

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 3, Week 1

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Welcome to Term Three! It was so lovely to see so many fresh and vibrant students return to school this week ready to complete another term of learning with us. As per every term, our assessment calendar is attached to this newsletter, and in Week Three, we will be sending home a term planner that will allow students and their support people to see what is happening each week at school, so keep an eye out for that.

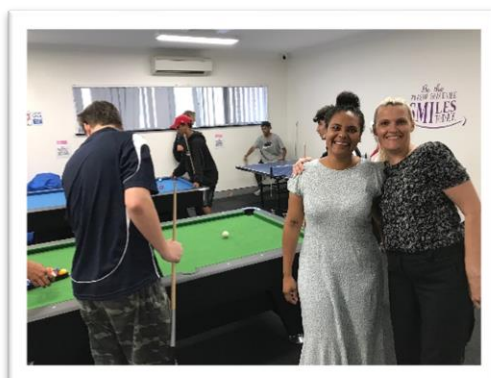
Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

One Year Celebrations!!!

Chipo Gweshe, Marney Fichera, Ben O'Connor, Faith Sayer and Clare Cropper all started their journey with BUSY Schools around this time last year, so we had a little surprise celebration with the students thanking them for all they have done over the year. Ben and Faith have supported our young people's education through some of their most difficult schooling years with COVID 19 and just enrolling in a school towards the end of the year. Chipo supported students and staff to find flexible ways to allow those young people to complete their academic requirements in a way that was of some relevance to them and in the short amount of time available to them. Marney supported them when they needed some extra support or someone to talk to and Clare, well, Clare supported us all with a friendly smile no matter what was happening!



Thank you to all of you for the year we have had!



URGENT!!! Consent to Travel with Staff

BUSY Schools staff are often required to transport students to appointments and to employment opportunities. In order for us to do this, we require written consent forms from parents/carers/independent students. Attached is a form which needs to be returned to Clare ASAP giving permission for this to continue happening.

Timetable

Wellbeing

BUSY Schools has had a slight timetable change this term with a new 15-minute wellbeing session called Connect at the start of the day. The staff and students will be working together to establish their greatest needs in this area, and it will become a dedicated and planned session to work through those things.

Mobile Phones and Breaks

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:

10:15am – 10:30am

12:00pm – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 2:15pm

TAFE Courses

We have attached information about 2022 TAFE courses for our Year 11 students or repeating Year 12 students. Please start having discussions 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.

Engineering Course

Unfortunately, due to lack of available trainers, MAJOR Training will not be able to start an Engineering course in 2021. Those of you who are interested, I suggest applying with TAFE as soon as TAFE Applications open. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused some of you.

Attendance

More and more people are contacting Clare to inform her of absences so she can focus on her other work and she is very thankful for that. **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.

FSK

FSK students require this course as a means to gain some great skills around the working world, as well as to gain 4 QCE credit points. Attendance is so important, as unfinished courses gain you no qualifications and no QCE credits. Those four credits could be the difference between a QCE or no QCE at the end of Year 12. Please ensure that the young people are attending school and training courses every day or they are at risk of not getting their Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12.

Visitors

Health Services Course

Doug from Strategix Training came into carry out the induction for students interested in the Certificate II in Health Services. This certificate is an informative and practical qualification with topics that are current with the health care industry; individual needs planning, health and well-being strategies. This certificate is the first step toward positions like nursing assistant, personal carer and aged care worker and allows the students to have a look at this sector for a potential lifetime career.



Johnathan Thurston Academy

On Monday and Wednesday last week we had Matt and Henry, Academy Program Officers from The Johnathan Thurston Academy, attend our school and carry out the JTConnect/ JTSucceed session with our students who are potentially looking to transition to work. This discussion was about encouraging behavioural change, develop positive attitudes, and assist students in interview process and maintaining employment. The year 11 and 12 students that attended found the sessions really engaging and informative.



Staff Contacts

The current contacts for staff are below.

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Feedback Process

At 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 Naomi to discuss the issue, and/or
- Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>