

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 2, Week 2

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Term Two already feels like it is flying by. Students have started their afternoon elective activities – cooking, arts & crafts, recreational room, gym & sports, yoga, quiet time and study. Some students are working on QCAA subjects to catch up on unit work after late enrolment or they missed out last year. Students self-selected which group they would like to join – unless they need to complete the curriculum subjects. The gym group started last week, and thoroughly enjoyed it. The first round was the ‘beep test’. They will do it again after about 6 weeks of training to see how they have done. The cooking group made brownies and chocolate balls, and the arts group are making clay jewelry, magnets and other items.

We are very proud of the gym team after the coach at Genesis Sportworld gave great compliments on their manners and general behaviour. Well done students, and a very big thanks to Cor for organizing this activity.



2022 Parent Information Session

Thank you to all those who attended our Parent Information Session last night. It was fantastic to see you all and to hear how things are going for your young people so far. It was heart-warming to hear all of the positive stories where students are making great progress already - academically, socially and emotionally. For those who missed it, we covered a range of topics, including assessment obligations, reasonable adjustments throughout teaching and learning, behaviour expectations, mental health support and other important areas of our school.

I will be running another session for future enrolments, so if you did not make it, and would like to know when we will run the next one, please let myself or Clare know. The next one will be held during the day on a Thursday, so I look forward to seeing some more of you then.



Happy Birthday BUSY Schools!!!

As I mentioned, we turned two recently, and we had hoped to celebrate with parents and students at the information night, but no students attended. We missed them 😊. The poor parents and support networks missed out so we could share with the students. Students thoroughly enjoyed the left over Subway from last night with a gorgeous cake. A huge thank you to Loveleighs Cakery who made the very special cake. The students loved it!!!



Assessment and Academic News

Term Two term planners and assessment calendars are attached to this newsletter. These will help you keep up to date with the work, particularly if the young person is ill or in isolation.

Year 11 Assessment

Year 11 students are working on their Social Community Studies. The draft is due next week, and in Week 4 the students will be participating in their Mock Interviews with the Employment Pathway Officers.

Year 12 English assessment: CIA Exam

The Year 12 Essential English CIA Exam is coming up in Week 4. We are doing invaluable preparation in class in this week and next which students will miss out on if they do not attend. The 'seen' stimulus has been handed out and discussed in classes, and again, there will be gaps in learning and preparation if students are not at school. If a student is absent for the CIA exam in week 4 without a medical certificate or exceptional reason, there will not be any more opportunities to do the exam. This will have a negative impact on their QCE points for Essential English.

Please let us know if your young person experiences problems with transport to or from school over the next few weeks so we can support their attendance.

COVID-19 update – School procedure

The BUSY Schools follows Qld Health directives for close contacts and positive cases for COVID-19. In Term 1 2022, The BUSY Schools intentionally added a conservative strategy to support the safety of campuses requesting those who had tested positive to COVID-19 and/or close contacts have a negative RAT test before returning to school.

UPDATE:

Staff and students who have tested positive to COVID-19 are no longer required to have a negative RAT test before returning to- The BUSY Schools. If they have symptoms besides those listed on the Qld Health site, they must stay at home as outlined by Qld Health. (<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/i-have-covid/isolation/ending-isolation>) If you do have a fever, sore throat, runny nose, or a cough that is bad or getting worse, on day 7 of your isolation, you will need to remain in isolation until those symptoms have gone away.

Staff and students who have isolated as a close contact adhere to the Qld directives (<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/close-contacts/quarantine-as-a-close-contact/ending-quarantine-as-a-close-contact>)

Schools continue to adhere to all Qld Health directives, and RAT Tests will be supplied to students who display symptoms whilst at school.

Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

Hastings Deering - Apprenticeship Applications for 2023 OPENS IN 1 WEEK

It's an opportunity to learn from the best in the business in our state-of-the-art facilities. Working with world-class Caterpillar machinery, our apprentices learn about the repair, servicing and maintenance of a massive range of equipment, engines and power systems.

Apprenticeships On Offer:

- Engine Reconditioner
- Auto Electrician
- Boilermaker
- Diesel Fitter
- Mechanical Fitter

If you are wanting to apply for any position with Hasting Deering, please let Amba and Amanda know so that time can be booked for them to work with you on your application.

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/>

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