

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 2, Week 8

Friday 11 June 2021

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Two fun-filled weeks left (4 school days for most students)! 😊

Keep encouraging your young person to turn up every day and put in their best efforts, and we will keep doing the same. The teachers have been very impressed with the results of the majority of students, and those that put in the time and effort have been rewarded with good outcomes. Well done students! You are capable of great things and don't ever forget it!

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

**Rainforestation Notes MUST
be returned ASAP!!!**

NAIDOC Excursion

NAIDOC Week is coming up in the holidays, and we wanted to celebrate the importance of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. We have organized for the students to get the bus up to Rainforestation on Tuesday 22nd June 2021. **Students who are expected to be at school are required to attend school if they are not attending the excursion.** This is not a school day for some students, but they are strongly encouraged to attend and enjoy the day with their peers. Relevant communications are attached and must be returned by **Monday 14th June, 2021**. There is no cost to students to attend this excursion.

Timetable

Class Times & Phones

We are trying to get students used to the fact they cannot have their phones in a workplace and respond to every call. As per the enrolment agreement, we have boxes to put the phone in, but students do not always utilize this and choose to keep them in bags/pockets. Unfortunately, students are often trying to answer phone calls in class time. We ask that should you need to contact your student urgently; you call Clare on 4058 4792 and we will get them for you. If they are going home early, we need to hear directly

from the parent/carer. We cannot sign them out unless we have parent/carer consent. Please call your student in the break times if you just want to chat.

Break times are:

10:00am – 10:15am

11:45am – 12:15pm

1:45pm – 2:00pm

Business

If your young person is interested in enrolling into a Certificate II Business, please advise Naomi or Clare.

TAFE Courses

We have attached information about 2022 TAFE courses for our Year 11 students or repeating Year 12 students. Please start having discussion about which course you are interested in. We will be applying **August 16** as soon as the applications open. Courses fill fast so please make sure your young person has taken the time to decide on a course preference.

Attendance

Our fantastic and super friendly Clare spends most of her day calling people to chase up our attendance roll. **If your young person is not coming to school, we urge you to email, text or call us to let us know.** This will free up so much of Clare's day for her to get through the rest of her workload 😊. She enjoys talking to you all, so please give her a call and let her know what's happening. Her number is 0419 717 805 or 4058 4792.

Assessments

All year 11 Maths and English assessments are now being saved on One Drive, if students fall behind, they can access their work from home. Assessments are no longer stored on USB's. This allows teachers to monitor student work as they progress through the tasks.

Reporting

Teachers will be finalizing assessment results throughout the next two weeks. Reports will be sent out on **Monday 19 July 2021** via email. Please ensure your email is updated with Clare so you are successfully receiving all communications from the school. Families with no email will receive a physical copy in the mail.

Staff News

Our fantastic Employee Pathways Officer, Andrew Chatfield, will be leaving us at the end of the term. He has done such a tremendous job at supporting and working with the students and the team to build the employment outcomes and opportunities of our young people. We will miss having him on the team but wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Amba Tipton, our new Employment Pathways Officer, has already started building some fantastic relationships with students, staff members and employment networks, so she will continue with the great work she has been doing.

Art Elective

Fantastic work with the art group. We are currently working with recycled products. Our project, at the moment is working with jeans that have been donated to the school. The students will be creating a variety of pieces using different parts of the jeans. Over the coming weeks we will be showing off our completed creations. The group is working to create denim feathers that will be used to create wall hangings. So, watch this space...

Employee Pathways Officer Update



Andrew and Amba attended an Information Evening this week at the Freshwater Christian College to promote the awesomeness that is Busy Schools. The night was to introduce the current students to the options available to them after year 10 with further education with JCU or getting a trade and education with Busy School or TAFE. We were able to interact with the students and their parents explaining the school days and what is required of the students, the weekly structure and what courses and work experience could be available for the

students to study to further their career paths. Here is Andrew posing with our fabulous stand, our banner with Una upfront studying, Jess and our Year 12 Teacher Ben in the background and school flyers and our school prospectus.

Job Vacancies

We currently have 2 employers who are interested in bringing an apprentice on board as a Renderer and Landscaper – Talk to Andrew or Amba if you are interested.

Work Experience

Busy Schools currently has 5 students completing work experience this week in areas such as Diesel Mechanic, Retail/Agriculture, Plumbing and Mechanics. This takes the total to 16 students engaged in work experience programs throughout 2021 with many more due to start in the coming weeks.