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A note from the Campus Principal

Dear BUSY Schools Coolangatta school community.

This week, I have noticed that students thrive and have a sense of security when they have good friends here at school.

How important are friendships?

The friendships students form at school play such a key role in their sense of belonging and connectedness. As they branch out and build new friendships at the start of the year, it's important they have the skills to think critically about the kind of people they want to be surrounded with and supported by.

I would also like to inform you of some upcoming operational changes at the school. From March onwards, we will be using a camera in the classroom to record teacher practice for the purpose of improving learning outcomes for our students. This gives teachers the ability to reflect on their own teaching practice. Videos are used for internal purposes only, therefore, please rest assured that students' privacy and confidentiality will be protected at all times.

Kind regards,
Klaus Knobloch
Campus Principal

Essential Mathematics Update

And we're cracking the whip now! The Grade 12s are feeling the pressure as our draft deadline approaches next week. We are more than halfway through the assessment and approaching the latter part of the task. Just a couple more weeks before the final is due – keep up the energy! The end is in sight!

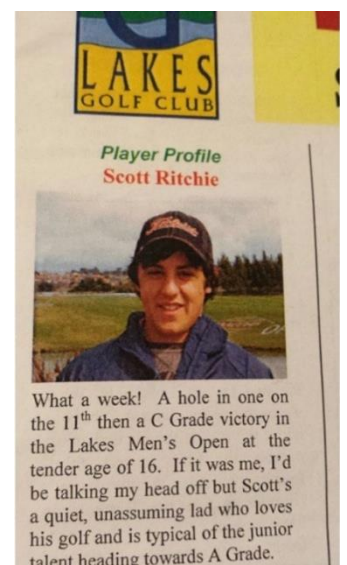
Essential English Update

Week 6 has been huge for all students in English. Year 12s have presented their persuasive speeches for Internal Assessment 1, and Year 11s have begun their FA1 assessment. If a Year 12 student did not present their speech this week, it is imperative that they come next week to catch up.

Year 11s are working on building a Training Package to present to Safe Work Australia. All parents and carers have been sent the assessment information, and I will be keeping you up to date with Checkpoints. Checkpoint 1 is to complete their posters or brochures for their training package. Please ask them to show you. The standard has been amazing!

Thanks to all students for being magnificent to work with. I thoroughly enjoy each lesson and interaction.

Fun fact #6 – as promised, here is my Golf Club Player Profile from 2009 (my proudest moment to date) →



Social & Community Studies update

It is that time of the Term where all the Social & Community Students in Year 11 & 12 are working on assessments. Year 11's just completed their Job Advert Analysis and are now working on their Draft Cover Letter. The Year 12's are now completing the written component of the Assessment Heath Food & Nutrition and getting organised for their Cooking Practical. All focusing and planning.

A note from our Education Youth Worker

I want to start off by thanking the wonderful young people who have pitched in with cleaning the kitchen over the past couple of weeks. To these students, please know that your helpful and courteous attitude is noted and appreciated. However, it is unfortunate that the standard of kitchen cleanliness has become somewhat of a problem. Although it is a minority of students, there seem to be a few young people that think it is ok to leave dirty dishes all over the sink and rubbish and food scraps on the floor and benches. If you are one of these people, please remember that use of the kitchen, its equipment, and the food provided is a privilege. It is not the responsibility of staff, or your peers to clean up after you.

On a more positive note, this week students enjoyed a range of activities during power hour, including puzzles, board games, origami, gym sessions and basketball. Our students were also very lucky to be treated to a fantastic wisdom talk by our Zen master and English extraordinaire, Scott. Scott talked about the importance of kindness to oneself and to others and gave some helpful tips on how to practice this.

Industry team news from Marikka and Elijah

Term 1 half way over and I want to give a big shout out to all the students who have been working hard with me planning their career pathways here at The Busy School. I have seen some impressive resumes that are going out to employers. I've really enjoyed working with each and every one of you. We are really encouraging our young people to look towards doing an apprenticeship or traineeship and I want to share with you some benefits:

- Earn an income while you study a traineeship allows you to work anywhere around Australia and to get paid for learning valuable industry-specific skills.
- Flexibility to structure the study to suit you ...
- You will come out qualified.
- A good mix of formal training and practical learning ...
- Appeal to future employees with great employability skills

So if you or your young person would like to have a discussion around this further, please book a time to have a chat.

A reminder to all students that attending off campus courses you are booked into are compulsory and require you to stay the whole time. This is a regular school day and students must not leave the campus.

A note from Matt

Hi Everyone

Another big week and the upcoming one is even bigger!

Year 12 Social and Community Studies: we are cooking – make sure you are here 8am Monday to get in on the fun.

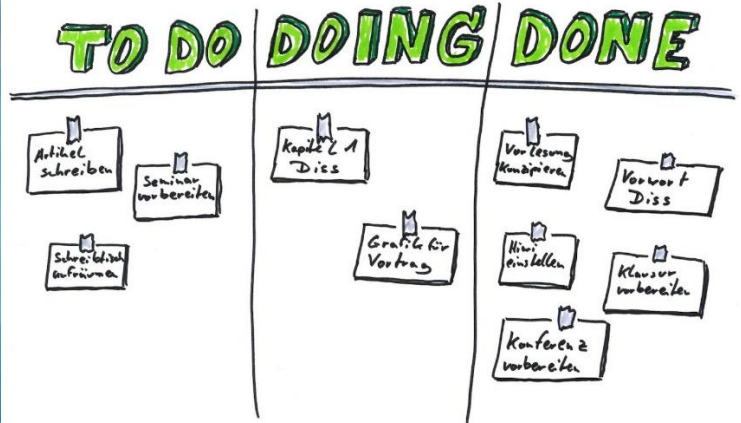
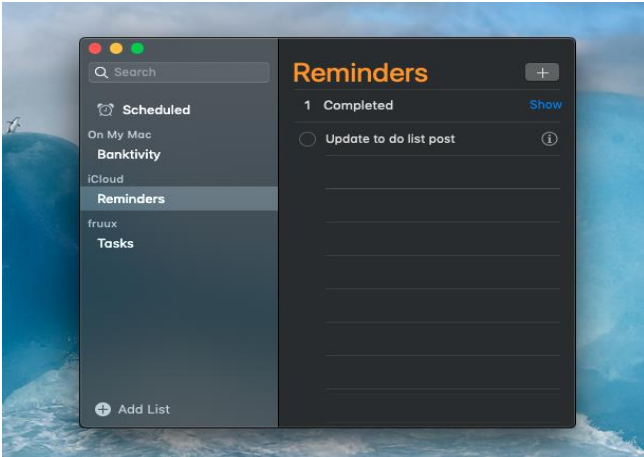
Year 11 Social and Community Studies: welcome to 11E, our new Year 11 class. 11A and 11B have their assessments due.

Year 11 Essential Mathematics: welcome to 11E, our new Year 11 class. 11E and 11D have their exam on Friday next week.

As we head toward the end of the term, keep on top of your work and if you are unsure, just ask. Assessment time is with us! Keep coming to every lesson ready to learn and again ask questions – exam time is with us.

Learning Support

Such a busy week getting English and Social Community Studies Assessments done. A huge well done to all those students who have been working really hard in class to get their work finished and submitted. Getting organized and focused can be one of the hardest jobs in the world. I like to use my phone reminders for tasks and written memos and lists to help get those important jobs completed. Week 7 next week another week closer to some holidays !!!

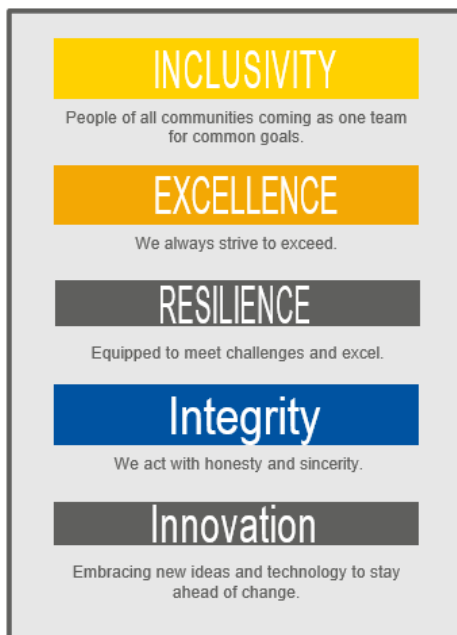


Feedback Process

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 it 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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