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We are blessed at BUSY Schools. We had three FANTASTIC weeks so far this term with smooth sailing all the way! Thank you to our fantastic students for making our jobs a dream. At least one teacher was just telling me this week about how happy they are every morning to come to work to work with such fantastic students and staff. Of course, this wouldn't be possible without the fantastic services of Tropic Wings and the outstanding support from parents and carers.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

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 examination is next week. 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).

Course planners are attached to this newsletter allowing you to gain some insight in what your student is doing at school. This is also a good way for students to catch up when they are away. It shows what is being covered, some resources and when assessment and feedback is provided to students.

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 draft is due next Friday. There are a few students who are currently not on track to get to this checkpoint. Any questions can be directed to Ben O'Connor.

Year 12 Maths will be expected to have reached their first checkpoint next week. For any questions, contact Faith Sayer.

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Please encourage your young person to work hard in class and attend every day. They have less than 29 teaching, learning and assessment days of classrooms left! It would appear at this stage that students can gain their QCE at the end of the year **IF** they stay on track and work hard. Any students at risk are working with myself, Chipo and the team for support in their future paths should they not meet the requirements of the qualification.

Year 12 Graduation Tickets

The current plan is that students will be given a ticket for themselves plus an additional two tickets. At least one of those tickets must be used for a parent/carer or family member. The other ticket can be used for a friend or a partner.

Please let Clare know whether your young person will require one, two or three tickets so we can start looking at venues etc.

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.

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far – we have donations from all over the East and North Coast! We are truly blessed to have such support!

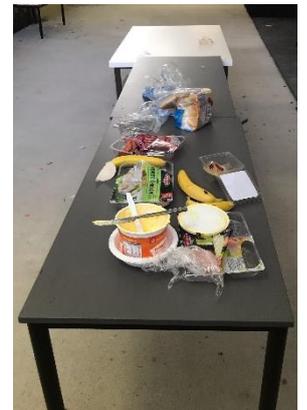


Please spread the word so we can get as many donations as possible 😊

Kitchen

The Monday and Tuesday group will have access to basic foods via the teacher aides and staff moving it to the front eating area. Unfortunately, even after multiple warnings, this group continues to leave perishable and non-perishable items out on the table and dishes in the sink. They will have no access to the kitchen next week. However, they do have access to food.

Thank you to the Wednesday and Friday group for cleaning up after yourselves. Enjoy the kitchen next week!



Timetable

Wellbeing

EXCITING NEWS!!!

Marney, our Youth Worker, now has her own special room where students can go to calm down, have time out and/or do some quiet work. It has already been a success with students! Watch this space for some photos when it is set up beautifully!

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.

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

Youth & Careers Expos 2021

This is the only Careers Expo in FNQ. A one stop shop for students to ask all of their questions and have them answered by a Careers/Industry professional. They will have an interactive stage that will consist of presentations, demonstrations and experiments running throughout the day from various exhibitors and special guests. This will be held in the Fred Moule Pavilion at the Cairns Show Grounds on Mulgrave Rd from 3pm to 6pm Thursday 26 August 2021. Refer to attached flyer for more information.

Staff Contacts

The current contacts for staff are below.

Naomi Vucas (Principal)	naomi.vucas@busyschools.com.au	0417 174 558
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Marney Fichera (Youth Worker/Morning Phone calls)	marney.fichera@busyschools.com.au	0419 747 212
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Faith Sayer (Yr 12 SCS/Maths Teacher)	faith.sayer@busyschools.com.au	NA
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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/>