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A note from the Campus Principal

Dear BUSY Schools Coolangatta school community.

We are more than halfway into Term 1. How fast is this term flying?

It is encouraging to see our students settling into the rhythm of their educational plan. I am particularly pleased with the way our Year 12 students have supported and encouraged our Year 11 students, especially those students who have only enrolled recently. It is evident to me that a culture of care, respect and inclusivity is clearly strong at The Busy School Coolangatta. A big 'thank you' to our Year 12 Student Representatives who are always willing to go the extra mile and respond to questions of new students, modelling our expectations consistently to others. Our year 12 leaders were also there to help on both Orientation Days for new students. Well done!

Over the next few weeks, all students will be completing a number of Term 1 assessments as we approach the end of term. Please encourage your young person to attend school and to get plenty of rest in order to be well prepared.

On behalf of the staff, I want to say that we really enjoy and appreciate your ongoing support and partnership.

Kind regards,
Klaus Knobloch
Campus Principal

Essential Mathematics Update from Andrew



What's in the packing crate?

The Grade 12s have launched into their assessment for this term, designing a sculpture using geometric shapes. Their creation must fit into a particular size of cargo box to meet the criteria that the council have put out. Furthermore, the students must work out how much paint they will need to cover their sculptures with two coats of paint. This is the task set before them for the next three weeks.

Essential English Update from Scott

This is a big week for Year 12 – our assessment is due next week so all students should be hitting checkpoint 3 in preparation. We will be presenting next week! If your young person has missed any checkpoints, please encourage them to attend and I can help them to catch up.

Year 11s are exploring workplace texts this week, as our first assessment will begin next week and will utilise these skills. Attendance in week 6 is vital to keeping up with checkpoints – students will receive 10 hours of class time to complete this task.

Thanks to all students for being consistently excellent in class.

Fun fact #5 – I played golf when I was young and my nickname at the golf club was Hollywood. Stay tuned for next week when I will reveal my Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club Newsletter Player Profile.

Social & Community Studies update from Charmaine.

Checkpoints for Social & Community Studies

Assessment time is fast approaching for Year 11 & Year 12 students.

Year 11 Checkpoints: 1st check point will be next week. Your young person will be working on the first part of their assessment.

Year 12 Checkpoints: The 1st checkpoint is due. Students have been developing a menu. The 2nd checkpoint is next week when drafts will be due. These must be emailed to the teacher on time. You may receive a letter if your young person has not completed assessments on time. It is essential that year 12 students stick to the checkpoints.

Extra-Curricular Activity with some year 11 students: Candle Making Class with Charmaine



A note from our Education Youth Worker

As our school continues to grow and more and more, students are seeking emotional support at school. I would like to remind everyone to please be respectful with your use of the youth room. During break time, feel free to come and enjoy a quiet, safe space and to use the games, books and other materials provided. However, during class time this space is to be reserved for those that really need it. All students are welcome to make appointments for wellbeing sessions with me, and if you need a brief time out because you are having a bad day, that's what I am here for. Please do not treat this space as a playground when you would rather not be in class!

Industry team news from Marikka and Elijah

A big congratulations to Lily for signing up to her traineeship with Wellbread & Pastry. Lily will be working her way towards a Cert 3 in Business with a hospitality focus. Also, thank you to all the parents for your support in making sure your young person attends the Cert 2 in Self-Awareness and Development. We had fantastic attendance this week in both classes and the skills acquired in this course will really set your young person up moving forward in life, both personally and career wise. What an amazing opportunity for them to be able to complete this. Just a reminder this will finish up at the end of May and will make an excellent addition to your young person's resume when out seeking employment. This term, we really are working towards your young person acquiring some amazing employability skills. Cert 2 Animal Care started Monday and what a turn out. We have 2 excursions scheduled for this course to the Animal Welfare League at Coombabah on 22/3 and 7/6. We will need to depart school at 8am both days and we will be travelling via a bus we have organized. Thanks again to you all for your ongoing support and continue to make contact anytime to discuss any ideas or concerns.



A note from Matt

Hi Everyone

This week, we have been getting everything together to finish the term strongly.

In Year 11 Social and Community Studies, we have started getting our Cover Letters completed, after choosing a job to apply for. We have discussed the difference between a Cover Letter and a Resume. Many students have a really clear vision of what their future job is and what is needed to get it – fantastic!

Year 12 Social and Community Studies have almost completed their menus. There are lots of conversations around the limitations many people face in their diet and the different reasons people can be vegetarian and vegan. Everyone is looking forward to cooking – lots of steaks!

Year 11 Mathematics has been challenging as we prepare for the upcoming exam. All students have worked hard this last week on ratios, rates, and graphing. The unit on scale drawing has proven really interesting for everyone as the question was posed of what worth is this, but when we discussed plans for buildings, cars and anything of size, the realization was soon made that one to one drawings were impractical.

Have a great weekend.

Matt

Feedback Process

At The BUSY Schools we want everyone to have a voice! We want to hear any compliments and/or concerns. The best way for feedback to be effective is to pass it through the most relevant channels. If you have anything you need to express, you could:

- Approach the relevant people directly and have a respectful conversation to resolve the incident;
- Approach Anne English to discuss the issue; and/or

Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>



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