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Newsletter Term 4 Week 7

DATES FOR THE DIARY **30TH NOVEMBER 2023**

[Year 6/7 transition days](#)
Thursday 30th November
Friday 1st December

[Year 11 First Aid Course](#)
Friday 1st December

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Monday 11th December

[Primary Water Slide/Sausage
Sizzle](#)
Tuesday 12th December

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Wednesday 13th December

[Wonka Movie](#)
Thursday 14th December

[Super 8s Cricket at GHS](#)
Thursday 14th December

Last Day Early Dismissal
2:15pm
Friday 15th December

Principal's News

Welcome to all Families

A warm and heartfelt welcome to all those who have embarked on their respective transition programs at BCDS. It has been a pleasure to meet you and extend a warm welcome to our wonderful school community. We are excited about the positive partnership that we hope to form with you as we embark on the next phase of your child's educational journey.

In the upcoming weeks, there will be many new aspects of BCDS for you to familiarize yourselves with. One crucial element, especially for our secondary families, is Sentral. This platform serves as our primary means of communication with you and allows for direct interaction with your child's teachers. If you encounter any challenges with the app, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance.

For our primary students and families, Seesaw is an additional tool at your disposal. This app facilitates direct communication with class teachers, provides access to classroom newsletters, and allows you to schedule appointments with your child's teacher.

Should you find yourself unsure about anything or in need of clarification regarding an event or issue, please feel free to contact the school. We are here to support you.

As you explore our school, you may have noticed the looped road behind the school designated for our school buses. This area is reserved exclusively for buses, ensuring a safe drop-off and pick-up for our students. To prioritize the safety of our students, we kindly request that no cars enter this designated bus area. Your cooperation is crucial in maintaining a secure environment as students move to and from our school buses.

Once again, welcome to BCDS. We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community and look forward to a successful and enriching journey together.

Staffing 2024

I am delighted to share with you the class teachers and classes for the Primary Years in 2024. While we are diligently working on finalizing our Secondary staffing, I aim to make a formal announcement soon, complete with farewells and welcomes to all staff members in our upcoming newsletter.

The Primary model for 2024 will remain consistent with the current structure, featuring a Reception/Year 1 class, a Year 2/3 class, and a Year 4/5/6 class.

Allow me to introduce the dedicated teachers for 2024:

Reception/Year 1 class: Abby Sunners

Year 2/3 Class: Jane Crawford and Marika Keller

Year 4/5/6 Class: Maddie Mills, who will be temporarily filling in for Emma Bennett, who is taking leave for 2024.

I will be providing a full announcement of all staff, including School Services Officers (SSOs) who will be beginning in Term 1, 2024, in our next newsletter.



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Principal's News (cont)

Year 12 Dinner

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 dinner last Friday. Witnessing these students transition into young adults is truly gratifying. Chatting with many of them, it was a great pleasure to have them share their plans beyond BCDS, and it's heartening to see the enthusiasm and positive energy they carry with them as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

We extend our best wishes to each Year 12 student on their chosen pathways. We eagerly anticipate hearing about their successes as they build the foundations for their futures. To the Year 12s, all the very best.

Growth Mind Set

Walt Disney has left an enduring impact on the lives of each and every one of us through his films, theme parks, and the world of games and toys he brought to life. He was a visionary who embraced challenges, never allowing obstacles to impede his journey. Disney firmly believed that the impossible was attainable, considering risks as an integral part of the learning process. His unwavering commitment to his dreams included a willingness to learn from others.

In the words of Walt Disney, "It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

This statement serves as a reminder that venturing into the realm of the impossible, taking risks, and overcoming challenges can be an enjoyable and fulfilling endeavour.

Disney's legacy encourages us to find joy in the pursuit of the impossible, to take chances, and to seek creative solutions to the challenges that may arise. The learning journey, as exemplified by Disney's life, involves embracing risks, problem-solving, and refusing to be deterred by temporary setbacks. For it is through these experiences that we grow, learn, and progress to new levels in our own journeys.

Thank you

Tas Ktenidis

Kindy News

We had a beautiful visit to the Mount View Homes last Thursday. The children performed our 'work in progress' concert item to a very supportive audience and did a drawing alongside the residents.

Conversations at Kindy have centred around what has been happening on the farms, the thunderstorms we have experienced lately and Christmas which is fast approaching.

We have children transitioning to Kindy and children transitioning to school. These transition visits are important to support children and families in the next stage and help to make a smooth start to Kindy or school in 2024.

For Show and Share our theme is something that starts with the letter of your name. Our chickens are growing and enjoy some time on the lawn.

Quote: *'Each child is the subject of rights, first and foremost possessing the right to be respected and valued in his or her own identity, uniqueness, difference and in his or her own rhythms of growth and development.'* Carla Rinaldi

The Kindy Team



School News

Much information comes into the school around careers, VET, universities, TAFE, scholarships etc. All relevant information is passed onto students through Microsoft Teams either through their Home Group or PLP class. Please encourage your children to check out the information regularly so they can keep up with the many options and experiences available to them. Anyone with any questions can contact me at school anytime.

Year 12s – The 12s celebrated their achievements and the end of their school years with family and staff at The North Star last Friday night. It was a great celebration and we look forward to acknowledging them one last time at Presentation Night on Monday 11th of December. Results will be released at 8:30am on Monday 18th of December.

Year 11s – All year 11s who have received a C grade in their compulsory subjects will finish school at the end of Week 7. Any students who have not met the compulsory requirements will return to school in week 8.

VET and Ag – In 2024/2025 we will continue to be the host school for RST (Regional Skills Training). This means that any RST Certificate 3 in Agriculture or Rural Operations students – including those from our school - will be able to complete a number of short courses such as Chemical Accreditation, Heights and Confined Spaces etc here on site. Our final course for this year is a 2-day Feed Management course. A huge thanks and shout out to **LACHIE MCCALLUM** who has provided the sheep and the venue for this course. We greatly appreciate his support and the support of our local farming community throughout the year.

CAS Hawker Scholarship – This is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to **\$60,000** over three years. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university studies. Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen. Visit the website for more information. www.hawkersscholarship.org

Gayle Bury

Senior School Coordinator

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Primary Concert Dress Rehearsal

The whole primary will be having a dress rehearsal on **Monday 4th December** in the lead up to Primary Presentation Evening. Students can come to school dressed in their costume. Please ensure they bring their school clothes and suitable shoes to get changed into afterwards.

Primary Presentation Evening is **Wednesday 6th December, Week 8 at 6.30pm**. Students will need to go to their classroom at 6.10pm so they can walk over to the gym as a group. Doors to the gym will open to families at 6.20pm. Programs for the evening will be distributed at the door. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

SAPSASA – Term 4

Cricket

In Week 4 Oscar, Jack and Ty represented BCDS in the North Eastern Cricket side, coached by Paul Arthur. Their team made it to the grand final undefeated, bringing home Silver after a very close match to end the week. A fantastic achievement for the boys and their team, Congratulations!

Tennis

The final SAPSASA event for this year concluded with tennis in Week 6. Finn, Henry and Stella represented BCDS with pride, competing against 5 other regions. They enjoyed interacting with and getting to know other students, along with the bonding activities afterwards. Congratulations and well done.

Finn was team manager (unable to make final trials earlier in the year), until another student couldn't play in the carnival so Finn stepped up to challenge to play a number of games. An excellent achievement Finn, considering the hurdles you've just overcome.

Emma Bennett

Sapsasa Contact





PRIMARY WATER SLIDE DAY!

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, WEEK 9

**WATER SLIDES ON THE
PRIMARY LAWN AREA
FROM 11AM.**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND
FRUIT BOX FOR LUNCH.**



Plus a visit from Father Christmas.

\$5 for sausage, bread and fruit box



Year 7 Class Spotlight

The Year 7 class have been working hard in all subject areas to improve their knowledge and skills. Here is a snapshot of their learning. Fantastic work Year 7s.

Mathematics

Students have been working extremely hard filling in learning gaps, reinforcing existing knowledge, and progressing in new learning areas in the Year 7 mathematics curriculum through the Maths Pathway program. We have also been applying problem-solving techniques and strategy through Rich Learning tasks, engaging students in various activities with an underlying mathematical concept that may not be evident initially. Students have been inspired through lesson Energisers providing mystery and intrigue through mathematical magic, unique numbers, and riddles requiring deeper thinking to find a solution, which may not always exist. Teacher-student check-ins occur frequently assessing students' learning progression and identifying any areas that require additional support, also reminding students that getting things wrong is not a bad thing, but rather an opportunity to improve understanding and develop a deeper knowledge of the learning area.

History

In Year 7 History students are preparing to go on an adventure in their time machines they designed earlier in the year. They will be travelling back to Ancient Rome and a few other ancient places of their choice. Destinations include the Great Wall of China, The Acropolis in Greece, Fortresses of Sesostri I in Egypt and the Indus Valley in India. Students will be completing a diary of their travels whilst giving details of events, places, and people of historical significance.

Art

In Art, the Year 7's have been working on a narrative of their choice, using (The Writing Revolution) TWR structure. This week we will begin to turn these narratives into artworks. The objective of this task is to explore the concept of storytelling through written language and visual representation. The Year 7's are learning how to make connections between written and visual representations.

PE

The Year 7/8 PE class has been playing Flag Football and Ultimate Frisbee. Their skill level and understanding of tactics improved significantly. They are learning about the importance of fitness components for sports and everyday physical activity.

Home Economics

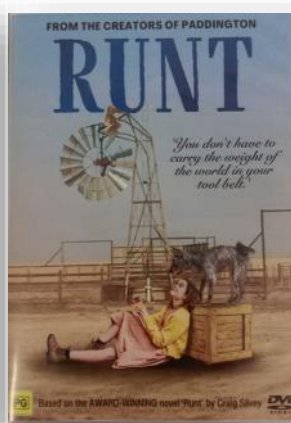
Students have been continuing to develop their skills and confidence in practical lessons, including following recipes accurately, measuring/weighing ingredients, safe knife skills, washing dishes as well as general hygiene and food safety. Recipes prepared recently include butter chicken, devilled sausages, toasty toasties, risotto, banana cake, fettuccine carbonara, and pizza.

English

In English, the Year 7 class has been involved in a range of reading and writing activities about the class novel Runt, by Craig Silvey. Students have designed DVD covers, both front and back, for the upcoming Runt movie. The Year 7 class rewrote some of a chapter from Runt, changing the build-up, problem, resolution, and ending. These were very creative and unique in their problems. Students used a variety of The Writing Revolution strategies relating to the novel, such as scrambled sentences, sentence expansion, sentence summary, and multiple paragraph organisers.

Pathways

During Pathways lessons, students have been exploring the topic of Dementia and developing their understanding and empathy for those living with Dementia. We have been lucky enough to have Mr Ian Darling and Ms Nicolle Carey join some of these lessons to link their experiences of working with people with Dementia. The class appreciated their experience and knowledge. The Year 7 students have shown maturity and asked some excellent questions. Also in Pathways, the Year 7 class have developed their citizenship skills by designing and carrying out an activity to share with the Year 2/3 class. Activities included biscuit making, pom-pom chicks, book reading, four square, twister, Uno, Trolls memory, crowns, pop stick cars and more. The Year 7s demonstrated excellent leadership skills during these activities.



Year 7 – 12 HPE Report

Recent Events:

Year 9/10 Mid North Volleyball Competition

In Week 5 we had 3 mixed teams travel to Port Pirie to compete in the first annual Mid North Year 9/10 Volleyball Competition. Unfortunately, due to some clashes on the calendar only John Pirie Secondary School (JPSS) and Peterborough High School (PHS) were able to participate. There was a strong focus on participation and promoting lifelong physical activity. Our students have been actively involved with volleyball playing both in class and in our lunchtime competition this term. All 3 teams had some success with 3 teams tied for first including two BCDS teams and a PHS. One of our teams won on a countback. Thanks to JPSS for hosting, Amanda Bowman for organising, Gayle Bury for transporting us, and the students for displaying excellent attitudes and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

SSSA Statewide Year 7/8 Tennis

On Monday of Week 6 we had a boys, and a girls team travel to Clare to compete in the Statewide Year 7/8 Tennis. It was a tough task for our girls, but the boys were highly competitive and managed to beat Maitland High School who went on to progress to the finals in Adelaide. Thanks to Clare for hosting and organising the event, and the parents who transported our teams.

Year 9/10 Physical Education Booleroo Town Gym Sessions

Kate Fitzgerald and I thought it is vital that our students realise that there are alternates to maintaining a healthy and physical active lifestyle without solely relying on competitive sport. It has been fantastic watching both classes develop their confidence using weights and cardio equipment over the past 6 weeks. Each student had a focus to improve a particular aspect of their fitness either solely for improving their personal fitness or to develop an aspect of fitness to improve their performance in their chosen sport. The unit of work has been a large success and we could not be happier with what the students have achieved. It is excellent to hear that some plan to continue working on aspects of their fitness, with some even joining a local gym or planning to take a class with an instructor soon. We hope that all students have developed the confidence and skills to help them lead a healthy and physically active lifestyle. This unit is here to stay!

Upcoming MNSEC Sports:

On Thursday 14th December in Week 9 Super 8s Cricket will be held at Gladstone High School. We have one boys team entering the competition, it should be a fun way to finish off the year for them.

Alby Nicholls

HPE Coordinator



Primary
Presentation
Evening

Wednesday 6th December, Week 8

6.30PM - SCHOOL GYM

Primary Awards followed by
Whole Primary and Kindy Play

BCDS

Presentation Night



*You're invited to the
2023 BCDS Presentation Night*

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MONDAY 11 DEC

7:00PM START

BCDS SCHOOL GYM

*Please RSVP by Monday 4th December
to Lisa on 86 672 124 or
Lisa.Woolford931@schools.sa.edu.au*

Community News

Julias Kitchen @
The Old Bakery
Wirrabara

Junior Staff Wanted

No experience needed
All Training provided
Saturdays - Sundays
Holidays - Uni gap

Drop in or give Julia a call
0428555979

23rd November 2023

Dear Principal and Year 12 Coordinator

Applications for the 2024 **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships** open on **Monday 4th December** and close on **Friday 5th January** 2024.

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The scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier, pastoralist and statesman Charles Allan Seymour Hawker.

I respectfully request you inform your year 12 graduates of the potential life changing opportunities offered by being awarded a **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship**. Might I suggest they visit the website www.hawkerscholarship.org for information about the scholarship.

Yours sincerely

Ian Doyle OAM

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C.A.S. Hawker School Coordinator



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SA Dental is offering up to 30 Dental Assistant Traineeship positions at dental clinics across South Australia.



Dental Assistant Traineeships

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If you are 17 – 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) and have finished year 11, you may qualify for a Traineeship.

Applications open 12/01/2024 – 04/02/2024 for the June 2024 intake.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit: www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/careers



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