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Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

Principal News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week we celebrated the achievements of Justin Clarke, who graduated from BCDS in 2011, and has since won a Rhodes Scholarship. In amongst all the well-deserved fanfare for Justin, we also received some wonderful news about Zara Whellum. Zara graduated from BCDS at the end of 2019 and has just been awarded the prestigious St Ann's College scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to one student, primarily on academic results. Zara is in her second year at St Ann's College. Zara originally studied a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences, but through hard work and determination, converted to a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide this year. We are delighted to hear and share this news. Zara also exemplifies what excellence (linked to our school motto) looks like. We would be delighted to hear any more news such as this, so we can track and acknowledge the post-school achievements of some of our alumni.

Two weeks ago I wrote *"As staff, we are acutely aware of the distractions caused by mobile phones. While leniency was granted during a period of time while our internet provision was dubious and unreliable, this no longer remains a valid argument. The school is undergoing remediation and already our internet provisions are vastly improved. I look forward to bringing this all together throughout the remainder of term 2 to achieve a best-practice standard for our school"*.

Yesterday, a significant number of our secondary students had their laptops connected to the school's wifi, because we are confident that it will carry the anticipated increased demands put upon it. This means that all students intending to bring laptops to school for educational purposes will also be privileged with that connection, including a direct link to a printer. **Hence there will no longer be any need to hotspot laptops to phones.**

As described in our current policy (currently under review), all mobile phones and Personal Digital Devices are to be **OFF and placed on a student's desk in plain sight**. Students must seek teacher permission to use mobile phones or Personal Digital Devices for a specific educational purpose during lessons. e.g. to take photos of own work or lesson notes.

The following dot points summarise the findings from the link provided:

<https://news.utexas.edu/2017/06/26/the-mere-presence-of-your-smartphone-reduces-brain-power>

Key points:

- The mere presence of one's own smartphone reduces available cognitive capacity thereby leaving fewer resources available for other tasks and undercutting cognitive performance;
- These cognitive costs are highest for those highest in smartphone dependence;
- Participants with their phones in another room significantly outperformed those with their phones on the desk, and they also slightly outperformed those participants who had kept their phones in a pocket or bag;
- It didn't matter whether a person's smartphone was turned on or off, or whether it was lying face up or face down on a desk - having a smartphone within sight or within easy reach reduces a person's ability to focus and perform tasks because part of their brain is actively working to not pick up or use the phone.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2021

[Sapsasa Cross Country](#)
Thursday 10th June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Monday 14th June

STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 15th June

[Red Cross Presentation](#)
Thursday 17th June

[End of Semester 1](#)
Friday 18th June

[Governing Council
Meeting 7pm](#)
Monday 21st June

[Mock Crash Info session
Years 10–12](#)
Monday 21st June

[SACE Information Evening](#)
Monday 28th June

[Flinders Uni visit](#)
Tuesday 29th June

[Parent Cyber Safety
Presentation 6:30pm](#)
Wednesday 30th June

[End of Term 2](#)
Friday 2nd July



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Our school recognises that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours.

Any communications to or from parents during the day, therefore, needs to be done through the school's phone system. We anticipate a possible increase in phone calls through the office, but the obvious benefit of mobile-phone-free classrooms will be the decrease in distractions, and the improved focus on learning outcomes. In some cases, parents/carers have had conversations that have led to students leaving school early, without prior consent or arrangement with staff. It's time to review our current practices, be guided by our policy, trust that the decisions around policy reform are all for the right reasons, and that optimal student learning outcomes and student well-being will always be our core agenda.

Regards to you all,
Peter

Kindy News

We wanted to share with you our recent visit to the Mount View Homes where the Kindy children sang their favourite songs to the residents and acted out the "Gingerbread Man" story. The residents are a very supportive audience and to see the delight on their faces was heartwarming. We were so proud of the children.

This week the children for "Show and share" have shown and talked about things that join and connect together. The children are very interested in what each child brings and at this stage we have heard children talk and show a jig saw puzzle, lego, a train track and magformers. There is lots of curiosity displayed by the children during these sessions and opportunities to ask questions.

Lastly, when Karen opened up the worm farm the children were able to hold a worm in their hands. There was laughter as the children commented "It's tickling me" and the children noticed the colour, size and the way the worms moved. During the day we had many wondering about worms.

The Kindy Team



A few photos from Justin Clarke Rhodes Scholar Presentation



School News

Year 7/8 Design Tech

In Semester 1, the Year 7/8 students have all had the opportunity to learn in the Design Technology workshop. Firstly, the students learned how to safely use the tools and machinery in the workshop and then set about creating some timber projects. The students had two projects to complete. The first was a sliding lid box joined by finger joints and acrylic for the lid. Some students used the pyro burners to add patterns and designs to the side of their boxes. The second task was to create a puzzle for a junior school student. This involved using lap joints to create a frame for the puzzle and then using their creativity to create a puzzle image to be the feature.

Leigh Wade, Design and Technology Teacher



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TUESDAY
AT BCDS**

**\$3 FOR 1 | 22ND OF
\$5 FOR 2 | JUNE**

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SHELLS AVAILABLE**

Wellbeing News

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Wednesday 30th June and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated online child sexual exploitation material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

Please note that the presentation for parents, carers and educators is not suitable for children due to the nature of the topics discussed.

The presentation will run for approximately 60 minutes, with question time to follow. Light refreshments will available after the presentation. **If you would like to attend please RSVP by contacting the school on 86672124.**

Chloe Clarke – Wellbeing

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

Community News



Uni Hub
Spencer Gulf

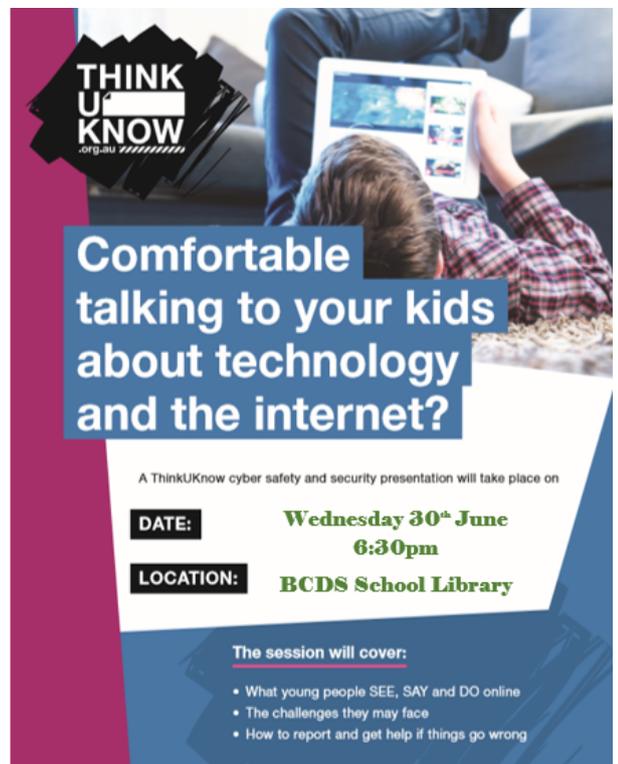
OPEN DAY
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Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE: Wednesday 30th June 6:30pm

LOCATION: BCDS School Library

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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