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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 10, Term 1 is a good time to talk about our Burnside culture, underpinned by its values. It has been established over the last 16 years and we are seeing this rubbing off on our new students already as they grow into Burnside citizens. I congratulate the Year 7 students on their transition into High School. It has been a wonderful first term. The expectations are that all who are part of the Burnside community act with care, consideration and cooperation. This is to ensure that the safety and well-being of students is held with utmost importance as part of our culture.

At Burnside, safety and individuals' rights are a high priority. All students are reminded of the behaviour expectations in our schools 'Code of Conduct' and that Burnside is a "Hands Off" school. Students are reminded to report any incident that makes them feel unsafe to school staff. Any student behaviour that contradicts the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. The goal at Burnside is that teachers can undertake their core business of teaching.

Next term we start welcoming back some International students. Myself and International Coordinator, Jo Byrne hope that we will eventually be able to start travelling overseas to our sister schools. These partnerships are very important as we are preparing our students to be global citizens.

Families are reminded that Monday is formal uniform day and when students attend excursions, the expectation is that they wear their formal uniform.

Parents are also encouraged to access <u>QParents</u> which can be used for a multitude of reasons including reporting absences, accessing report cards and making online payments. The Burnside State High School Facebook page is a great source of information. Please like and follow the official page <u>here</u>.

The Year 7 Information Night for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 25 May. Families who are interested in enrolling their students in Year 7 in 2023 at Burnside State High School are asked to submit their details via this <u>link</u>. This will enable the school to communicate directly with families. Please also ensure you have added news@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au to your email contacts.

Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks for your support in Term 1. I think that this support demonstrates the value that is added when we all work together. I look forward to working with you again in Term 2. Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kerri Dunn - Principal

# REWARDS DAY

Each semester our school runs a "Rewards Day" to celebrate students who exhibit excellent behaviour and effort and who engage enthusiastically in their schooling. Students who are invited to attend celebrate by attending enjoyable activities such as a trip to the movies or a trip to the beach.

Criteria to attend includes: As and Bs in effort and behaviour for all subjects (1 "s" is okay)

- Good attendance (>90%) (days absent for Covid isolation or Covid illness not included in overall absence tally)
- No suspensions
- Satisfactory history re: behavioural incidents
- No unexplained absences
- Students must attend the Athletics Carnival unless a medical certificate is provided or they are isolating for Covid. Parent contact needs to be supplied to cover a Covid related absence.

This is one of the many ways Burnside SHS is encouraging your student to do their best.

# SRC NEWS

In what has continued to be a busy term for our Student Representative Council, we have held a number of events recently. Our normal Student Investiture ceremony was unfortunately unable to proceed this year, so SRC reps were instead awarded their badges and certificates on year level parades. We welcomed to the 2022 Student Council the following students:

Year 7: Mia C, Bella E, Emily M, Sebastian N, Tanika P, Lincoln R, Bliss S, Oliver V, Keisha W, Isabel W, Charli W.

Year 8: Alexandra B, Rahni P, Karin A, Levi C, Allie G, Zavanna W, Moomal U, Jacob J

Year 9: Lucy M, Danika B, Owen H, Amy M, Madeleine C, Jaydon W Year 10: Amy J

Year 11: Ella H, Heather W, Rebecca M, Bryce K

On Thursday 17 March, some of our Year 12s helped host a picnic for the Year 7s in the Student Centre. This event was designed to introduce our older students to our new arrivals. Food was shared, games were played and much fun was had. \$44 was raised for the International Red Cross to aid their assistance to Ukrainian refugees.

The following day, we held our first non-uniform day for the year in recognition of the National Day of Action Against Bullying, raising \$659.40 for the Dolly's Dream Foundation. Our Year 12 leaders also took part in an activity that reminded us of the stains that hurtful words can leave.





On Wednesday 23 March, our Year 12 student leaders had the opportunity to attend a leadership summit/workshop hosted by Joshua Schloss from Fourth Quadrant. This invaluable experience saw the students take a deeper look into what it means exactly to be a leader, as well as how important it is to leave a legacy and be a positive influence. We thank the school for providing this experience for our 2022 senior leaders.

Our next key events will be our school's ANZAC Day parade on Friday 22 April, as well as the Nambour Community ANZAC Day march, to be held on Monday 25 April.



SRC Coordinators – Kay Taylor and Carly Reilly

# UNIFORM GUIDE

Burnside State High School is a progressive and socially responsible school maximising student learning outcomes and preparing young people to become active citizens in a global society. Burnside State High School is a uniform school because the Parents and Citizens Association, representing the parents of the school, has decided to support the wearing of a school uniform.

The Minister for Education has stated that the advantages of wearing school uniforms include "developing a sense of belonging to a group, pride in membership of that group and identification of students to and from school". Research has also shown that there is a clear link between dress standards, school discipline, school spirit and community perceptions of the school in general.

It is our policy that the correct school uniform is worn each day and we urge all parents to support the accepted standard of dress as detailed in this brochure. The Burnside State High School uniform can only be purchased from the school uniform shop.

**SHOES:** Must be completely black with black laces. No coloured logos or white or coloured soles are permitted. No boots or high tops of any type are permitted.

**HAIR:** Neat, clean and tidy. Long hair must be tied back. Exotic, bright, or unnaturally coloured hairstyles are not acceptable; this includes features such as extravagant ornamental hair clips and decorations, hair extensions and excessive braiding/plaiting.

#### **Correct Footwear**



**JEWELLERY:** 1 stud or sleeper sized earring in each ear, 1 ring and 1 watch. No bracelets or anklets are permitted. No necklaces should be visible at any time.

**Note:** No visible body/facial piercings e.g. nose, brow, lip studs or rings. Facial piercings must be removed for school. In the short term, they may be covered with protective tape, or filled with a retainer available from piercing suppliers.

**JUMPERS:** An approved school jumper or a plain navy jumper/cardigan is suitable for winter. Jumpers MUST NOT have a hood or emblem/logo.

MAKE-UP: Visible make-up is not permitted. Nail polish is not permitted

**HATS:** Only approved hats are permitted. There are a range of styles available to choose from including sports caps and bucket hats. Hats are available to purchase from the administration office.

# ACT FOR KIDS: FAMILY AND CHILD CONNECT

Family and Child Connect are going to be located at Burnside SS and Burnside SHS every Tuesday. Family and Child Connect non-government communitybased service designed specifically to listen to families and help them connect with the right supports at the right time. Whether you are a parent, a young person, a concerned friend, neighbour or professional, if you are looking for information and advice on how you can best help yourself or someone else, you can contact Family & Child Connect and speak to a real person about how to get the right assistance. We can even come to you! Family and Child Connect's friendly, professional staff know all about the people and services in your area and how they can help with any challenge a family might be facing. They can provide you with information about these supports and in some cases can even introduce you to them. If you are worried about a family other than your own they can help you with ideas of how you might be able to reach out and provide some personal support to them. If you would like to connect with us, or you can call us on 13FAMILY (13 32 64). All enquiries are most welcome.

## BSHS CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Please visit our website: https://burnsideshs.eq.edu.au and our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BurnsideStateHighSchool for Burnside SHS news, updates and events.

#### <u>DROP-OFF, PICK-UP AND PARKING RULES:</u> All three driveways via gate 1, 2 & 3 at Burnside State High School are <u>not</u> to be used to drop off or pick up students.

Please use the **designated** drop-off and pick-up zones which can be found on Blaxland Road outside both Burnside State High School and Burnside State School. These areas are indicated by signage noting the short time limit that applies. There is limited visitor parking available through gate 2 for those wishing to visit the administration building, disabled parking is also available in this car park. Local street parking is available but be aware that time limits do apply.

**AIR BORNE CHEMICALS - AEROSOL BAN:** Some members of the Burnside State High School community suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a severe migraine. The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put one of our students into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol or perfume has been sprayed anywhere in the student's vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the student's airways closing and the student having to be transported to hospital in an ambulance. • Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces. To provide the safest environment, students are banned from bringing aerosol sprays and perfume pump-packs to Burnside State High School. This includes for any excursions, camps or other onsite or offsite activities. Risk management strategies will be in place for any aerosol sprays used as part of the curriculum and school business. Aerosol sprays or perfume pump-packs brought to school by students will be confiscated and disposed of. Breaches of this policy will result in disciplinary action. Remember: No student is to use or bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to school. Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school. Thank you for considering the health and safety of others.

# STUDENT ABSENCES

At BSHS, student attendance and safety is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe. If you know your child is going to be late, absent or leave early, please notify the school ASAP. You can notify the school by:

- **ABSENCE LINE: 5459 7366.** Please leave a message clearly stating your child's name, the reason for absence and the duration.
- EMAIL: Email student\_absences@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au
- PHONE: Contact Student Administration 5459 7309
- SMS: 0429 814 931 (for sms correspondence only)
- **QPARENTS APP:** https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

#### UNIFORM SHOP

Phone: 5441 7332, Email: SchoolUniform@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au. Regular opening hours during school term: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.00am until 9.00am.

Uniform Returns Policy: We are happy to accept returns or exchange items for like items however all returns and exchanges require a receipt as proof of purchase and can only be returned in the form of original payment, must be unworn and in its as-sold condition or faulty due to manufacturing faults and returned within 30 days of purchase

## FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS/FINANCE NEWS

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have taken up the opportunity to pay their child's schools fees by electronic funds transfer (EFT). For those new to our school or haven't taken up this option and would like to, here are the school details:

#### BSB: 064424 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00091012 NAME: Burnside State High School

REFERENCE: options available so we can track payment :

- Student's surname and initial and short description of the payment
- Student's EQ ID (12 numbers and a letter) with short description
- Invoice number and surname

It would be appreciated if you could also email details of the payment to accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au that way if a reference does not show on our bank statement we can track it via your email and ensure that it is processed correctly against your account.

#### Payments by BPOINT:

Please remember you must use the **<u>invoice number</u>** you are paying as reference for the payment to be successful.

#### Payment by Direct Deposit:

Use <u>student name</u> as reference and indicate what payment is to be allocated to for example: 'horizons', 'fees', 'excursion',

**NEW PAYMENT METHOD:** We can now offer parents the ability to pay invoices over the phone using BPoint IVR. Parents call 1300 631 073 and enter their CRN, amount and credit card details to complete payment. At the end of the call you will be provided with a unique payment receipt number. The school office is no longer able to take credit card details over the phone.

# Bpoint is to be used ONLY when making a payment relating to an invoice number, if you do not have the invoice number please deposit into the School's bank account with a reference."

**PROCESS FOR PAYMENT PLANS:** We now have a new process for payment plans using BPoint Electronic Direct Debit Registration. If you are unable to make a full payment of an invoice by the due date you need to contact Accounts Receivable to arrange a payment plan. You will negotiate with the school on the amount, frequency and number of payments for the payment plan. You will receive an email with a link for your payment plan. You click on the link and register for the direct debit/payment plan and nominate your credit/debit card or bank account.

You will receive a confirmation email detailing the agreement and you will need to click on the link to confirm the agreement. The next day the school will receive a report confirming the registration for the payment. Once this has been received, your child will be able to attend the activity. You will receive an email reminder the day before your charge is due to be debited from their bank account or credit/debit card.

If families would like to have their student's invoices and statements emailed home instead of through the post please contact the school office by phone or email accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au with email address.

# 'HOW TO BECOME A BURNSIDE BANDITS VOLLEYBALL SUPPORTER'

We are always looking for financial assistance to continue to provide the excellent opportunities we do for our students to compete at the highest levels in Queensland and Australia in their sport. To become a **Silver Level** Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter we would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of **\$250**. For that support we would assist your business by:

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).
- We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.

To become a **Gold Level** Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter we would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of **\$1000 or more.** For that support we would assist your business by:

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).
- We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.
- We could brand our playing shirts/shorts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed playing shirt with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.
- We could brand our tracksuit with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed tracksuit top with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.
- We could brand our Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer. We could brand our Volleyball Sports Bags with your Business Logo and provide you with a Volleyball Sports Bag with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.

If you wish to become a Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter please contact us and we will be more than happy to discuss a supporter's package with you.

Burnside Bandits is proudly supported by:





# Access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school.

#### Visit qparents.qld.edu.au

Register online for QParents then scan to download the free iPhone app



# SWPBS

The Student Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme is a program in place here at Burnside State High School that recognises and rewards positive behaviour in students.

Students receive a GOTCHA Tickets whenever a teacher catches them doing the right thing around the school. This may be for displaying excellent manners in class, completing class work, helping another student etc. The program tries to encourage positive behaviours by rewarding them. Students place their GOTCHA tickets in the year level boxes at student administration and prizes are distributed on year level assemblies every few weeks. Students may receive tuckshop vouchers, Suncity Tenpin or Laser Zone vouchers or a number of other great prizes donated from our supporting Sponsors.

If you would like to donate any prizes to the SWPBS Program please contact Mr Luke Ward. 54597333



# STUDENT ABSENCES & SICK BAY

## PROCEDURE

#### Full day absences and late arrivals

Please use one of the following options to report an absence:

#### Absence line (24 hour voicemail): 5459 7366 Absence Text: 0429 814 931 Absence email: student\_absences@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au Submit via the QParents App

Please state your child's name, the reason for absence and the duration of absence.

#### **Early departures**

For a known early departure:

- provide your student with a note stating the reason and departure time
- student takes the note to Student Administration to obtain an early departure slip
- student shows their teacher the early departure slip and is permitted to leave class
- student meets parent/guardian at Administration Office

#### For an unplanned early departure

- phone 5459 7333 and press option 1
- please phone ahead to give staff time to locate your student so they are waiting on your arrival
- please avoid arriving at the Administration Office to request collection of your student without prior notice

#### Sick Bay

- If a student becomes unwell during school, they come to sick bay
- admin staff will phone a parent to advise of illness and request early collection of student
- students MUST NOT contact a parent directly



U19/U16 DISTRICT & REGIONAL TRIALS

We recently held the U19 & U15 North District Volleyball Trials at Burnside SHS for the Boys and Nambour SHS for the Girls. Burnside students dominated those trials with Burnside sending 34 (18 girls & 16 Boys) students to the trials and 29 making North District selection.

Students selected in North District teams from Burnside were: U16 Girls Alana Iwase-Atiau, Ava Iwase-Atiau, Jade Meehan, Charlie Bartholomew, Jamey Bartholomew, Shelby Suell, Amelie Deans, Hannah Vidler & Lilliana Jones. U19 Girls Amity Chetwynd, Shanaya Twist, Abbey Lumley, Amy Dooley, Sarah Bradford, Jemelia Ossenberg & Tygah-Rose Leonard. U16 Boys William Jessen, Matthew Jessen, William Hearn, Preston Harris, Jesse Deans, Nate Wolfe & Ryan Wilson. U19 Boys Matthew Schilf, Dylan Webbe, Campbell Facer, Brodie Gardiner, Caleb Bridge & Nathan King.

These students made up one of the four North District Teams in U19 & U15 age groups – North, Central, South & Independents.

From there our students went on to the U19 & U15 Regional Trials at Caloundra Indoor Stadium on Tuesday 22 March.

Selected at the 16-19 Regional Trials were: - U19 Boys: Matthew Schilf (Dylan Webbe, Caleb Bridge & Nathan King - shadows) U19 Girls: Shanaya Twist. (Amity Chetwynd, Abbey Lumley, Amy Dooley & Sarah Bradford – shadows)

Selected at the 12-15 Regional Trials were: - U15 Girls: Jade Meehan. (Charlie Bartholomew, Jamie Bartholomew, Shelby Suell & Hannah Vidler – shadows) U15 Boys: Jesse Deans & Nate Wolfe.

These students are preparing hard to go on to represent the Sunshine Coast Region at the combined 12-15 & 16-19 QSV State Titles which will be held at in Brisbane at Nissen Arena on the 16-19 June. Congratulations and good luck to all of our students who are involved.

A total of 5 Regional Reps and 11 shadows were selected for Burnside out of the 29 students we sent to the trials – a tremendous effort from Burnside Volleyball and all of our students who were involved. Congratulations to all who trialed and those selected.

#### YEAR 7 VOLLEYBALL EXCELLENCE

The Year 7 Pursuit of Excellence Studies: Volleyball selection trials will be occurring Term 2 on Wednesday 25 May. The Year 7 students who have applied will receive information before the trial day detailing what they need to bring and do on the day. Those students successful in gaining a place in the PESV Program will commence the Volleyball Excellence Program at the start of term 3.

The closing date for application is Friday 20 May. We would like as many students as would like to apply for selection. Year 7 Boys & Girls Volleyball Training is on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:00pm – all interested Boys and Girls are welcome to attend.

#### SENIOR TRISH BUCKLEY SHEILD

In 2022 Burnside Volleyball is off to a very strong start with our involvement in the Sunshine Coast **Volleyball** Championships (Trish Buckley Shield), and the selection of our **5 Regional** Representatives.

# BURNSIDE FINISHES WITH 1 x GOLD MEDAL and 3 x $2^{nd}$ and 2 x $3^{rd}$ and a $5^{th}$ from our 7 teams at Senior Trish Buckley Shield

Four rounds of the Senior Sunshine Coast competition at Caloundra Indoor Stadium were completed during term 1 with great results from all our Burnside teams.

Team results were: Year 12 Girls –  $2^{nd}$ , Year 12 Boys –  $2^{nd}$ , Year 11 Boys –  $2^{nd}$ , Year 11 Girls –  $3^{rd}$ , Year 10 Girls –  $3^{rd}$ , Year 10 Boys 1 –  $1^{st}$  Gold medalists (Sunshine Coast Champions), Year 10 Boys 2 –  $5^{th}$ .

**Congratulations** to all who participated in the **Senior** rounds for us this year and a big thank you to all officials, coaches and parents who gave up three Friday evenings looking after our teams and ensuring great results for us in this competition in 2022. Burnside finished **1**<sup>st</sup> overall as the **Senior Sunshine Coast Champion School** – 11 points ahead of Caloundra SHS. We look forward to the Junior Trish Buckley with our Year 9-7 Boys and Girls Teams in term 1/2.





# MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### MATHS TUTORIALS ARE RAMPING UP

Question: What is better than having one maths teacher to help you out?

Answer: 7 Maths teachers to help you out.

This is what students at maths tutoring this week found out when no less than 7 staff stayed back after hours to support our students.

As we approach end of term, more and more students are taking advantage of the free tutorial sessions offered by the Maths Department. Maths staff kindly volunteer an hour of their time to help out our students with their maths assignments and classwork every Monday afternoon from 2:45 until 3:45pm in K29. All grades are welcome.



#### Allan Unie (HOD Maths)

#### ART SPACE

This term our new Year 7 Art students have been powering on with a variety of tasks. We started the year with an introduction to Indigenous Art in Australia. Hayden and Tehya of 7F have produced some impressive work.





The Wild HeART Competition is running this year. Entries are now open and close on July 17th.

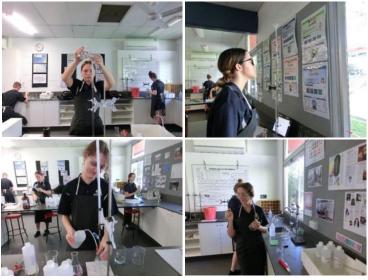
The drawings our Year 7 students are currently working on could become entries in Wild HeART.

Exciting news from Caloundra Regional Gallery is that an artwork titled "Day Off " was submitted to the Local Student Art Prize 2022 by Amy Johnston. Although Amy's work was not selected as a finalist on this occasion, it will be available for viewing in the ArtRoom for the duration of the exhibition at the Caloundra Regional Gallery from Friday the 25th of March to Sunday the 8th of May 2022. Well done Amy!

The Year 10, 11 and 12 have been invited to an upcoming excursion on Friday 1st April (last day of term). Parents and guardians should have received a letter home or email regarding this great opportunity for our students. The payment and permission slip are due at Administration by Friday 25th March.

## YR 12 CHEMISTRY STUDENT EXPERIMENT

Year 12 Chemistry students have been hard at work this term carrying out Titrations as part of their assessment which involves a Student Experiment. This experiment is designed so that the concentration of an unknown solution can be determined by using the concentration of a known substance.



Students will conduct a number of trials to ensure an accurate answer can be determined. They will also repeat the experiment by using couple of substances of known concentration to ensure the result is confirmed. This assessment piece forms 20% of the total grade for the year.

Kym Van Egmond (Science HOD)

### GUIDANCE NEWS

School Guidance and Counselling Services are available at Burnside SHS with the Guidance Officer, Steve Hutson, Monday to Friday each week.

School Guidance Officers provide a number of services in schools, which at Burnside SHS includes:

- Assessment and Intervention
- Career Guidance
- Counselling
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Behaviour Support
- Professional Development

#### YEARS 10 and 12

A number of important activities take place this for Year 10 and 12 students as they move through the senior phase of learning and on to further education, training and employment.

Year 10 students will complete their Student Education and Training (SET) Plan process across Term 3 which involves the investigation of possible post-school career pathways. The SET Plan is a working document to support students' informed career decision-making over their remaining time at Burnside SHS, and for Year 10 students informs Year 11 subject selections for 2023.

Many of our Year 12 students will soon begin the process of more closely investigating tertiary study options for 2023, initially begun with their SET Plan development in Year 10. Students and parents will be supported through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) application process across late Term 2 and into Term 3. Those students not considering university entrance will continue to receive support to successfully move in to further training and/or employment.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding items mentioned above.

Steve Hutson – Guidance Officer

# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

#### **BORDERS ARE OPENING:**

Term 2 will see the arrival of two International students from Japan. Both Hina Yoshida and Saori Mitomi are from Tokyo and will go into Year 10. Host families and Buddies are ready to go so here's hoping all goes to plan.

Enrolments are also coming in for Term 3. We have two confirmed students from Germany and others are in the processing stage. If you are keen to host we would love to hear from you.



# ROAD SAFETY - YEAR 12 HEALTH



The Year 12 Health students have been exploring the issue of Road Safety. This has been a confronting yet important issue for these young people. It is at this time that our students enter the world of driving therefore the information imparted has been pertinent for these adolescents.

To consolidate their learning on the topic, students were provided a guest speaker - Garry Church from Road Trauma Services QLD. Garry is a retired police officer of over 30 years and has been a part of the Sunshine Coast Forensic Crash Unit. We were lucky to have him spend over an hour with the class, sharing his stories, knowledge and experience. Additionally, Phil, a Father who lost a child to road trauma came to share his story which students found impactful.

It is our hope that through these highly relevant and engaging sessions, that our young drivers can be inspired to advocate and apply safe driving behaviours to their own lives. LOTE NEWS



Selamat Datang/Welcome- read the colourful sign greeting tourists as they touched down in Bali this month. The 61 passengers on the Garuda flight from Sydney were the first Australian visitors in two years.

For most of the Australian tourists visiting Bali from Australia this year, this will be one of the few phrases of Indonesian they will learn. English is widely used across the Indonesian archipelago, and especially in a tourist Mecca like Bali, where those employed in the Tourist Industry commonly speak up toe 5 languages.

This is in stark contrast to the low numbers of Australians who can speak Indonesian. However, our Year 7/8/9 Indonesian classes at BSHS are bucking that trend, and stepping into a whole new world of language and culture to become "Asia Literate".

This Term Year 7s have given a short speech in Indonesian about themselves and their interests. The Year 8 class has researched and presented an itinerary that a tourist may can follow on a holiday to one of the many Indonesian islands. While the Year 9 class have written and presented real life scenarios of restaurant experiences.



Chatting about ourselves, our holidays and also our food experiences is a common interaction in all cultures, and connecting with the unique culture of Indonesia has made it all the more engaging! Terima Kasih!

The LOTE Team

# THE DIVERSE LEARNING HUB NEWS

This year has seen quite a few changes in the DLH. Ms Ritter left at the end of the year to become a new mum and Ms Cooper is now the Year 8 DLH Facilitator for this term. Ms Cooper will take Mr Page's role next term, while he is on parental leave, as the Year 9 DLH Facilitator. We welcome back Ms Boyle after her maternity leave to take on the Year 8 DLH Facilitator role for the rest of the year. Ms Mossop is working part time across Year 7 and Year 8, supporting Ms Cooper and Mr Nagle.

The Learning Support room has had a few changes also. Ms Managh has taken on the role of Learning Support teacher while Ms White is on leave and Ms Amanda has taken on the role of Learning Support room co-ordinator while Ms Billie is on leave. The room has had a makeover, with lovely plants, interesting pictures, a chill out space and calming music. The students who attend the room say they love the change and think it is a good place in which to work.

Despite the delayed start to the year, all our students have settled in well and are on track to complete the term's work. Dedicated literacy classes begin next term for all students in Years 7 and 8, this will really make a difference to our students print literacy skills

Lee Coleman (HOD DLH)

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