From the Principal

**SRC Induction 5 March 2015**
The SRC Induction will be held on Thursday 5 March in the School Hall. New positions will be announced in the areas of Year Captains and Aboriginal Captains. The SRC has been an active organisation in our school and we are pleased to see the tradition of an enthusiastic student voice in our school continuing.

**School Vision Statement.**
After meetings with staff members and with the P&C, a revised school vision will be put forward to be discussed with the student body. Staff and parent input emphasised the need for the school to be inclusive and caring and strive for each student to reach their potential in a changing world, particularly in terms of technology. More information on the revised school vision will be published in the next Barrier Blast.

**Memo to Year 10 Parents.**
The school does not view the Year 10 Prom as part of school activities. The Year 12 Formal is seen as the evening supported by the school.

**Facebook and Internet usage.**
As part of the DEC Code of Conduct teachers must not befriend students on facebook and must be careful how they use the internet where students are concerned. Recently it has been found that some students have attempted to “friend” teachers or include them in private chat sessions. This is a breach of the school discipline code. Students should be aware that this behaviour will be seen as a school issue and will be dealt with accordingly.

Assessments Due

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood- Assignment 1- Baby Book- Week 8- 19 March

School News

**New for 2015 will be the BHHS Student and Parent Portal!!** This internet web page will give parent and students of BHHS an amazing method of communicating with the school. Students can already access the portal using their school username and password. Parents will have a letter sent home in a few weeks with instructions on how to create a login.

Some of the features include-

**Parents and Students**
-Viewing student timetables.
-Downloading important school documents, including the Barrier Blast
-Receiving messages from class room teachers with assessment tasks attached
-Homework and assessment task dates on a timeline.
-Checking student attendance.
-A tally of how many B'Hillians a student has received.
-Seeing class marks for tasks if published by a teacher.
Parents
- Provide reasons for student absences from school.
- Download previous student Half Yearly and Yearly reports.
- Book and manage bookings for Parent Teacher Afternoons.

Students
- Daily journal for use in classes.

Go to the school website (http://www.brokenhill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) and click the Student & Parent Portal link near the top of the page.

WEST DARLING SWIMMING CARNIVAL will be held on Friday 13 March.

YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY IN THE TAS DEPT:
One of our highest priorities in the TAS department is the safety and well being of all students entering our workshops, kitchens and the Ag farm. In order to keep students safe they are required to undertake an online safety training course and testing(OnGuard), observe teacher demonstrations and then demonstrate competency, before they are allowed to use equipment. Students can access this website at http://tinyurl.com/onguardbhhs with their username and password, enabling them to complete their safety tests at home. All equipment used in the TAS KLA has been rated by the DEC for its suitability and use by each year group (7-12).

In practical lessons, students are required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including shoes with an enclosed leather upper and a sturdy sole. In addition, in workshops students must wear approved safety glasses and an apron, whilst in the kitchens they must also wear an apron. In the Ag farm we also encourage students to wear sunscreen and a suitable hat. We strongly encourage students choosing elective study in Years 9 and above, involving practical workshops, to purchase their own safety glasses.

The Department of Education has published the following information in relation to the footwear worn by students in practical classes at school. A link to the document can be found at: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safeworklearn/riskmanage/footwearguidelines.pdf

“Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210.1:2010 Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:
- Industrial Arts and Trades workshop areas
- Science Laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas.”

The above list is not exhaustive. Appropriate safe footwear may also be as a requirement in relation to other areas or activities, such as wearing enclosed leather footwear (or suitable safe alternative) in agricultural areas/activities.

If your child has chosen to do a TAS subject as an elective subject, this means in order to be able to participate in practical lessons, they must present to class in the correct footwear i.e. closed in leather shoes.

Students who do not meet minimum requirements will be given alternative non-practical work to complete.

If any parent would like to discuss this further please contact Mr Terry Ellice, Head Teacher of TAS on 08 8088 1522.

Year 9 Child Studies
During Week 4, Year 9 Child Studies students went on an excursion to Big W to price products required for setting up a nursery, and essential items needed for a newborn baby. In class they created a budget, and then got actual prices whilst at the shops. The students will be beginning their nursery Dioramas next week and will be required to create the layout for a baby room. This has been a successful activity in the past, and students have put a lot of thought into their room design. If any families have spare craft supplies the PDHPE faculty would welcome your donations to use during Child Studies classes.

PDHPE Practical lessons:
While the weather is still relatively warm, students are reminded to stay sun smart and bring a hat to PDHPE lessons, along with a water bottle. The staff have sunscreen available for students to use during all practical PDHPE and sport lessons. Students are also reminded to bring a change of shirt and shorts for practical lessons. This is to encourage hygiene awareness. Please ensure the shirt and sport shorts are appropriate. While aerosol cans are banned at the school, students are still encouraged to bring anti perspirant ROLL ON deodorant.

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood:
Students in Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood will be going on an excursion on Monday 2 March to the hospital. They will be involved in presentations from the Maternity Ward, along with a tour of the ward.

STAFF/STUDENT PROFILES:
This year we will be featuring staff profiles, so you will know a little about our staff.
Di Toynton – Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing
High School Attended: Wellington High School
University Attended: Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga
Schools you have taught in: Broken Hill High School since 2007
Sports Teams you Support: Carlton FC
Hobbies: dogs, camping, fishing, being cheeky to Mr Blackwell.

Grant Adams – Head Teacher English/LOTE
High School Attended: Willyama and Broken Hill High
University Attended: UNE Armidale
Part Time Work whilst at School/Uni: Mines
Schools you have taught in: Broken Hill High School since 2007
Sports Played: AFL (Central and UNE Saints)
Soccer (West 27 years), Tennis – got games off Schoey.
Sports Teams you Support: Collingwood, Tottenham Hotspurs
Hobbies: Music and olive making
Greatest Achievement/s: Raised 2 children into the world and through Uni.

Name: Alessando Licul (School Captain)
Date of Birth: 21 April 1997
Nickname: Sando
Position in School: School Captain
Primary School Attended: Broken Hill Public
Sports Played: Soccer, sleeping, eating
Sports Teams Supported: Celtic United (local soccer team)
Hobbies: movies
Employment: Silver City Movies and Games
Greatest Achievement: Blew up my microwave
Career Aspirations: Primary School Teacher
“Make a difference, be a teacher” – Mr Roach (Inspiration)

Name: Stephanie Warhurst
Date of Birth: 18 November 1998
Nickname: Steve
Position in School: House Captain - Wills
Primary School Attended: Sacred Heart
Sports Played: Netball
Sports Teams Supported: Gold Coast
Hobbies: music
Employment: Sampsons
Career Aspirations: Lawyer
The Homework Centre is open again for 2015 every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30-PM in the Library. Come and work on your homework, assessment tasks or any general interest projects that you have. Its a quiet place to study and you can access the Internet and printer. Afternoon tea is provided and you can bring your own laptops/ipads/tablets if you wish. Staff from different faculties will be assisting in the homework centre each week so that you can access help from your teachers. There will be work for ALL SUBJECTS and ALL YEAR GROUPS. All students should make use of this fantastic facility, especially seniors. Please see Miss Perry in the HSIE staffroom if you have any questions.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are still in desperate need for volunteers in the Canteen for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

We now have available for lunches Meat and Salad Plates for $5-50.

If you would like one and don’t want to miss out then please order in the morning or at recess for lunch orders.

UNIFORM SHOP

Unfortunately the Uniform Shop will be closed until Tuesday 10 March. If you need to purchase uniforms the front office can help you or you can purchase from Work Clobber on Rakow or Jade Signs.

New opening times will be Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 2pm.

Reason for Absence Notes

It is a legal requirement that if a child is absent for any reason then it must be explained in a signed note by the parent/caregiver.

The Home School Liaison Officer checks for notes to match absences and if absences are not accompanied by a note parents/caregivers may need to explain.

Certain procedures must be carried out when children are absent from school for any period of time including full day absence and partial absence (late arrival to school/early departure due to appointments or sickness etc.)

The school has provided a ‘REASON FOR ABSENCE’ note to assist you to notify the school when your child is absent or late. More notes are available from the Front Office if required.

The slip below may be detached to explain an absence or you may email the school.

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Student’s Name…………………………………….

Scholastic Year: ………

Please tick the relevant box below
- Whole day absent
- Arriving late to school
- Early departure from school on the following date/s

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Reason for absence: (Please tick relevant box)
- Illness
- Medical/Dental Appointment
- Injury
- Out of town
- Funeral
- Other - Please give reason below

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- My child will return to school after his/her appointment

Parent/Carer’s signature: ………………………

Date: ……./………./20….
Community News

PCYC
TERM 1

All kids must be PCYC members
$10 for 12mths - adults $20

Monday Funday
Come and enjoy a different activity each week!
Sport, arts & crafts, games, team activities, plenty of fun!!
For Ages 5 - 12 years
When: Mondays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost: $5.00 per lesson

Kids Boxing 4 Fitness
Now - contact boxing for boys & girls ages
5 to 12 years. Basic technique, fitness and core strength - 
PLUS a whole lot of fun!
Mondays & Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Cost: $9.00 per lesson

Free Junior & Amateur Boxing
(Contact Boxing for Boys and Girls)
Junior 7 - 14 yrs, Amateur 14 - 17 yrs
Combined Training Sessions
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5.30pm - 7.00pm
**Fully qualified coaching staff**
Taught skill, technique, discipline and respect! Chance to compete in boxing tournaments!!
Just need to be a paid Club Member
($10 for 12 months)

Free Stylin'
Free Friday Night Program for
Young People 10 - 17 years!
Starts Friday 13th
Mix of games, sports, arts & crafts, creativity and fun activities! Fully supervised.
PLUS - Free food and drinks provided!
Fridays 6pm to 8pm at 58 Gypsum Street
Bus transport home is available for those that need it!

Phone: 08 873 3723
Email: marka@pcycnsw.org.au
Facebook: PCYC Broken Hill
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