

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 3, Week 2

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We have had a fantastic start to the term with lots of calm and willing learners! There are lots of things happening and assessment time will be here before we know it. Please check the assessment calendars to familiarize yourselves with the timelines. In our next newsletter, we will be sending home Term Planners for each subject so that everyone is aware of what is happening, and if students are away, this should help them catch up.

We love every day at BUSY Schools, so we look forward to seeing what adventures await us for the rest of the term.

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

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.

Year 11 Assessment

The SCS assessment is in Week Four and next week is when they get the stimulus. Students MUST be in attendance for the examination. If your student is away, please provide medical documentation or contact Chipo Gweshe (chipo.gweshe@busyschools.com.au) for more information regarding extensions. If your young person has more specific needs, please ensure that we have evidence of the reason for this (medical reports etc).

In Week Ten, students who have completed Unit One will not be required to attend their BUSY Schools base days. With so many late enrolments, this time will be used to catch up all students on Unit One.

Year 12 Assessment

Year 12 English have their first checkpoint next week, and the draft is due in Week Five.

Year 12 Maths will begin their assessment in Week Three - a problem solving modelling task.



Year 12 Graduation

Faith, Amba and our marketing team are working on our Graduation plans. If anyone has any formalwear that they would like to donate, please contact Faith Sayer (faith.sayer@busyschools.com.au) or Clare.

Please spread the word so we can get as many donations as possible 😊.

Timetable

Wellbeing

In the wellbeing sessions this week, students have been completing a wellbeing survey which will help to guide the school in a direction focused on them. We have looked at anxiety this week, and so teachers will be focusing on anxiety in our morning sessions – What is normal anxiety? When is it becoming a ‘disorder’? Can anxiety be a good thing? This will be our focus for some weeks ahead.

Mobile Phones and Breaks

Students have been much improved this term with their control of phone usage. Just a reminder that our break times are below and students will not be able to answer outside of these times.

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.

Visitors

Uncle Joseph Lui visited our campus on Wednesday and spoke with the Year 12 students about his career. Uncle Joe spoke about his current employer as a Safety Systems Specialist Trainer with My Pathway as well as his own business as a Trainer for U.M.E Lynx, and how he got to where he is today. As well as speaking about how he changed his career from a Cabinet Marker to a Co-ordinator and then to being his own boss as a an Employment Trainer, Uncle Joe works towards educating and empowering indigenous and non-indigenous communities to understand important roles they can adopt for future sustainability.

Donations

The BUSY Group has announced their winter donation charity recipients. Rosies Friends on the Street has an outreach branch in Mareeba and Cairns where they provide support to disadvantaged kids in the community and those in need and provide food, blankets, and a safe space. The volunteers at Rosies are out there every night trying to help. BUSY has donated \$2,500 to each branch to assist them to continue doing such great work.

Employment Pathways

Spray Painting/Panel Beating

Any students who are interested in the Spray Painting/Panel Beating industry to get an idea of what this career is about and if it could be a future for you, let Amba know and she will organise a visit.

School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Available

- Business Administration
- Rendering/Plastering
- Panel Beating/Spray Painting

We have placed five of our current students over the last few weeks in School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships in a range of industries – Graphic Design, Pharmacy, Diesel Mechanic, Tiling and Carpentry. If you are interested in looking at a career, even in a minor or unique industry, have a chat with Amba and she will see what steps you can work towards to gain this career

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 it 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/>