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A note from the Campus Principal

Dear BUSY Schools Coolangatta school community.

My first point this week is to sincerely thank our families, parents and carers for continuously supporting our young people's learning experience this term. Our students have worked tirelessly to complete their assessments, giving their best, and our parent community have supported this process. A huge 'thank you' also goes to our amazing staff who have been supporting students over the term and even offering one-on-one support to students in week 10 to get things completed. What a great term it has been. Well done, everyone.

During week 9, we celebrated R U OK Day. This is a National Day of Action where Australians are reminded that every day is the day to ask, 'Are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. Students participated in several fun activities to support this special day (see article below for more).

Our students will be on their term break for the next two weeks and will return on Tuesday 3rd October for Term 4. Remember, Monday the 2nd of October is a public holiday (King's Birthday). Other dates to remember are the Year 11 Graduation days on the 21st and 23rd of November for Groups 1&2. The Year 12 Graduation/Formal will be on the 15th of November.

We are looking forward to Term 4 and wish all of you a refreshing break.

Kind regards,
Klaus Knobloch
Campus Principal



Staff Profile: Wendy Ambrose

A few things you may not know about Wendy!

- You'll find her munching on Mexican food from time to time.
- She loves the movie Mrs. Doubtfire.
- Wendy likes to chill whilst listening to contemporary music.
- On weekends, you may see her out and about having coffee/breakfast or hanging with family and friends.
- Wendy has worked at The BUSY Schools as our Administration Officer for one year now. Where would we be without her!
- The thing she loves most about working at The BUSY Schools is: Working with a great team.



Curriculum Update Week 10: Charmaine

Term 3 has been great with nearly all of our students completing the assessment on time. We have had several students coming in for catch up who have now completed, so well done to all.

Term 4 begins Tuesday 3rd October, please see that attached Assessment Calendar dates at the end of the newsletter.

Completing school successfully! It is so important for your young person to have a positive mindset ready to complete Term 4. For Year 12, this is going to be the last term of their school life. For the Year 11s, this is the last term before they start their final year of high school. We wish them all well!

What are mindsets? A mindset is a series of self-perceptions or beliefs people hold about themselves. What is a fixed mindset? A person with a fixed mindset lets failure or success define them. It is very important for young people to develop a growth mindset. A growth mindset is critical to adopting learning-oriented behaviour. People who believe that effort matters respond with more positive, sophisticated strategies to tasks and increase their learning as time goes on. Learning from failure causes substantial changes in the brain throughout life and is vital for resilience.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Holiday Break!



Essential Mathematics Update

Year 11 Essential Maths

Next term we delve into **Census and Surveys** and **Sources of Bias**. Students may initially feel this is a dry topic but with all the discussion about 'fake news' and media manipulation, students will have a chance to see how **facts** can be manipulated.

I highly recommend the clip below to start the conversation.

[For and Against National Service | Yes, Prime Minister](#)

www.youtube.com > watch



Essential English Update

What a great term 😊 Year 11s have completed their FA3 exam, and now they don't have to worry about an exam until the CIA next year. I am always impressed by my students, but I was so proud of the way students gave the exam their best effort. Year 12s have completed Vlogs for their IA3, and have done an amazing job. Speaking on camera can be anxiety provoking, even for adults, so well done to everyone for being resilient and getting it done. As always, thanks to all students for being kind to themselves and each other, your efforts make our classroom a safe, supportive, and fun environment.



Next term, Year 11s will be writing a chapter of an autobiography or a biography, and Year 12s will be writing a short story. I hope everyone has a lovely break and I look forward to Term 4.

Social & Community Studies Update

Year 11 Social and Community Studies

What is the relationship between art and community?

Culture generates social capital and strengthens a community's character. Art brings people together physically — at galleries, museums, performance spaces — and culturally, through its capacity to tell a community's shared story, to inspire reflection, and form connections that transcend differences.

Students have explored the social connection between communities and the arts and the nature of inclusion. Arts participants are more than twice as likely to volunteer in their communities, independent of education, age, gender, or ethnicity.

Year 12 Social and Community Studies

Our unit, **Legally it could be You**, began by defining law. Following this, students explored Australian and Queensland laws that they are aware of, and ones they may not know but will affect their daily life. This was followed by an explanation of the difference between customs, rules, and laws. The two main sources of law in Australia (case law and common law) were explained. There were lessons on the three levels of government and the laws they are responsible for. Next was information about who enforces the law, and a definition of crime. We will continue this into next term culminating in an exam on the topic.

A note from our Learning Support Team

Congratulations to both Year 11 and 12 students on successfully making it through Term 3! It has been a challenging, yet rewarding, term for everyone. It has been amazing to see the determination and persistence in all students to complete all assessments and exams to the best of their ability. Enjoy the holidays and see you soon for Term 4!

Also, a quick little shout out to everyone who participated in the R U OK Day activities. It was great to see students participating in the photo booth, the smoothie station, and the basketball competition. R U OK Day is a super important day for encouraging conversations that may change a life! So, thank you to everyone who took the time to appreciate the meaning of the day, and ask that very important question 🙄



Industry team news from Marikka and Elijah

Congratulations on an outstanding term! Your hard work and dedication have truly shone through. As you head into the holidays, take a well-deserved break, reflect on your achievements, and stay safe. We can't wait to see your continued success next term.

#Job Tip – Always keep learning

Always be open to learning new things, even after you land a job. This helps you stay valuable and adaptable in your career. Take courses, read, and stay curious. Learning never stops, and it keeps you growing and succeeding in your work.

Year 11 Assessment Calendar

Term 4

Term Week	Essential English	Essential Mathematics	Social & Community Studies
Week 1 3 – 6 Oct			
Week 2 9 – 13 Oct	FA4 Extended Response Notice		
Week 3 16 – 20 Oct	FA4 Extended Response Checkpoint		
Week 4 23 – 27 Oct	FA4 Extended Response Draft Due	FA4 Practice Examination	M3: Into Relationships Mock Examination
Week 5 30 Oct – 3 Nov	FA4 Extended Response Final Due	FA4 Final Examination	M3: Into Relationships Examination
Week 6 6 – 10 Nov	FA4 Extended Response Final Due		Catch ups
Week 7 13 – 17 Nov Final week for year 12			
Week 8 20 – 24 Nov Final week for year 11			

Year 12 Assessment Calendar

Term 4

Term Week	Essential English	Essential Mathematics	Social & Community Studies
Week 1 3 – 6 Oct			
Week 2 9 – 13 Oct	IA4 Extended Response Starts		
Week 3 16 – 20 Oct	IA4 Extended Response Checkpoint		
Week 4 23 – 27 Oct	IA4 Extended Response Draft Due		Legally it could be you Examination Mock
Week 5 30 Oct – 3 Nov	IA4 Extended Response Final Due	IA4 Examination Mock	
Week 6 6 – 10 Nov		IA4 Examination Final	Legally it could be you Examination
Week 7 13 – 17 Nov Final week for year 12			
Week 8 20 – 24 Nov Final week for year 11			

Feedback Process

At The 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 Klaus Knobloch 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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