb which can be located on the Payments tab on our [Webpage](#).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this process for future payments.

IMPORTANT - FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS:



It is important that the school maintains an accurate and up to date record of family/carer email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers for all student. Please let us know if there are changes to your contact details by sending an email to info.BLCH@ed.act.edu.au or phone the front office on 6142 1690. We are always grateful to receive this information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING:



STUDENT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

Schools collect information about injuries and incidents, which occur at school or on school organised activities, on behalf of the Education and Training Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report together with any accompanying witness statements or the Notification of a Critical Incident.

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

Ambulance transport for students at school This information is from the ACT Department of Education policy on Student accidents/incidents:

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during approved school activities within the ACT. Free ambulance cover does not apply to students who attend Jervis Bay School.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



We have been trialling new opening hours and will continue with these into the future.

Thursday mornings from 845-945am.

Looking forward to seeing the results of the recent uniform review survey. There is certainly a different vibe at the school with the variety of options currently being worn. If you know someone starting at Belconnen High next year please give them the shop email address and encourage them to get in touch with us.

uniform.shop.bhs@gmail.com

Thankyou to the folks who have donated pre-loved uniforms to the shop this term. We look forward to the end of Term 4 when Yr10 can celebrate the end of high school by giving us their uniforms!!!

Enjoy the holidays

P&C NEWS



Did you know that Canberra Southern Cross Club will donate 7.5% of what you spend on dinner and drinks back to the Belconnen High School P&C, through their Community Rewards Program?

All you have to do is link your membership card, and your friends' cards, to the BHS P&C. It is that simple. This is money that we, the school community, can invest in our school and students!

Clubs at Jamison, Woden, Tuggeranong and the Yacht Club are all included. Link your membership here <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q1mqirhc0h426gp/>

Who needs a better reason for eating out? Thanks Canberra Southern Cross Club, for your support of our school community.

CANTEEN NEWS



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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END OF YEAR AWARDS
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Dr Steve Papas
BDS, MEd, Ortho, NZ, MEd, EdD, Ortho, NZ

ORTHODONTISTS
SuperSmile SuperDentist

Award 1 - Leadership Awards
\$400 awarded to the top 2 students in Yr 7 and Yr 8.
The student awarded the SuperSmile Orthodontic Leadership Awards are recognised for their outstanding ability to:

- Take on a challenge
- Prepared to take the lead
- Perform as part of a team
- Self-motivated
- Resilient
- And, engaged in school life and the broader community.

Award 2 - Academic Awards
\$400 awarded to the top 2 students in Yr 7 and Yr 8.
The student awarded the SuperSmile Orthodontic Academic Awards are recognised for their demonstrated excellent academic potential:

- Intellectually curious
- Effective communicator
- Principled
- Inclusive
- Reflective

SuperSmile Orthodontics was created in Canberra in 2010 and has always had an exceptional team of specialist orthodontists within the practice.

Dr Ray Teino along with Dr Steve Papas bring extensive experience in orthodontic treatment for both adults and children of all ages.

The SuperSmile team are passionate about orthodontics. We treat each and every person we treat to get the perfect result and ideal outcome.

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