



Baldivis
Secondary College

NEWSLETTER

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We have come to the end of a very busy and historic Term. The introduction of Year 7 students to Baldivis Secondary College has been a very smooth and effective one. Students have been settled and are quickly learning what is required of a secondary student both in terms of standard of work but also work ethic and behaviour. So too for our Year 10 students who are preparing themselves

for course selection for Senior School courses and the rigour of Senior School expectations whether it involves aspiring to university or pursuing a vocational pathway.

It has been pleasing to see the vast majority of our students compliant with uniform standards and proudly wearing the uniform. With cooler weather coming we need to reiterate the need to have students wearing their college jumper or jacket. It would be helpful if parents can reinforce this message with your child.

We have been working hard to alleviate the issues with our college wide connectivity to the network. This issue has caused some concern with our attendance system and with student ability to connect at all times with the network. The troubleshooting has been completed and the areas identified as issues have been either resolved or are in the process of being resolved. We anticipate that the commencement of Term 2

should see a return to reliable connectivity for all.

Term 1 has been a shorter one but none the less packed with plenty of activity. Year 10 students underwent the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) testing for the first time. Our Year 8 students attended a whole day cross curricular excursion to Point Peron and/or Baldivis Children's Forest. Students were also invited to engage in Clean Up Australia Day activities. There were a couple of incursions to the college by speakers able to impart their experiences and what they learned from them to better inform students about making good choices. We also held our House Swimming Carnival. There are many more activities planned for next term and we encourage our students to become involved in as many as possible.

We anticipate taking possession of the rest of our buildings in Stage 2 at some point next term. There is a great deal of excitement from our Student Services, Health and Physical Education, Arts, Mathematics and Food Technology teams as they ready themselves for the move into the new facilities. Students will have a whole new world of facilities afforded to them and we look forward to their enthusiastic use of the resources.

Whilst we celebrate a positive Term 1 we also look forward to an even bigger and brighter Term 2! Enjoy the time with family and friends over the school break and the Easter Holiday and please stay safe in your travels and activities.

Kind Regards

Keith Svendsen - Principal

COMING EVENTS

<http://www.baldivissc.wa.edu.au/coming-events/>

21 April	Term 2 Commences	11 to 15 May	Year 8 Camp
21 and 22 April	Student Immunisations	12 May	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
23 April	ANZAC Commemorative Assembly	12 to 15 May, 2015	NAPLAN Testing – Years 7 and 9
27 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	25 and 26 May, 2015	Year 10 Oracy Australia Exam
28 April	Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Interviews	25 to 29 May, 2015	Year 7 and 8 Test Week
29 April	AIME Excursion - Day 1	1 June, 2015	WA Day Public Holiday
5 May	College Board Meeting	2 June, 2015	College Board Meeting
		2 to 10 June, 2015	Year 9 and 10 Examination Period
		9 June, 2015	P&C Meeting, 6:30pm

WHO IS JOHN BENINCA?



John Beninca was a guest presenter for our Year 9 and 10 students on Tuesday, 17 March 2015. His message was clear and it was all about the importance of making smarter, safer choices. John is still paying the price for a choice he made 16 years ago as a 19 year old. Intoxicated, at about 12:30am he decided to leave the group he was with and head off to another suburb. He went to the train station alone. The train services had ceased for the night, so John jumped onto the tracks and started walking. 100 metres down, on a separate line, a train had terminated for the night. John started throwing rocks at it, trying to smash the windows. Standing alone on the tracks in the dark purple haze of a suburban night, the last rock John threw changed his life. The rock hit a stationary train, rebounded back and hit him on the side of the head, fracturing his skull and rendering him unconscious. Early the next morning, a train ran over him.

The next thing John remembers is waking up in a hospital on life support and so began the arduous journey of recovery, rehabilitation and rediscovery. A journey which fortunately for us brought him to Baldyvis Secondary College!

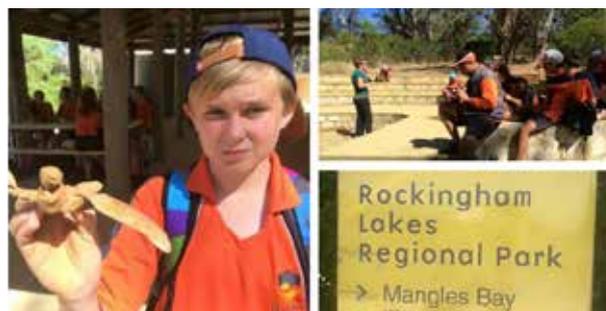
"Sharing these sort of consequences that I face daily with young people, hopefully it makes them think, 'I don't want to go through that. I don't want to experience those things in life, so I'm going to make smarter choices.'"

FANTASTIC FIELDTRIP MAKES LEARNING FUN!

- Contributed by Tim Hill, Sustainability Coordinator

Year 8 students were treated to a special treat last Friday as they boarded the bus for a fun day of learning outdoors. The excursion was centred on the theme 'Humans and Nature' with half the cohort going to Point Peron and half to the Baldyvis Children's Forest. Teachers from the HASS, English, Maths, Science and Art Departments ran 'hands on' workshops exploring aspects of the theme, connecting classroom learning to real world scenarios. The ideas, concepts and discoveries link to their next round of assessments as they use their new knowledge to identify opportunities for future sustainable development in their local area.

Congratulations and a huge thanks to all of the staff who worked tirelessly to make this event possible!



ARTS UPDATE - Contributed by Mr Dylan Sercombe, Curriculum Team Leader for the Arts

It has been an exciting term in The Arts so far, with students taking in a range of awesome opportunities!

Firstly, we've welcomed to the Arts team some great new teachers – Miss Henderson, who teaches Visual Art, Media, Photography and Integrated Arts, and Mrs Snare, who has worked with Year 7 and 8 students on Visual Art. Mrs Branch, Mr Newland and Mrs Healey continue to be the backbone of the BSC Arts Culture, and we have also welcomed an intern from Murdoch University in Miss Galambosi. I've also really enjoyed being new to the school.

Already, there have been some great projects happening in around the Arts. Mrs Healey and Mr Newland's Year 10 Visual Art classes have created some exceptional murals for entry into the Stocklands Mural Competition, and were lucky to have a workshop with artist Paul DeeJ prior to entering. I'm really impressed with the work being produced, and hope to see it on a wall near us in the near future.

Mrs Branch's Year 10 Dance students have been busy preparing their entry for this year's YOHeFest – Youth On Health Festival entry. Drawing on the project's theme of Equality, the girls have commenced on a challenging piece about racial prejudice in early American times. I've no doubt that the work will continue to yield results, and that we'll be seeing an outstanding performance at the event.

Most exciting though, is the imminent opening of Building 7, which contains many of the new Arts facilities. Specialist rooms for Visual Art, a Dance studio, a Film and Television Studio, Recording Studio, Digital Media Suite, Lecture Theatre and informal outdoor performance space are all just weeks away from completion, and we are very keen to get the most out of the new area! Stay tuned for information regarding a launch of the Building, and the performances of some of our best and brightest stars in the very near future.

Have a restful and relaxing Easter holidays, and we'll see you soon for another busy term in the Arts!

STOCKLANDS YOUTH ART MURAL COMPETITION

- Contributed by Mrs Carmen Healey, Visual Arts

During the Month of March Stockland Baldivis ran a competition to engage youth through high school and tertiary institutions around Baldivis. Year 10 Fine Art students at BSC participated in the competition and developed some outstanding designs under the theme 'Baldivis Life'.

During the development phase the students had Artist Paul Deej come visit the school as part of a Q & A session, giving



students the opportunity to work with the chosen artist for 'tips' and guidance. Concepts will be displayed in the centre and online via the Baldivis Facebook page. The winning concept will be judged by voting online and by Stockland Representatives.

The winning team will work with mural artist Paul Deej to translate the concept into a final design. The cost of developing and installing the artwork will be covered by Stocklands.

Commendations go out to Year 10 Fine Art students Brianna Stout, Abigail McLeod, Georgia Read, Hope Barron & Shania Giesemann for being shortlisted in the Stocklands Youth Art Mural Competition. We hope all the public votes help our team secure a win for our very talented Fine Art students!

A SUBURB IN BLOOM

- by Yr 10 Georgia Read & Abigail McLeod



BALDIVIS LIFE - by Yr 10 Hope Barron



OWL - by Yr 10 Brianna Stout



FAMILY TREE - by Yr 10 Shania Giesemann



BALDIVIS LIFE - by Yr 10 Brianna Stout



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

- Contributed by Mr John Matthews, Curriculum Team Leader for Technology & Enterprise

The Year 8 Design and Technology students are progressing well in their 'Taster' course. All Year 7's and 8's are doing the taster course where students gain experience in Metal Technology, Wood Technology, Systems Technology and CAD Technology. The learning is different in each of these

components but all are united in promoting skills in traditional and emerging technologies. In these photos we see some of the students work in Mr Entwistle's Year 8 class. Rebecca has done a fine job on her wooden tractor and Hayden is clamping his little metal man pencil holder in the bender. Next term they will experience CAD and Systems. Well done students!



BALDIVIS CRICKET ACADEMY

- Contributed by Mr Leigh McIntosh, Baldvis Cricket Academy Director of Coaching

Baldivis Cricket Academy Launch

On the 26th March we had students participate in the colleges first ever Baldvis Cricket Academy trial day. Students were trying out to become the inaugural members of the new specialist program being launched in term two. Students with an interest in cricket or looking for a career in the sports industry were invited to nominate for this exciting new initiative.

Across two periods twenty four students took part in a variety of games and exercises designed to allow students

to showcase their talents and abilities. Students bowled at targets, tried to throw down a castle, built human machines, and played continuous cricket and the craziest mini golf ever seen using cricket bats and balls. The trials were completed by spending lunch together where questions were answered and dreams were shared.

The Academy has strong support from the West Australian Cricket Association and local cricket associations plus the local White Knights Baldvis cricket club. With opportunities and pathways into a variety of careers like physiotherapy and personal training, grounds keeping, sports coaching and umpiring, event management and more it promises to be an exciting time ahead.

HASS (HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES) UPDATE

Bendigo Bank Competition

- Contributed by Mrs Alison Flockhart, Humanities & Social Sciences

Baldvis Secondary College is delighted to be participating in the Bendigo Bank Competition 2015.

It is a fantastic opportunity for all Year 8 students to become involved in improving their local community.

The topic for this year is;

How Would You Improve Your Community?

School winners will receive a cash prize and will attend a Judging/Gala evening where they will compete against other schools.

National Capital Tour

- Contributed by Mrs Natasha Cheater, Tour Organiser, Humanities & Social Sciences

On Friday 20th March Mr Hickman and Mrs Cheater conducted interviews with the Year 9 students who had expressed an interest in attending the National Capital Tour 2015. Both of us were impressed with how well all students conducted themselves and responded to the questions during the interview. They showed their maturity and also how eager they were to attend the tour in November. It left us with very tough decisions on who would secure the 30 spots available. After much discussion we are pleased to announce that the following students were successful in gaining a position to travel to Canberra later this year:

Mikayla Armstrong, Georgia Brown, Kate Bridges, Isabel Clifford, Karys Clayton, Chaydon Curtis, Amber Curry, Jack Dennis, Hannah Durrant, Maea Fonua, Agnes Gaviri, Damon Griffith, Oliver Hanisch, Chante Hayes, Cade Hockley, Matthew Houghton, Jean Iaderas, Ethan Macfarlane, Jake Makking-Robinson, Tyla Naude, Amber Roberts, Paris Ropiha, Holly Thomas, Ella Thompson, Ashleigh Vaughan, Rachel Waters, Lauren Williamson, Aisha Wilson, Celeste Winwood, Chelsea Zenner.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

- Contributed by Mrs Vicki Forth, Deputy Principal

To celebrate National Women's Week our elected young women leaders at Baldvis Secondary College were invited to a Young Women in Leadership Breakfast on Thursday, 5 March 2015. This event aimed to provide a powerful forum for our young leaders to connect with their peers and to think deeply about what it means to be a female leader in life.

"The Power of Women in Leadership Networks"

Research suggests that to reach ones potential as a leader, it is vitally important that we feel connected, supported and **empowered** in all areas of our lives.

Whilst schooling and training is essential to developing skills, the immense power of women and leadership networks resides in bringing women together to explore their potential as well as their challenges in a supportive and empathetic environment.

Baldvis Secondary College is committed to supporting the development of young women in school and community leadership roles. Research suggests that women represent an enormously under-utilised national resource. Through supporting a greater percentage of talented women to step up into leadership positions, tremendous cultural and career opportunities will follow.

The initiative in 2015 will comprise a range of breakfasts, forums, networking opportunities and career education to be negotiated over the course of 2015.

SPORTS TALK

Girls Netball



T20 Cricket Competitions

- Contributed by Mr Leigh McIntosh, Baldivis Cricket Academy Director of Coaching

Students from Years 9 and 10 represented the college in two cricket formats this term. For the first time we fielded a team in the WACA's prestigious Geoff Wood T20 cricket competition. Playing under the same rules as the Australian national team our boys competed against teams made up of Year 11's and 12's. We finished 5th out of 6 in our Peel region qualifiers. Not a bad result considering the age and size difference of the boys.

Later in the term we sent two boys and one girls' team to compete in the WACA T20 Blast Carnival. Each team played the new modified cricket version of the game. With music playing in the background our girls 'danced' their way through the competition. Halfway through the day one girl remarked "imagine what could have happened if we trained, we might have won". I was very impressed with how a team of beginners applied the skills they learnt in the short breaks to their games. With a little practice I am sure they can win the tournament next year rather than finish 4th. The boys teams (again considerably younger than their opponents) were competitive and full of big sixes and classic catches. They finished 7th and 8th out of 11 competitors.

We should be very proud of our students as they conducted themselves well and represented the college in the finest fashion.



SPORTS TALK CONTINUED

Swimming Carnival

Individual Champions

Boys

Year 7	Austin Poppert	52pts
Year 8	Deklan Boden	39pts
Year 9	Owen Poppert	47pts
Year 10	Declan Baker	52pts

Girls

Year 7	Tiana Moralee	27pts
Year 8	Naomi Larsen	47pts
Year 9	Ataria Devery	26pts
Year 10	Bree Mills-Atkinson	52pts

Runners-Up

Boys

Year 7	Andrew Demarco	24pts
Year 8	Jake Colville	27pts
Year 9	Will Smith	32pts
Year 10	Kyle Smith	19pts

Girls

Year 7	Alyssa Smogavec	20pts
Year 8	Jade Fawcett	19pts
Year 9	Berdine & Bernise Roelofse	26pts
Year 10	Emma Hyde	22pts

House Championship

1.	Mackinnon	725
2.	Stakehill	372
3.	Peel	346
4.	Rixom	283



RAC B STREET SMART 2015

- Contributed by Mr Matthew Adams Health and Physical Education

On Tuesday 24th March, 40 Year 10 students attended the RAC BStreetsmart Event held at Perth Arena.

RAC BStreetsmart is a free West Australian road safety education event for Year 10 to 12 students. The event is run by the RAC with the help of WA Police, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Royal Perth Hospital, St John Ambulance and the Theatrical Response Group. It aims to show students the consequences of distracted driving

through the re-enactment of a crash scene.

The students also had the chance to listen to guest speakers who told their stories, stories about loved ones being killed on the road, stories about family members being prosecuted for their actions and stories of resilience and determination to overcome road trauma.

The event was a success with our students coming away with a lot of information and an insight as to how a single crash can affect, influence and change people's lives.



YEAR 7 HEALTH STUDIES TERM 1 2015

- Contributed by Mrs Cassie Summers, Health and Physical Education

Well it was a hectic and busy transition from Primary School to High School for our Year 7 students.

They learnt how to adopt the AVID focus, rule up Cornell Notes, take notes correctly using this format and collaborate within small groups discussing numerous health topics over the term.

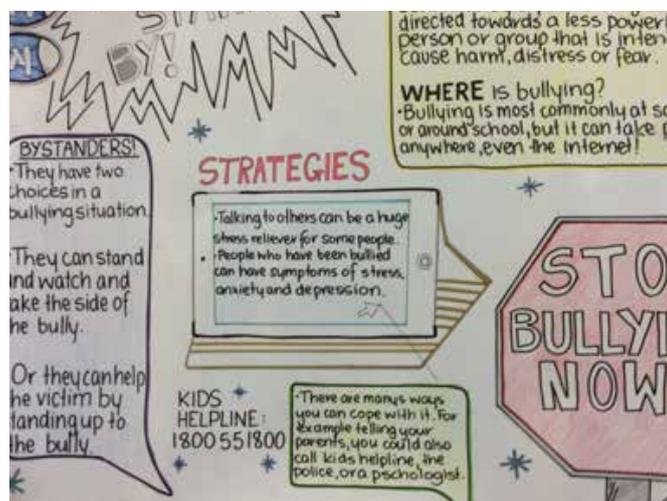
This term in Health our focus was on understanding ourselves, getting to know ourselves, making new friends and being water, road, bike and sun safe.

The Year 7's completed an "All About Me" assessment which required students to evaluate themselves. Students had to identify strengths' and weaknesses in themselves and also had to write about their family and friends. The task also required the students to set some goals about what it was they wanted to aspire to in the future.

YEAR 8 HEALTH STUDIES TERM1 2015

Contributed by Ms Emily Sharp, Health and Physical Education

For Health with the Year 8's this term we have focused on the topic of bullying and resilience. We have covered the various types of bullying, where it can occur, and ways in which we can deal with bullying. It is very important for students to learn about bullying and learn the skills on how to deal with bullying in an assertive way. Cyber bullying is becoming more prevalent in today's society with the new devices and technology available, so it is particularly important for students to understand the potential risks and ways in which they can stay safe online. For one of their assessment items this term students were asked to create an anti-bullying campaign poster. This poster needed to include all the information they had learnt about this term as well as being creative with a clear anti-bullying message.



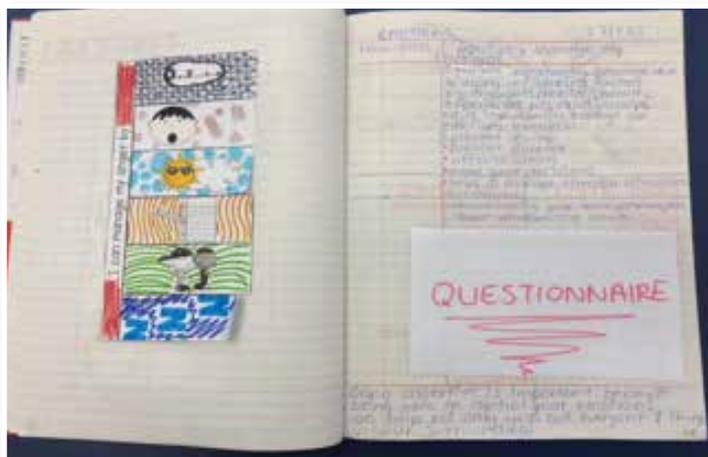
YEAR 9 HEALTH STUDIES TERM 1 2015

- Contributed by Ms Jade Carmody, Health and Physical Education

This term in Health, Year 9 students have been learning all about the importance of mental health. Students have looked in detail at topics including self esteem, self awareness, managing emotions and goal setting. Further to this, they have learnt about a variety of mental illnesses, as well as strategies to deal with stress and anxiety.

As part of their assessment for this term, students had the opportunity to view the film "The Blind Side" which is based

on a true story. The film is about Michael Oher, a homeless teenager who faces many physical, social and emotional challenges throughout his life. The film follows his journey of hardship and sees him overcome many issues to become a professional sportsman. The story addresses the key issues of resilience, self esteem, goal setting and coping strategies for challenging and stressful situations.

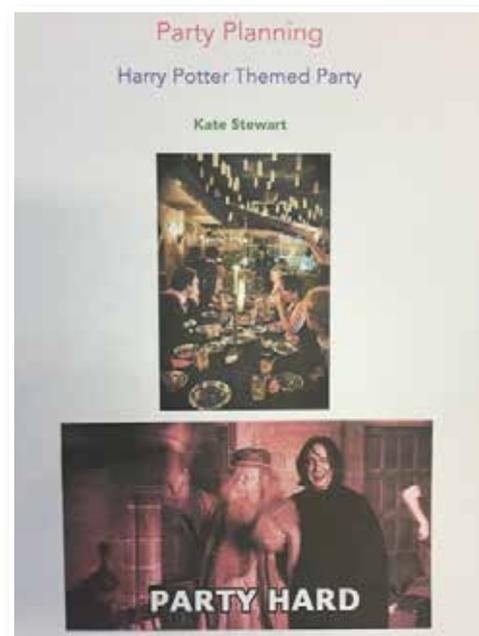
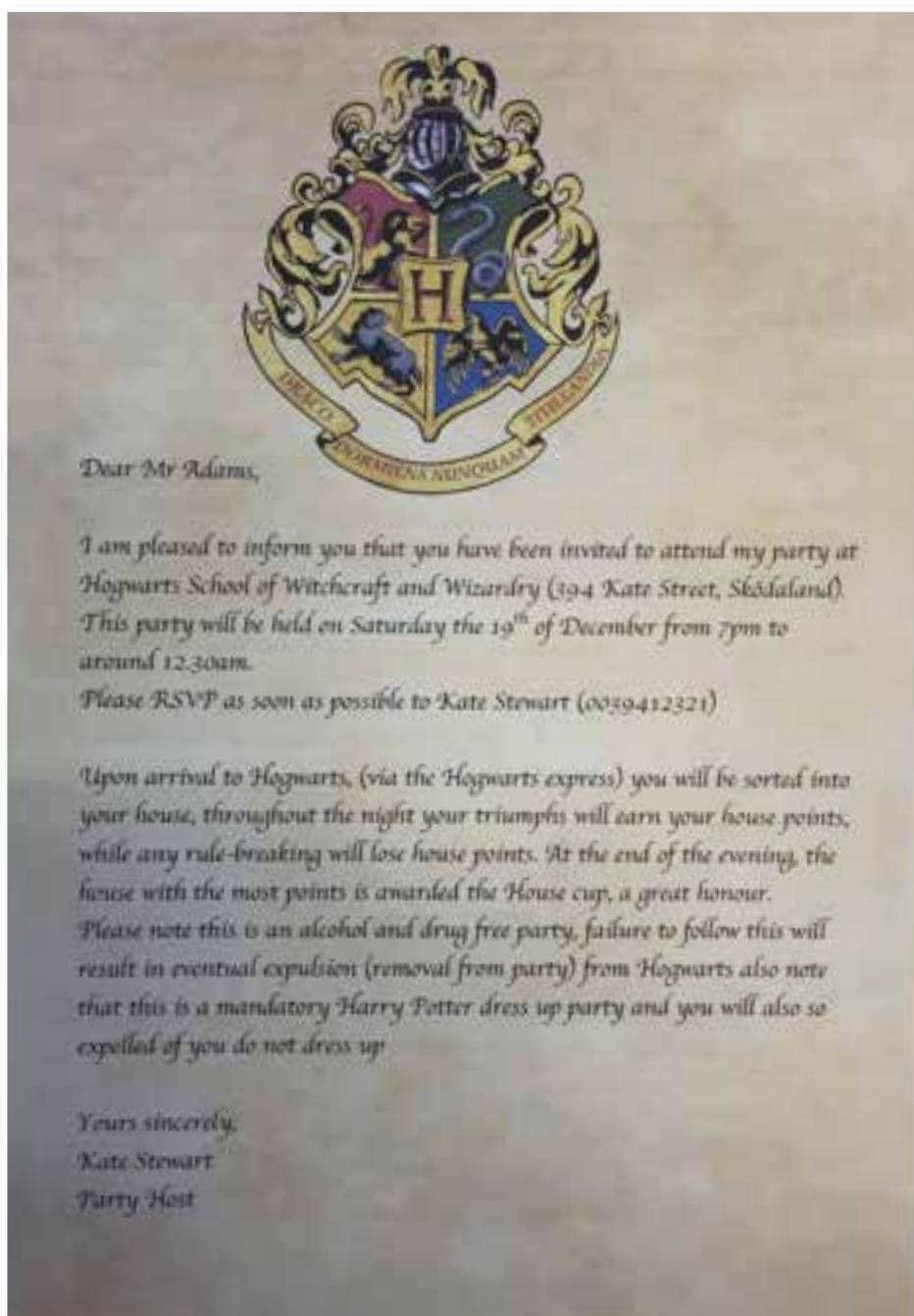


YEAR 10 HEALTH STUDIES TERM 1 2015

- Contributed by Mr Matthew Adams, Health and Physical Education

This term in Health, the Year 10 students focussed their attention on relationships, risk taking, harm minimisation and party planning. The importance of understanding these concepts is very important and the Baldvis Health and Physical Education staff really worked on informing the students about making the right choices as they grow up. Being in Year 10 is a huge phase of child's development and covering these topics made Health become real life. The idea was to allow students to think about the bigger picture, to start thinking about what happens in life and how to manage these situations if they turn ugly.

As part of their assessment the Year 10 students have had the opportunity to plan a party/event. Students have had to source their own quotes from hire companies and food stores as well make an invitation that appeals to their guests. Students also had to ensure their party was kept safe, listing possible risks and explaining management strategies for those risk. Students were given a budget to confirm with and have to present their party to their teacher.



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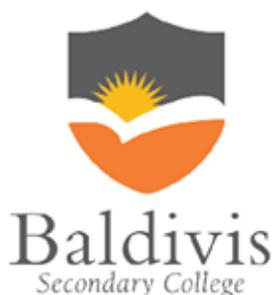
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'EXPERIENCE THE BEST'

P&C NEWS

- Contributed by Mrs Tracy Gschwendtner, P&C President

Welcome to all our continuing families and new families to 2015.

On the 23rd February 2015, we held our AGM and the committee for 2015 were elected.

President:	Tracy Gschwendtner
Vice President:	Natalie McClure
Treasurer:	Karen Deane
Secretary:	Liola Delaney
Executive Members:	Julie Davey, Jane McClure, Susie Webber

College Board Representative: Julie Davey

It was great to see some new parents at the AGM. In total we had 23 people attend.

The P&C is a forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the College and its community and for gathering opinions, also to provide extra resources for the benefit of our College.

In 2014 the P&C gave back to the College:

- \$1000.00 was given to the Phys Ed dept. for Interschool uniforms and sporting equipment.
- \$1000.00 was given to the Library for books.
- \$1500.00 purchased an inflatable pillow; this is used for students during some lunch breaks and fun days.
- \$1697.00 to purchase a night camera and funds to support the men's shed program within the College.
- Purchased 2 Gazebos
- Masters and Bunning's have donated an esky
- \$1000.00 for a Literacy program, which teachers can use for diagnostic testing.

In 2015:

The P&C are in the process of organising some fundraising events in the near future.

Would you like to be part of the P&C but can't make it to the meetings.

We can solve that problem, email your details to, Baldivis.sc.p&c@education.wa.edu.au and when we have fundraising events we can contact you to see if you are available to help out.

We are also looking at establishing a tradie book, in this book will be parents' names and their trade or expertise, when the P&C need help they will contact the parents who have the relevant experience. All support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their P&C voluntary contribution of \$15.00, this money really does help purchase resources for our children.

I would like to thank the College for paying and organising an incursion for Year 9 and 10 students, spoken by John Beninca.

His message is clear and it is all about the importance of making smarter, safer choices. John is still paying the price for a choice he made 16 years ago as a 19 year old. Intoxicated, at about 12:30am he decided to go to another suburb. His mates didn't want to leave, so he went to the train station alone. The train services had ceased for the night, so John jumped onto the tracks and started walking. 100 metres down, on a separate line, a train had terminated for the night. John started throwing rocks at it, trying to smash the windows. Standing alone on the tracks in the dark purple haze of a suburban night, the last rock John threw changed his life. The rock hit a stationary train, rebounded back and hit him on the side of the head, fracturing his skull and rendering him unconscious. Early the next morning, a train ran over him. The next thing John remembers is waking up in a hospital on life support.

As a staff member I was privileged to attend his talk, he was funny and had the student's attention the whole time, while telling his story. I became very emotional listening to him. John's story is exactly what we are telling our children, we are always talking about consequences of their action and making the correct choices. Thank you BSC.

If you have any views on what you would like to see the P&C accomplish or ideas for fundraising events please email me on: Baldivis.sc.p&c@education.wa.edu.au

Please feel free to come along and become involved with our College. Everyone is welcome.

P&C meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the College Board room in Week 4 and Week 8 of each term.

Next Meeting 12 May 2015.

Have a wonderful break enjoy the time with your family and stay safe.

Tracy