

Friday 10 September 2021

The fortnight in review

The last fortnight was a blend of academic work, submission of assessment, guests from the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) hosting the Love Bites – Respectful Relationships program, work experience, school-based apprenticeships and training days. Friday 3 September was a student free day and staff were fortunate to visit many students at work experience and their school-based apprenticeships.

Last Friday, we had the opportunity to say farewell to Sam, Administration Officer, and wish her the best for her new endeavours. We welcome back Ellie, BUSY School – Executive Assistant, who is supporting the campus until we find our new Administration Officer. Many students and families met Ellie throughout Term 2. Please continue to call 3440 4271 with any absences or questions and email salisbury@busyschools.com.au

Love Bites Program

As shared in previous newsletters, The BUSY School – Salisbury hosted the Love Bites – Respectful Relationships program facilitated by the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). Due to our increased enrolments, students divided into two groups with half of the students attending the Love Bites program this term, and the other group will attend in Term 4. The program is hosted at the school.

Outstanding Assessment

Some students have outstanding assessment due. These students are required to attend on Monday 13 September and Tuesday 14 September to complete the assessment as a priority. Monday and Tuesday are normal school days for other students.

Important information for Thursday 16 September

On Thursday 16 September, BUSY School staff are attending professional development Mates in Construction – Connector Training to enhance our understanding and develop strategies to support students with mental health and wellbeing. This professional development has been pre-booked and will be delivered at the school.

On Thursday, most BUSY School students attend the campus to complete qualification training by Skill360 in either the Certificate II in Workplace Skills or Certificate I in Construction – these courses will continue Thursday 16 September. As you are aware, these qualifications are delivered by BUSY Group staff from Skill360. It is important students enrolled in these qualifications attend on both Wednesday and Thursday next week as assessment is being completed and due for submission.

Other students, i.e. students not enrolled in the above two qualifications, will have a student free day on Thursday 16 September.

Friday 17 September – Last day Term 3

A fun-filled day has been organised with the Police Youth Citizens Club (PCYC) Mt Gravatt for our last day of term. We will transport students to/from the venue and all food is supplied, normal school hours apply.

Parent/Carer Afternoon – Meet the BUSY School staff

A parent/carer afternoon to meet The BUSY School staff was scheduled for earlier this term. Unfortunately, this was postponed due to the lockdown and current restrictions to keep our school community safe. We are hoping that Term 4 will give us an opportunity to reschedule this event.

Toni Banfield, Principal.

Employment Pathways Update



Last Friday was a student free day, but not for these students getting real-life experience out and about on the job. Our wonderful teachers got to go out and do site visits, was great to see them in a different environment other than the classroom. Hopefully these experiences will materialise into apprenticeships and traineeships... watch this space!

Rodney Florent



Qualifications Update

In the workshop in the Certificate II in Construction, students are working full steam ahead on the cabinetry for the student kitchen. They are learning to use tools in safe and effective ways to be productive in future careers.

Youth Worker Update

It is been a great week being able to spend time with the students that are completing the Certificate I in Construction. Cabinetry for the student's kitchen is underway and the students are loving getting in there and getting the job done. With the change in season, we have been lucky enough to spend some time outside kicking the ball around and practicing our footy skills. **Alaka Beri**



Curriculum Update

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe the end of Term 3 is next week. It has been a very productive term, and the students are starting to realise that they have nearly completed Year 11, which is an amazing milestone in their learning journey. Next week, we are allocating time on Monday and Tuesday afternoon to support students' complete assessments for Unit 1 in Essential English and Essential Mathematics and Module 1 in Social and Community Studies, by completing these assessments to a C (or above) standard, students will remain QCE eligible. In week 10 you will be emailed a snapshot of how your young person is tracking in each of their subjects.

Term 4 New Curriculum Program – BRAKE Driver Awareness Program

During Term 4 'power hour' every Monday and Tuesday afternoon, BUSY Schools will be delivering the BRAKE driver awareness program on campus to all students. The program educates young adults about road risks with an award-winning, eight-part resilience training program that can save young lives. There are five aspects to the BRAKE program – **B**ehaviour, **R**isk, **A**ttitude, **K**nowledge and **E**ducation. BUSY Schools has received some government funding to deliver the course and successful completion accrues 1 credit toward a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Information about the program can be found via <https://www.brake.org.au/>

Have a great weekend, and as always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on (07) 3440 4271 or by email at karen.danks@busyschools.com.au **Karen Danks**

Essential English Update

Wow! Well, that is week 9 done and dusted, we are so proud of the students for stepping up and completing their exams. Tiara and I will be finalising our marking and moderating student exams this week, so students will receive their feedback next week. For students who were away for one, or both parts of the exam, they will be given the opportunity to sit the exams in next week. In week 10 we will start looking at Term 4 content, with the main concepts being biographical and autobiographical writing.

It was great to visit some students in the workplace on the student free day and see students performing real life tasks and interacting with their “work” team. Although I didn’t get a chance to snap a photo of Sophie hard at work at Damien Greer Lawyers, I couldn’t help but admire the stunning view from the 40th floor.



I visited Tyler at Hudson’s Coffee at the Mater Children’s Hospital, he had very busy morning preparing food for the lunch rush.

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen or Tiara.

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Essential Mathematics Update

This week the PSMT assessment is due. There have been a lot of submissions so far, but I am still waiting for quite a few students to finish. It is important that this work gets completed by Friday. I have appreciated the effort that many of the students are putting in.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. stuart.smith@busyschools.com.au **Stuart Smith**

Social and Community Studies Update

We have had a fantastic week, compiling assessment and completing mock interviews. The students have been amazing, pulling out all the stops to do the very best they can in their mock applications for jobs of their choice. It was so interesting to see the range of varied careers your young people are interested in and the wonderful skills they already possess to work toward those interests becoming reality.



We also built on our teamwork skills with LEGO! Lots of interesting structures were created and our teams loved the competition.



Tiara and I visited Seb at Bridgestone Select and Zac at Jax Tyres and Automotive. They are both having a wonderful experience learning about light vehicle and 4WD mechanics and tyre changing and repair.

Please contact me with any queries, I love a chat! **Sally Avis**