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Attendance

It's important that your young person attends every day of their school program. All absences for attending school, training, work experience and school-based apprenticeships or traineeships are to be notified to the school via Reception [3440 4271](tel:34404271) or salisbury@busyschools.com.au or on the [Compass app](#). A phone message can be left at any time.

Feedback Process

At The BUSY Schools we want everyone to have a voice! We are keen to hear your feedback whether it is positive or a concern. The best way for feedback to be effective is to pass it through the most relevant channels. If you would like to share feedback with us, you can:

- Approach the relevant people directly and have a respectful conversation
- Approach Liza to discuss the issue liza.page@busyschools.com.au
- Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website:

<https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>

A note from the Campus Principal

Welcome to our new fortnightly newsletter. Moving forward we will combine 2 weeks of good news that we are just bursting to share with you, so grab a cuppa and enjoy the read.

I wish to thank all the parents and carers who I have spoken to already this term as we set our sights on creating a wonderfully good culture at school where everyone feels safe and accepted. Thank you to families for supporting us in holding students to our high BUSY expectations. Can I ask families to support us with our no phone policy during class times. Please do not contact students during class, just at break times. This will greatly support our learning processes within each classroom.

This newsletter we are introducing a new item called **Staff Spotlight**. Each fortnight we will shine a light on a staff member to help you get to know the fabulous staff we have here at BUSY Salisbury. We will be rolling this out alphabetically, so scroll down to hear about our very interesting Teacher Aide Aaron.

Important Dates:

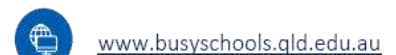
- Thursday 11th May** Student free day to support staff training day
- Wednesday 31st May** 1.00pm-7.00pm Parent teacher interviews
- Thursday 9th November** Year 12 Graduation/ Formal St Lucia Golf Course
- Week 6** Year 12 Exams
- Weeks 7-10** Compulsory attendance for Year 12 (and 11!) students

Our Year 12 exams will be soon with us in Week 6. These exams are called Common Internal Assessments (CIA). This term can be a bit misleading as they are exams that are written externally from the school, written by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and then sat internally at each school in Queensland. These exams fall in the middle of the term, which is unusual for our students, as they are used to assessments being held at the end of a term. As these exams are in the middle of the term, classes go right back to learning Week 7 continuing all the way up until the last day of term. There will be no Golden Tickets for Year 12 students. It is essential that students attend school for the rest of Term 2 once the exams are completed as we will be teaching vital content for these four weeks which will not be repeated in Term 3.

Liza Page
Campus Principal



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EXCELLENCE
We always strive to exceed.

RESILIENCE
Equipped to meet challenges and excel.

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We act with honesty and sincerity.

Innovation
Embracing new ideas and technology to stay ahead of change.



Hi, my name is Aaron, I work as a Teacher Aide here at BUSY School Salisbury. I really love my job here because I am super passionate about helping young people achieve their academic goals. I am extremely proud to be part of such a caring team that we have here at BUSY School Salisbury. It is so exciting to see how driven all of our staff are to help our student be successful in their education. My biggest motivation for coming to work each day is knowing that I once walked in very similar shoes as a lot of our students here,

when I was at school many years ago, school was a huge struggle for me due to learning difficulties that I live with. I had a few teachers that invested extra time and effort into me which really helped get me over the line. So, this has motivated me to try and do similar for our students.

Here are a few things to help you get to know me better:

- I am a father of two beautiful little girls.
- I am a big country music fan.
- I am currently reading the Biography of Jack Charles called "Born-again Blakfella".
- I am currently binge-watching the tv show Yellowstone.
- One of my goals for the next few months/this year is to take my little family on a holiday because we haven't been on a proper holiday in years.
- One thing that I have on my bucket list is to see the Northern Lights in either the Scottish Highlands or Alaska



Year 12 Essential English

Welcome to Term 2. We have started of this term looking at the topics of Human Space Exploration and Science and Technology, this is because one of these topics will be the focus of the stimulus for this term's Common Internal Assessment (CIA). Students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities that will allow them to think about these topics, how they impact on us now and the possibilities these concepts offer us for the future. The CIA is an exam written by the QCAA and administered to all Year 12 Essential English students who are studying this subject across Queensland. The exam follows strict protocols to ensure consistency of practice in every school state-wide. Although the possible stimulus topics are Human Space Exploration and Science and Technology, the exam questions relate to the following.

- Representations of concepts (e.g. Human Space Exploration OR Science and Technology)
- Values, attitudes, beliefs and cultural assumptions in texts
- The use of language features in texts
- The use of text structures in creating texts.

The students will sit the CIA in week 6 of this term and will have the opportunity to complete a practice exam in week 5. As we get closer to time there will be further detail about the CIA examination arrangements in future newsletters and COMPASS communication.

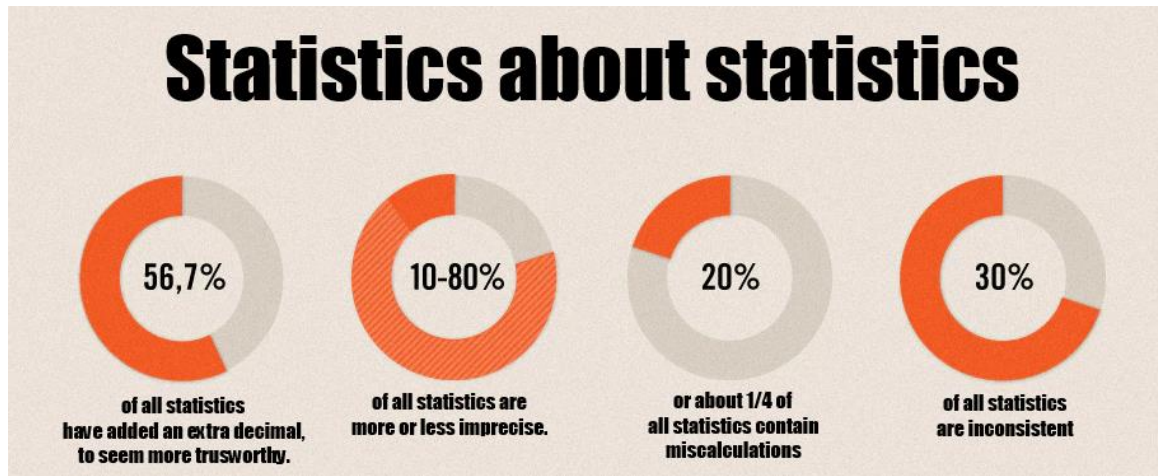
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Year 11 Essential English

It is great to see the students back at school for Term 2. As you are no doubt aware, the assessment last term was to write a blog about a chosen career. We are continuing with the unit theme which is the world of work but the assessment this term will be a spoken presentation, highlighting a particular workplace issue of concern and proposing a possible solution to help address the problem. This will be a multi-modal presentation so students will also develop a supporting visual tool such as a Power-Point. Students will have the opportunity to submit a draft for feedback and this will be submitted in week 7. The final presentation will be delivered in week 9. These presentations will be filmed but students should be reassured that they will not be asked to present in front of the class but will film individually either here at school or pre-record at home. As always please feel free to contact either myself or Patrick:

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patrick.mchugh@busyschools.com.au



Term 2 has begun with a big bang- looking at data and statistics. Our Year 12 students are finalising Unit 3 working on data and statistics and will start preparing for their exam. The exam will be held in week 6.

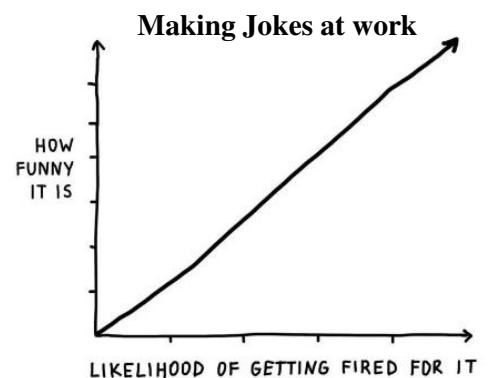
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Year 11 Essential Math

Do you read Graphs?

Term 2 kicks off with reading/ understanding various graphs. The PSMT assessment starts in week 5 and is due in week 8. It is about interpreting data using appropriate graphs for real life scenarios.

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Year 12 Social and Community Studies

This term students have hit the ground running commencing work on the Money Management unit of work. After being introduced to budgets and investing, students have investigated their own financial situations (to the horror of some!) looking in detail at their earnings and expenses. Moving through the term students will cover new topics that will prepare them for the examination in week 9. Attending class each day is crucial and we strongly encourage students who miss classes to catch up using the materials on Teams which can be access from any device, even phones.

Year 11 Social and Community Studies

Term has begun wonderfully with your young people diving straight into learning about work-life balance – what an important real-life skill! We have now begun learning how to use a structure to write a cover letter to an employer – lots of practice makes better and better.

Next week we continue an assessment project we began last term – a full application for a job that your young people choose from a job search website. We have already finished an analysis and resume and will continue with interview questions. This unit is such a valuable learning experience.

Any queries please contact your class teacher or myself: sally.avis@busyschools.com.au

12F update

A new term begins! In the lessons this term so far, students have been examining ways in which jobs have changed over time and considering how adaptable they are themselves when facing change. While there was no formal assessment in Term One, students will shortly be analysing the responses to the survey sent out to selected employers. The responses will help to form the basis of the multi modal speech which the students will deliver in week 8. Students will not have to speak in front of their peers but will be filmed speaking individually or may also choose to pre- record at home. In week 7 students will be asked to submit a draft of their speech in order to receive feedback before their final presentation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: alison.pattinson@busyschools.com.au

Employment Pathways Officer Update

Over the break many students continued with their school-based traineeships and apprenticeships. Others started Work experience or had interviews, which was great to keep the momentum happening. The EPO team has also started some great conversations with some large employers so hopefully we will see some new partnerships forged in this space.

In this addition I would like to post a Work Experience Tip. I know the students hear me banging on and on about this, but I can't stress enough the importance.....**This week's Tip:**



PHONES are job killers, keep them in your bag, locker or anywhere safe and far away from you whilst you are working. It would have to be the biggest sore point with employers by far!

This month's work experience achievers: Elliott- Wave International, Abbas - Plumbing Smart Solutions, Samantha – GM Gem engineering, Lesley – Hair 4 Now, Tiana- Early Childhood, Lachlan- Warehousing.



We also had some students get signed up for Traineeships and Apprenticeships including, Kory, Kai, William, Micah and Kurt. Congratulations to you all!



Learning Support Update

Welcome back to Term 2 of 2023. A particular shout out to all the year 11's who had such a positive start at their new school.

We are focusing heavily on Independent Learning Plans for all of our students this term. These are a collaboration between students and teachers to ensure that we are providing the support and adjustments that they need to achieve at school. After we collaborate with students on how we can effectively support their learning at school, we then contact parents or carers to discuss the plan with to see if there is anything you would like to add.

If you have any questions about the learning plans, please call the school and leave a message for me, or alternatively email me at karly.handley@busyschools.com.au

Youth Worker Shout Out

The term has certainly started off at a fast speed. It has been great catching up with all of our young people the past two weeks, it's amazing how much can happen over the holidays.

We started the new term with an assembly to celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our students from Term 1. We also reminded all students during assembly of our Student Code of Conduct and their need to uphold our high BUSY standards.

We observed ANZAC Day in quiet contemplation within each classroom on Monday, with each student given the opportunity to place a poppy by a white cross if they wished to remember or honor someone affected by war.

We enjoy supporting our students and are always open to hearing from families if they have any concerns.

Alaka Year 12 Youth Worker

Craig Year 11 Youth Worker

