

Thursday, 28 October 2021

### The week in review

Today we celebrate World Teachers Day!

At BUSY Schools we are celebrating all staff as they valuably contribute to the education of your young person. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during the Australian school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday in October. Due to the rescheduled public holiday this year to Friday 29 October, Brisbane schools celebrate today.



[worldteachersday.com.au](http://worldteachersday.com.au)

Term 4 at any school is busy and this is no different at The BUSY Schools. We are needing students to remain at school all day so that they can remain engaged in the school program to complete both their school subject learning to prepare them for successful completion of assessment and training qualifications. With only 4 weeks left of the term it is an important time to be attending every day. As part of the 2021 school program, we are hosting a Year 12 2022 parent/carer information session, an awards presentation, and are organising meaningful, fun and engaging activities once assessment has been completed. Additionally, we are also looking ahead to 2022 and your young person's program. Please note the important dates below for your calendars.

**Thursday 4 November is a student free day for students who attend the subject tutorial sessions, i.e. to catch up on learning/assessment from Unit 1, beginning of Year 11. Students completing Certificate I in Construction and Certificate II Workplace Skills MUST still attend training at school on Thursday 4 November.** BUSY Schools staff are attending professional development to enhance quality teaching and learning in the classroom.

### Year 12 2022 Parent/Carer and BUSY Ability Information Sessions

**Thursday 11 November, 4.00pm – 5.30pm**

Parents/carers will be provided with an overview of the Year 12 2022 program, including structure for placing students in Group A or Group B, school subject expectations and assessment, and the industry program. After a short break, the BUSY Ability team will explain how they support and work alongside students with an injury, medical needs or disabilities, including students with mental health diagnoses, find meaningful employment through engagement in tailored employability skills programs and work with an assigned employment services officer. BUSY Ability focusses on abilities! BUSY Ability will also share information about eligibility for students and families for NDIS. There are many of our families who are likely to be eligible for NDIS and not accessing this valuable program to further support their young person. We have asked BUSY Ability to join with us at The BUSY Schools to intentionally combine our BUSY Group strengths to further provide individualised support for students. **Please RSVP by Tuesday 9 November via [salisbury@busyschools.com.au](mailto:salisbury@busyschools.com.au) or 3440 4271**

### Inaugural Year 11 Academic and Industry Awards.

**Tuesday 23 November, 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Parents/carers are asked to join us on campus in celebrating the success of our students. Light refreshments will be provided. **Please RSVP by Thursday 18 November via [salisbury@busyschools.com.au](mailto:salisbury@busyschools.com.au) or 3440 4271**

### Last day of school activity

**Friday 26 November**

We are planning a fun celebration for the students for the last day of school – more information to come.

### We are enrolling students for 2022

If you know of any students/families that would benefit from our BUSY Schools program in 2022 please encourage them to contact the school for a tour. To further welcome our new 2022 students, we are hosting a student orientation on Thursday 25 November. Current Year 11 students still attend their training qualification on this day.

As always please do not hesitate to email me with any questions and feedback.

**Toni Banfield, Principal.**

### Employment Pathways Update

My catch phrase with students is – ‘It’s not what you know but who you know’. You may think you don’t know much...but I do know people, and so do you. Friends, relatives, the ‘tradie’ that has done some work on your house, mechanic who services your car or accountant, all the contacts that you see every day may have or know someone else who is looking for some excellent young people to join their team. I encourage students and parents alike to pass on any contacts you may have to help me, help our students find placements. As always please feel free to have a chat regarding your career pathways.

**Rodney Florent**

### Curriculum Update

WOW, how did we get to week 4, Term 4 already? As of Monday, 1 November, there are only 20 days of school left for your young person this year. With this in mind it is really important that students attend all day, every day to ensure they meet assessment deadlines and attend subject examinations.

Here is a snapshot of your student’s assessment schedule.

### Assessment Dates – Term 4

#### Essential English

This week:

Drafting of autobiography OR biography chapter

Week 5, Tuesday 2 November:

Submit a draft for teacher feedback

Week 6:

Submit final version of their autobiography OR biography chapter for final submission. Students use teacher feedback to adjust and improve their draft version.

#### Essential Mathematics

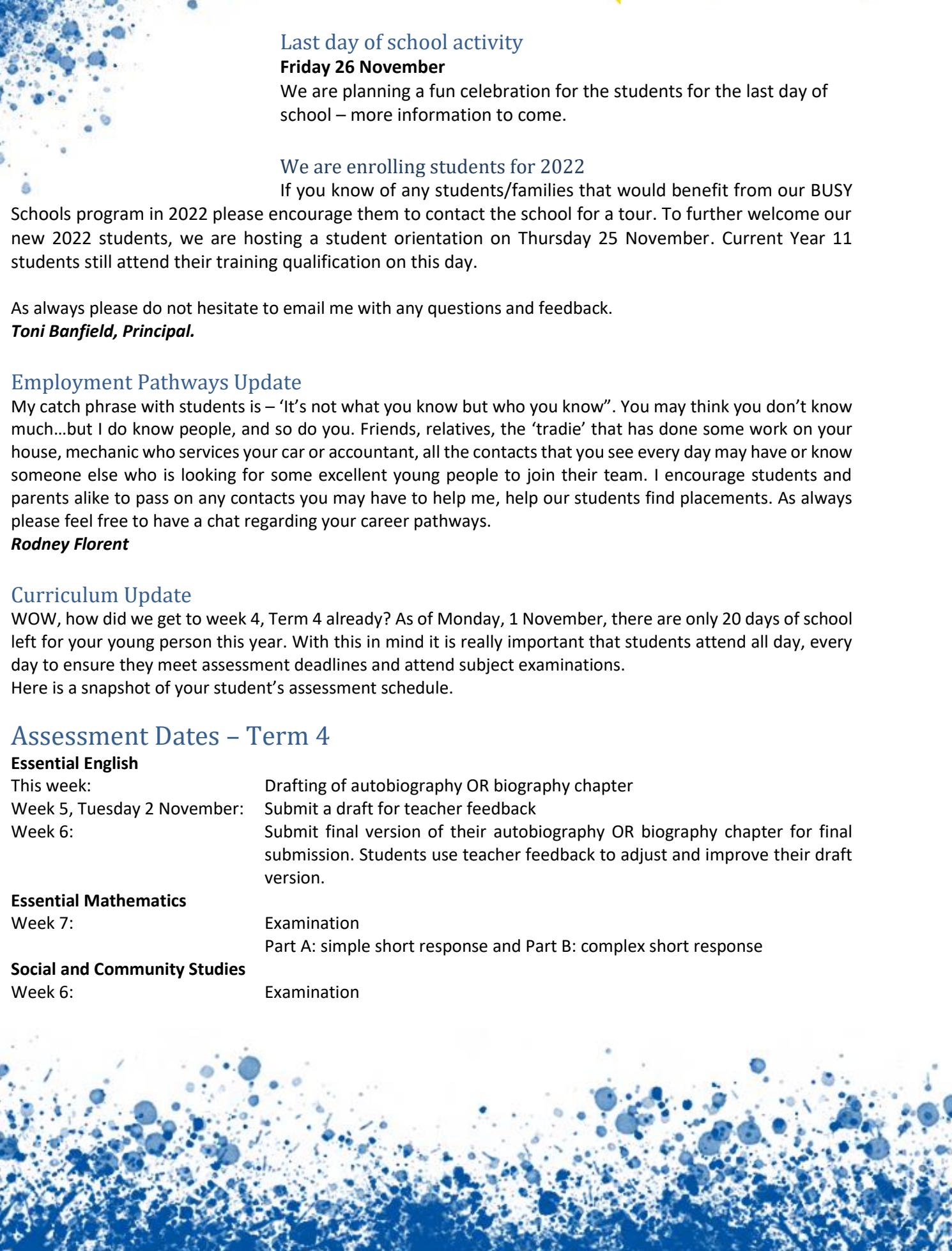
Week 7:

Examination

Part A: simple short response and Part B: complex short response

Week 6:

Examination



It has been great to see so many young people catching up on, and completing Unit 1 content for Essential English, Essential Mathematics and Social and Community Studies. If at any time you want an update on how your young person is tracking, please send me an email or give me a call using the contact details below. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3340 4271 or at [karen.danks@busyschools.com.au](mailto:karen.danks@busyschools.com.au) or if you have any questions or queries about your young person's progress or The BUSY Schools curriculum. **Karen Danks**

### Essential English Update

This week in Essential English the students have started to draft their autobiographical OR biographical chapter. We have a great mix of autobiographies and biographies being written, and I am certainly learning about the different subjects the students are writing about. It has also been great to see the students showing stamina to get on with the writing task and persist, even when the going gets tough. Students drafts are due on **Tuesday 2 November**, following the draft submission phase students will receive verbal and written feedback for them to act upon prior to the final submission date of **Tuesday 9 November**. Please be assured that if students do not submit a draft or final submission parents and carers will be notified. If you have any questions or queries regarding Essential English, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Karen) or Tiara. **Karen Danks and Tiara Chisnall**

### Essential Mathematics Update

This week we have continued with more examination preparation and catch-up work for those who need to. Please encourage your young person to stay focussed for the last few weeks of Term 4 and get their work done. I am very proud of how far they have come in a short time. Also, during the lessons this week we have a break from curriculum work to do other activities such as sudoku and other number puzzles.

**Stuart Smith**

### Social and Community Studies Update



This week in Social and Community Studies we have been practicing our skills in analysing and comparing responses to different scenarios. We have been learning about the importance of resilience in both our schooling and general lives and how to modify our responses to stressful situations to maintain high self-esteem and confidence.

In our classes at BUSY Schools, we always use Brain Breaks during classes to give your young person a quick break from learning and maintain and grow student friendships, communication skills and community awareness. In the photos below, students are working in pairs to draw the other partner's "air" drawing. Lots of giggles were heard across the campus.

I am available for a chat, so please contact me if you have any queries on [sally.avis@busyschools.com.au](mailto:sally.avis@busyschools.com.au) or via the reception phone number. Have a lovely long weekend.

**Sally Avis**