General News

We have had a great start to Term 2, although the working pattern for week 1 was very friendly for students.

The community may be interested in the fact that last Monday and Tuesday staff were involved in professional development being mainly Maths and English for primary, and Australian Curriculum over-viewing of secondary Learning Areas. Additionally, all staff started to engage in working on marketing and promotion of the teaching and learning in our school (see WEBSITE article in this newsletter).

Last Friday, we had a great Anzac Ceremony with all year 1 to 10 students participating at Bentley Street. Feedback from community and RSL veterans as well as parents and staff all commented on the excellent student leadership and presentation.

Our School Council Representatives also made a great representative team at the Main Anzac Ceremony on Anzac Day.

Well done to all.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday May 9
- SW High School
- Interschool Athletics
- Year 8-10

Thursday May 10
- P&C Meeting

Thursday May 11
- Assembly Mead St

Tue May 15—17
- Naplan Testing

Tuesday May 22
- Bentley St Assembly 9.00am

The school Calendar went out earlier this week and I draw your attention to the following forthcoming event:

NAPLAN May 15 to 17 for students in Years 3, 7 and 9.

Parents need to be aware that despite some current anti NAPLAN campaigning in the press, our approach is to treat the testing as part of our routine. We approach the event that is Naplan as we would any other ‘event’. We prepare for it as thoroughly as we can and without great fanfare. As a school we use the data this particular testing process generates, as we do with all credible data, to inform our teaching and learning process at the level of all tested students, and for individuals.

Term 2 has some external sporting focus with our Secondary Interschool Athletics (which we treat as low key), and both primary and secondary cross country events.

We will also, this term, be focussing upon all matters to do with communication and marketing and promoting the great work of our students and teachers. Part of this activity will be a mail out to every family providing core information we have on our data base for VERIFICATION purposes. This will enable us to update phone numbers and reload essential data. We request that all families check, and amend the data where necessary and return to the school straight away. This process will commence in mid-May. Once our data-base is accurate, we intend to introduce a messaging program, enabling us to let parents know about absences, school events and so on.

Given that our building programs are all but completed, we will have sometime in the next 6 months, the “official openings” of both the Commonwealth funded buildings and the State Capital Works Project. This is a timeline that we don’t control but will try to negotiate towards the end of Term 3 or early Term 4, to enable us to build a celebratory set of “Open Day” type activities across both campuses as part of school promotion. We will also be looking for an active partnership with parents, particularly handyman dads (mums) to help get our new Bentley Street playground installed. We have some 50 pieces of apparatus being shipped from China right now. It’s due mid term so look for more information on this early June.

I look forward to a great and busy term 2!  

Peter Fitzgerald—Principal
Art News

Bronte Jones (ex student) who went on to Bunbury SHS and won the Year 12 Art Award had her major work “Best Fit For Success” selected for the West Australian Year 12 Perspectives Exhibition 2012. We are all very proud of Bronte and her achievements. I think the quality of his work speaks for itself!

Mrs Jessop

THE BEST FIT FOR SUCCESS

Taking influence from Christina Vergano’s ‘A Figure of Speech’ Exhibition, my portrait takes a critical view of social, political and cultural perceptions of what success should be. In exploring the transition from my schooling life into the future I feel the constant pressure, internally and externally, to succeed. I have endeavoured to portray a portrait that represents myself, who I am, my future and my place in it while presenting a question to the viewer of what it really means to be successful. Success can be defined in so many ways depending on our goals, values and the journey we’ve taken to get here. Not everyone fits into ‘a suit’ but anyone can thrive to reach their potential and succeed.

Music Support Group

Thank you to those people who supported our ‘bulb fundraiser’. Special mention to band members Sophie, Hayley, Emily & Rachel who gathered lots of orders. We collected $1291 in bulb sales, leaving us with a profit of $384. This money will go towards the upcoming Music Camp in August. We are planning a wood raffle this term, where Parents will be asked to assist by selling tickets outside IGA, so please keep an eye out for forth coming details.

Our next meeting will be at 2.45pm on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 in the Music Room at Bentley Street. There is lots to discuss regarding the Music Camp and performance at the Small Band’s Festival in Perth, so we hope to see you there.

Anzac Ceremony held at the school in the undercover area—Friday April 27

What ANZAC Day Means to Me?

ANZAC Day to me is a day of remembrance. A day of respect, love, families and loved ones. ANZAC Day always remind me how lucky I am and to cherish and respect our country. To think about the men and women who gave their young lives to help us. Its also a great, fun and sad part of history to learn. We represent our soldiers, family and loved ones and to put ourselves in their shoes for a day. There is a better way to sort these fights out but we always have to respect this day. If you won’t stand behind our soldiers and support them, you’re welcome to stand in front of them.

Lest We Forget

To me ANZAC Day means remembering the soldiers that sacrificed their lives for peace and safety and also how difficult it must have been. It makes me sad that so many people lost their families in war and never got to see them again. Also, how hard it must have been getting told that one of your family members had died.
It also makes me sad how so many children were left as orphans and how they had to grow up with no parents.
So many people’s homes were destroyed and they were left homeless during the war.
Lastly, how much it would mess with the soldiers’ heads having to experience something so terrible and have flashback of the war. That is what ANZAC Day means to me and also what I think of war.

Ella Atherton

ANZAC Day is a remembrance day for the people that went to war. I’m glad they went to war to protect our country.

Aadon Freeman

ANZAC Day means to me how much those soldiers suffered and sacrificed for Australia, and yes they were fed propaganda, and yes they thought it would be a great adventure but if it weren’t for those men who were killed and killed we would never be as free as we are now!! Also, there are men, past, and present who had families and they left their families to fight and die for us, not for them, for us!!

Ashley Williams