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A note from the Campus Principal

We are already at the end of week 4, Term 4, and students are preparing for the final assessments in weeks 5 and 6. The key to being well prepared and successful in this final term of the academic year is consistent attendance and preparing for final exams by completing the mock exams. Mock exams are prepared in a similar format and cover content and knowledge that can be expected in the final exams. Additionally, as always, we offer assistance to all students who struggle to complete any outstanding assessments, asking them to attend on extra days to catch-up on any outstanding work.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 students have now received a digital and personal invitation to our Year 12 Formal on the 15th of November. Please use the QR code on the invitation to register for this amazing event. Each student has received three tickets, comprising of one ticket for themselves and two additional tickets for family members. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the completion of Year 12 with our young people. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the Year 12 Graduation.

Year 11 Awards Ceremonies

Our Year 11 students will be celebrating the completion of Year 11 on the 21st of November for our Monday/Tuesday group and on the 23rd of November for our Thursday/Friday group. Both ceremonies will be held here at the Coolangatta campus between 1pm and 3pm. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

Thank you, students, for continuing to be future focused, diligent and attentive, as you complete your educational journey for 2023.

Kind regards,
Klaus Knobloch
Campus Principal

Staff Profile: Mikayla Jenkins – Teacher

- Mikayla likes to be called MJ. This has been her nickname since she was a child.
- Her favorite food is ... food. All food. Food is great.
- MJ likes most genres of metal music sprinkled with a little hardstyle, but there's nothing wrong with some pop music every now and then.
- Outside of The BUSY Schools, you will find her with some mates playing Dungeons and Dragons, Pokémon Go, or taking the fur baby for a walk.
- MJ has been working at The BUSY Schools since the start of Term 2 and she absolutely loves it.
- MJ lived in Coffs Harbor for almost a year studying biogeochemistry, conducting field studies/experiments and publishing studies. Yes, she is officially a nerd.



Curriculum Update: Charmaine

Supporting your young person in the lead up to Exam Time: Some useful tips!

Sleep. Good quality sleep helps your child to concentrate and remember things vital for exams and exam prep! Conversely, poor sleep or not enough sleep affects concentration, memory, and behavior, making it harder for your child to learn. Encourage a regular bedtime routine in a dark room and electronic devices switched off.

Exercise. Physical activity has lots of benefits, including assisting with stress and helping sleep patterns in the evening. Encourage your teenager to keep up with their normal sporting/exercise activities, where possible, during the study and exam period. Even a walk around the block in the fresh air can help.

Nutrition. Maintaining a healthy diet keeps the mind and body in great shape. Try to avoid processed foods high in fat, sugar, and salt.

Bedtime. Encourage your young person to turn off electronic devices an hour before bedtime. This includes loud music, mobile phones, computer screens and TV. Switching off mobiles can be hard for young people, but late-night phone calls and text messages can lead to broken sleep.

Caffeine. Ensure your teenager avoids caffeine (found in energy drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, and cola), in the late afternoon and evening as this can disrupt their sleep cycles, causing insomnia.

Wind-down time. Discuss 'wind-down' time to provide a relaxing buffer between studying and bedtime. Relaxing activities might include a warm shower, writing in a journal, reading a book or magazine, or listening to quiet music.

Support. Your teenager still needs a strong relationship with you to feel confident as they meet the challenges of studying and exams. You can build this strong relationship by working on open communication and staying connected.

Save the following dates:

Essential Mathematics/Social & Community Studies:

Final Exams – Week 5

Essential English Assessment - due Week 5

Essential Mathematics Update



It's crunch time! The final exams of the year are here! As we approach Week 5 of this term, the students are preparing for the last push of the year. In Week 4, all students, in both Years 11 and 12, have completed a mock exam in preparation for next week. So, they will all have a rough idea of what to expect when they face their final examinations. It is imperative that every student knows when they are sitting each exam, and make sure they arrive at school on time and prepared to do their best in the year's final test. Good luck to all!

Essential English Update

Students have spent the last 2 weeks working on their last assessments for the year. Most students have submitted their drafts, and their final work is due next week. I have been impressed by the diligence of all students – it's so important to stay motivated this close to the end of the year.

Year 11s have written autobiographies, and I want to thank all students for sharing their stories with me. I have learnt a lot about you, and your stories prove how resilient you are. It takes courage to write openly and honestly. I am proud of you all.

Year 12s have written short stories, some are funny, some are sad, some are insightful, some are all of the above. Thank you for being creative and open to feedback. Editing your own work is such an important skill, as illustrated in the quote – 'The first draft is black and white. Editing gives the story color.'

Social & Community Studies Update

Students are on their home stretch now in terms of exams and assignments. It's important now to stay motivated and focussed on getting the work done.

Year 11s have been completing exam preparations and mock exams to better understand what to expect in their exams in week 5.


A note from our Education Youth Worker

We're halfway through the term! This week, even with the weather warming up, we've enjoyed some fresh air and sunshine at the park during Power 45, which is always good for the mind and soul. Board game champ, MJ, has been holding Dungeons and Dragons sessions, which has had a great response. If any of you want to learn, jump in with sessions going for the remainder of the term.

Next week, on Monday 30th October and Friday 3rd November, we have Leisa and her team from 'Fight 4 Youth' coming to give a presentation about who they are, what they do and the help and support they can give us and our community. On the Tuesday and Thursday during Power 45, we have Halloween cookie decorating. Come try your artistic skills, with a sweet treat at the end!

A note from our Learning Support Team

Students have been working so hard this term and we have noticed all your hard work. We have introduced some fabulous incentives for attendance and encouragement in class. We were so happy to be able to give some vouchers out to some fantastic students in Year 11 last week. Well done to all students. All the teachers have these vouchers and are eagerly on the lookout to be distributing before the end of term.

Attend all classes and attempt all work, that is the key! 



Lillea McIntosh won a Zarraffa's voucher for outstanding attendance – kindly donated by Zarraffa's Tweed Heads.



Kase Beck and Max Pastor won Domino's Pizza vouchers for great classwork – kindly donated by Domino's Tweed Heads.

Industry team news from Marikka and Elijah

Well done, students! You've finished your exams and are almost done with the term. Your hard work and determination have paid off, and you're one step closer to your goals. Keep up the good work and be proud of what you've achieved so far. We're proud of you!

Cert II Health also had the opportunity to visit a health precinct and definitely looked the part.



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 Klaus Knobloch 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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