



Apologies that it has taken me to the start of week 4 to get the term's first newsletter out. I have had quite a few days off, and may still have some more days yet. I like to keep the students informed so I did tell them at Monday Muster that my elderly father is not well. I believe that students need to be informed so they 'don't think I am neglecting them'. The term has started really well and it is rewarding for me to hear the positives from staff and students. As I always say, when you have almost 60 adolescents living together, there is always going to be some adolescent issue to deal with, but in general the kids are great.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of hosting a Morning Tea for the 2018 Arrow Scholarship recipients and a number of their parents. Our Mayor and representatives from Arrow were also in attendance. It was a lovely morning and it was a great opportunity for parents and students to let Arrow know what the scholarships mean to them. "Unofficially" I have been told that a very positive announcement from Arrow will be made in early September, so I will keep you updated on this.

Showcase Awards: Bunya Campus has been successful in being nominated as a State Finalist for the Department of Education's annual Showcase Awards. 2018 saw the introduction of a new category; Rural and Remote so we decided to put forward our campus. In a very brief explanation our application spoke about; providing quality programs and support to rural and remote students who attend a great State High school, that we have reinvigorated our agricultural program, that we have a targeted improvement agenda at the campus to continue to extend the programs we offer to support our boarders and that the links between the dual campus continue to broaden to ensure quality outcomes for all.

As part of the process, the Department's Communication team arranges for a vignette to be produced that will be shown as part of the Awards Dinner where State Winner will be announced (October). For students to be part of the video, parents / guardians must sign a Project Consent Form so when these are emailed to you, or handed to you, you will understand what they are for. This does not mean that all students who return forms will be 'filmed' but it means that if needed, they can be.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

B-Pay vs B-Point

Please note:- B-Pay is no longer the preferred payment method for the Department of Education. This will soon cease to exist. **B-Point** needs to be used. Please contact Megan in Admin to set this process up if you have not already done so.

Please note: no parent meeting this week. Please email me any topics you would like discussed or clarified at next meeting.

No report from Sue this newsletter as she is away at EKKA. I am sure she will email out a report if there is anything that she needs to update parents with.

Anne

From the Associate Head of Campus

Study: It has been a very busy start to the term as students have been receiving numerous assessment items quite early. It is encouraging to see the students getting stuck in to these during their study times. As always, study is a very busy and happening place and is often the focal point for each student

each week. With so much going on in the school now I remind students of their obligations around study.

In regards to study commitments, through observation and analysis of study data it was apparent that some students were choosing to miss lessons each week, maintaining the minimum requirement of 75%. With the campus having worked so hard to improve attendance at study I have made the decision through consultation with staff that the minimum expectation for study is now 100%. Students have no excuse to not be at study. Study is integral, it improves students' academic outcomes, provides an excellent opportunity to gain extra assistance (something day students don't get) and acts as a means of 'touching base' with staff like myself. I expect to see an immediate improvement in attendance from now on.

Student Voice: Each week a small group of students meet with myself to discuss life on campus and things we can all do to continually improve the students' time here. These meetings are always focussed on the future and result in some wonderful conversations. Students are encouraged to come along each Monday at 5:30pm and have their voice on all things Bunya Campus.

Gym: Each Monday night at 7:00pm students have the opportunity to engage in some boxing and gym lessons with myself. Being an ex-HPE teacher, I understand the benefits of health fitness and how it influences a person's life so I encourage students to come along and perhaps learn something new or simply start accessing the wonderful gym facility we have here at Bunya Campus. Any new student can undertake an induction session with myself during these session also prior to commencement of training.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please feel free to contact me at campus.

Important Dates:

End of year

30/10- DSHS Sports Awards Dinner

12/11- DSHS Awards night

13/11- Bunya Campus Awards

14/11- Year 12 Formal

15/11 - Valedictory

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM GREYHOUND:

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN



*Greyhound Australia would like to announce that as of **September 3rd 2018**, we will no longer be offering our services to Unaccompanied Children.*

We do realise that families around Australia use and even rely on this service and as such we have not made this decision lightly.

Safety of our passengers is the foundation upon which our company was built and continues to be the corner stone of our services. There has been a growing number of incidents by which people have not complied with our safety requirements of unaccompanied children using our services which have lead us to making this decision.

Our current rules state that a parent or guardian must be present at both the departure & arrival points for the child. However, there have been frequent instances where this has not been the case.

In these circumstances, it is Greyhound Australia's policy that we do not leave the child at their departure point unattended but instead take them to the nearest police station. Whilst this ensures the safety of the child it then has an impact on all other passengers travelling on the service, causing delays and time added to their travel.

Whilst we make every effort to accommodate your travel needs, unfortunately it is ultimately with safety in mind that we can no longer offer this service.

For a child to now travel on our services from the 3rd of September 2018 they must be accompanied by either a parent, guardian or chaperone.

*For more details on Parent, Guardian & Chaperone travel please review our **terms and conditions**. Should you have any questions regarding unaccompanied children travel please **contact us at Greyhound Australia**.*