Principal’s Message

This year is rapidly drawing to a conclusion, it is a time when exams and assessments are completed and a time when reports are written and distributed to students and families. Parents can rest assured that reports will be mailed to all homes by the end of the school year; it is important that parents discuss progress with their boys and ensure that each student has a focus on continual improvement.

Changes for 2016

It pleases me to inform the community of a number of changes to our staffing for 2016. A number of positions have been established using our Gonski funding in support of the education of our boys.

The creation of these positions has enabled us to create a number of new positions within our faculties, to offer a broader curriculum as well as reduce class sizes in Year 7 and 11. An extra teacher will be working the following faculties; English, Mathematics, Science, PE/Sport, CAPA and TAS. Our Support faculty will be increased to include 2.6 Learning and Support Teachers as well as 5 School Learning and Support Officers.

As is the case in schools, each year brings changes to staffing as individuals seek new opportunities, retire or are part of a change due to staffing formulas beyond our control. In 2016 we will be without Ms Ramadan for an unknown period of time as she has accepted the position of relieving Principal at Belmore Boys High School, we are unsure as to the actual length of time but wish her well in the much deserved appointment. Mr Hobbs, who has worked tirelessly for a number of years on improving the opportunities of our boys, has decided to retire after a long and distinguished career spanning back to 1971. Again, we thank Mr Hobbs for his hard work but congratulate him on an outstanding career in education, we will miss him greatly. Ms MacGregor leaves us at the end of this year and takes her depth of experience and her skills to Balmain Campus of the Sydney Secondary College. Ms MacGregor has worked at our school for many years and countless boys, as well as staff, have had their lives enhanced due to the input of Ms MacGregor, we all wish her well in this exciting new endeavour.

Happy Holidays

This is my favourite time of year. As a teacher it is the longest holiday of the year but it also sees, like no other profession, a conclusion of a year’s hard work, when we come back we start afresh and everything is new. I love summer in Sydney, the world’s most beautiful city in my opinion. Christmas is a time when everyone seems happier, it is a time when all people, regardless of cultural or religious
background, have an extended period of time to spend with loved ones. I’d like to express my gratitude to all members of our school community for your support during 2015 and wish you a merry Christmas.

Mr D Stevens
Principal

Deputy Principal - Administration

Jason Clare Recognises Community Service
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Musa Kan of Year 12 for being recognised his school service by Jason Clare, MP. Musa was recognised for his efforts serving the school with dignity and respect. Musa has served his school as the Vice President of SRC, Senior Prefect and a student mentor where has shown maturity, selflessness and a high degree of dedication. In these positions, Musa has represented the school on numerous occasions and has earned respect for his initiative, sincerity and skill in communication. As part of his leadership profile, Musa has led many school initiatives including formal assemblies, Community Breakfast and Multicultural day. He has supported many of his peers with care and compassion. Well done Musa.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest regards to our students and their families, in addition to our extended Birrong Boys High School community. It has been a great journey here at Birrong, I have learnt a lot and I have built great relationships with staff and students. I will certainly miss this place. My next position will be in a relieving capacity as Principal at Belmore Boys’ High School. It is not definite how long I will be there but there is always a chance that I come back to this school and join the Birrong community again.

In the meantime, I would like to thank students, staff and the community for being supportive of my work, in and out of the school. I would also like to extend my regards to our local network of primary and high schools. It has been a pleasure being here and I can only hope that my work has left a positive impact on student learning and wellbeing.

I would like to wish our staff, students and their families a restful and relaxing break.

Ms H Ramadan
Deputy Principal Administration

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A Busy Term
This term has been very busy. Students have been hard at work completing assessment tasks and examinations. Yearly Examinations/Assessments/Tests were held for all students in Years 7 to 11 and were completed to finalise an overall Yearly Report. Your son’s school report will be mailed at the end of the year and this report will detail his efforts throughout the year in each subject or course they have undertaken. A formal recognition to the students who have performed well in many areas of school life including academic, sporting and other school activities will be held on Presentation Day on the 8 December. It is encouraging to be able to see as many parents as possible to help celebrate the success on this special day.

Best Wishes to the Class of 2015
Our Year 12 have now completed their HSC examinations and will be anxiously waiting for their results. They will be looking forward to their HSC results and for many starting a new page in their lives with work, further studies at TAFE or university.

Warami - “Good to see you”, “Hello”
Mark Donovan, an ex-student of Birrong, has been very busy working on our Aboriginal painting in our “Warami” garden area. Dean Nye and Kendrix Falematagi in Year 9 have also started helping with the paintings. This area has had a makeover during 2015 with additional plants planted and extra care to maintain this pleasant environment. Mark has completed one wall painting and will continue to do more, please come and have a look.

I would like to thank all the staff and community for their hard work during 2015 in ensuring the best outcomes for all our students’ learning. It is their dedication and commitment to the school that benefits our students in their education and future career pathways. Wishing all a safe, happy and enjoyable break and I look forward to 2016, where we continue our work to benefit our school community.
Good To see you
WARAMI
Community Liaison Officer

“A good education is the most important gift we can give our young people.”

It gives me great pleasure to present to you my year at Birrong 2015. Coming from a community welfare/social work background, I have been working closely with the local community for the past 24 years. Community development and community engagement is close to my heart and I strongly believe parent participation and involvement is key to successful education in our young people.

As your Community Liaison Officer (CLO), I am available to provide information and support for families and students to develop their understanding of Australian education systems and curriculum policies, encouraging parent/caregiver partnerships and participation in schools such as organising parent meetings and training such as parenting skills and teacher aid programs. Most importantly, I will create opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities, sports days, fundraisers etc. where they can see first hand the importance of parental involvement into their child's learning.

Parent & Citizen Association Meetings

I am proud to advise that as CLO, I was able to revive the schools P & C with good numbers attending throughout the year. These meetings are held monthly, weeks 5 & 9 of every term., usually Fridays from 9.30am. I take this opportunity to thank our elected office bearers:

- Souhair Afiouny, President
- Judy Saadeddine, Vice President
- Meyrnah Khodr, Secretary
- Peggie Lee, Vice Secretary
- Lyn Levi, Treasurer
- Mariam Elkheir, Assistant Treasurer

School Events, Activities and Programs

The following are some of the events/activities I have been involved in for 2015:

- 2014 HSC High achievers morning tea 12 February.
- BBHS Open Day 3 March.
- Year 10 Study Skills Day with local sports role models 5 March.
- Year 7 and Year12 Parents at our Parent/Teacher night held on 10 March.
- International Women’s Day (IWD) 11 March.
- BBHS Community Breakfast 17 March.
- Prefects and SRC members awards by the Federal Member Mr Jason Clare MP.
- Bankstown Council’s Harmony Day events 20 March.
- Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea 29 May.
- Athletics Carnival which was on 28 May.
- Birrong Boys’ High Mothers Café Club.
- CLO Professional Training Workshops.
- Ramadan Iftar 23 June.
- Bankstown Migrant Interagency Network 12 June.
- P&C Forums and Training.
- Rugby Competition supporting students with Parents at Bass Hill 21 July.
- Parent/teacher Interviews 21 July.
- Subject Selection Information session for Year 10 Students/parents 31 July.
- Bankstown Council Grants Award Ceremony (2 community grants).
- Year 12 Dinner and Graduation 17 and 18 September.
- Network/liaised with community leaders/community organisations.
- Guest speakers for Parent meetings.
- 7 Tips for preparing for high school newsletter edition.
- Top 10 revision tips for your End of Year Exam newsletter edition.
- Youth Engagement Program (YEP) Excursion, 15 September.
- Teachers Aid Training Program for parents, 27 November.

I wish our 2015 Year 12 all the success. See you all in 2016. Happy Holidays ☺

Ms S Afiouny Harris
Community Liaison Officer
Visit to State Library
On 23 November 2015, selected students from Years 10 and 11 were accompanied by Ms Khelladi and Ms Good, to visit the State Library of NSW and the Art Gallery.

After a lengthy train ride to the city, we arrived at our destination and the wonderful tour began. The State Library being the oldest and first library to be established in New South Wales was an amazing place to visit. It was established in 1826 and became the first library in the country to concentrate entirely on Australian content in 1910.

It was an enjoyable and educational excursion which taught us much about the resources we have available from the library. We were able to sign up for library cards which were free of charge and gave us access to a huge database of resources for our future studies. We were also given a brilliant in depth tour of the library showing us the resources we have available and even taking us to restricted areas such as the ‘Shakespeare Room’ which is a room filled with Shakespeare plays and the first ever compiled book of all his plays.

After leaving the library, we went to the Art Gallery of NSW where we were gifted the opportunity to witness the amazing art pieces displayed in their gallery. We were also given a tour by a lovely and knowledgeable librarian who showed us around the library and explained many of the artworks in depth giving us a deeper understanding of the brilliant pieces of art.

After we departed the art gallery we went to the park nearby which consisted of sublime scenery and a stunning water fountain where we admired its beauty and took many pictures. When we were finished taking photographs we went for lunch and travelled back to school.

Ms K Khelladi
Year 11 Adviser
A small group of Year 10 students attended a very special innovative Design Workshop at the University of New South Wales as part of their Aspire program. The boys had a great day. They were each given a task to problem solve in small groups with students from other schools and had to present their resolution at the end of the day. Some of the topics they worked on included The Ageing Population, Plastics and the Environment, Health and Fitness and Stress and Anxiety among School Students. Our NSW Premier Mike Baird dropped in to see the students and have a chat with them about what they were working on and to discuss the opportunities open to students who attended the workshop. The boys enjoyed the day enormously.

Ms D Good
Librarian & Year 10 Adviser
Adam and Nelly went fishing to Fish lake cause they came on a holiday from Africa and his family told him to stay there as he had no friends.

Time flew and Adam and Nelly had to go.

Nelly wanted to know which way to go. She wished there were some signs around the lake because it was hard to get around the place.

Adam and Nelly didn’t know where to go so they went through the wood and saw barbecues then...

Adam wondered which way to go as he was lost and wished they had gone somewhere else.

Adam found a bridge called Knock Bridge.

Nelly thought they should go a different way because she did not know but if it would work.

They decided to go to different places and different ways. They decided to split and meet at the house.

Adam gave up finding the way out of there as he was getting hungry from the long walk.

Let’s go for a ride? Do you wanna go and taste the new burger shop? It has hot food.

Do you want to go in here? It has nice food like burgers etc.

Thanks for the order. I’ll be in the playground playing while you cook my food.
The Death Of The Soldier’s Mother

by KEREM BENZER

Captain: We need more troops—we’re outnumbered.

Pull it together—stop whining like a big baby.

Tell her that we are sending the best soldiers in town.

We’ll tell the captain he’s on your way.

My captain said they are sending the best troops they can find. Why is our Captain so slow?

Ok but how long are they going to take? We are running out of troops.

I can’t believe my brother died.

Ok why are we at the enemy base?

We should try that. Good thinking, Captain.

We can’t go to try to reason with them.

Well that reasoning worked out. Can’t wait to go home.

One hour left for us to get to plantation.

Yeah I know I haven’t seen my new born yet.

Yeah but this grass is so long.

I saw a snake go past my leg. Arghhhhhhh!

Ok if the queen and king let us go home that will be great.

Yeah we’re here.

Um I was going to ask if we are allowed to go home, the others are waiting at the plantation.

Little is over yes you can.

Bye! Have a nice day!

Bye I love you.

Bye, see you guys, we will miss you.

Can I have 4 burgers and a coke?

Can I have a healthy salad and water please?

Ok. It is 34.99$.

Ok. Fine.

No leave. I will pay ok.

Finally we’re home.

Great view outside.

Yeah! It’s good to be home.
You must have caught something from your holiday.

My mom is really sick. Can you check on her?

I am not feeling too well. I am about to faint.

Ok doc, what's wrong with her?

I can't believe this. Mum how are you feeling?

Not too good.

OMG she has caught one of the bad diseases!

I have been coughing since I came back from my holiday.

Can't believe my mom died.

Can't believe it. I'm so sorry I couldn't save her.

I'm so sorry for that girl's mum. It's all my fault that she died.

Ummm. Well she probably is really sad that her mum died.

I got bad news. One of our soldier's mother had passed away.

Oh my gosh! How is she taking the death of her mother?

Well she is not too good.

Imagine if it was our mum who had died. I will be depressed for the rest of my life.

The soldier's mum had passed away recently.

Not good. Did you hear what had happened?

Hi, How are you guys?
It was a rainy day with lots of dark clouds and thunder.

At 11:00am when I woke up, I heard a terrible noise from the bathroom. So I went downstairs and checked and as I was 1 meter away, the noise was getting louder and louder and when I went in and checked I saw a little girl looking at me like I was a monster.

11:30am, I was trying to make the girl talk but she didn't seem happy. Then she disappeared in a blink of an eye. I was scared and thought she was a ghost. Then I saw the girl gliding across the hall way. Ahhh! I screamed. I was so scared that I wet my new pants.

12:00am, I was scared so I went into my bedroom and locked my door and window and hid. But for some reason I kept on hearing weird and scary noises. Then I heard that girl speaking about something, the voice was coming closer and closer.
The scare dream

12:45am. The floor started shaking and objects started to fall and break, the house was full of craziness. Then I saw my wall there was a word there. The word was covered in blood. It said PETER.

1:00am. When I was hiding, I looked at the window. I saw two police men outside my house. Knocking on my door. Then my door was open for some reason. Suddenly when the two police men stepped into my house, it started to move and objects started to move again.

The scare dream

1:30am. When they were in my house I saw something big, then I saw that little girl change into an ugly big scary green monster. It was so scared so I went under my bed and got my shotgun out and reach on top on my balcony.

1:45am. I thought this house was a curse. Later on I opened the door and saw if the monster was there. So took my shotgun and went outside, I think that monster is gone.
The scare dream

2:00am - When I turn around, I saw that monster ahhhhhhhhhh! So I quickly got my gun and shot her but for some reason she disappear in a blind of a eye again.

The scare dream

2:15am - When I turn around, I saw her again with a weird looking face. Suddenly, she turn bigger and bigger then she open her big mouth and ate me. AAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

The scare dream

2:30am - When I woke up, I found myself in her stomach with the other two policemen. When I was in her stomach, I tried to break out. Suddenly, I saw in her stomach a shotgun. She must have eaten my gun too.

The scare dream

2:45am - So I used my gun and shot her from inside her stomach. Then I saw a big hole in her stomach so I quickly jumped out.
2:50am - When me and the two policeman was out of her stomach we quickly call 000 for help.

3:00am - After we called for back up we hid in the balcony. However, the ugly green girl appeared again but this time she was holding a sword.

3:23am - Then when start running away as fast as possible, then we was trap in my room so there was nowhere to run.

3:33am - The green girl quickly drew her sword out and killed the two policeman. I become so scared that I ran to the toilet and tried to climb out of the window for help. I could not get out as my door was locked.
3:35am - So then that green girl quickly draws her sword and kills the two police men. I was so scared I ran to the toilet and tried to climb out of the window for help, but my door was locked so I couldn't get out.

4:00am - Finally, the police have come so I came in and smash the door. Suddenly, the cops found my head laying on the toilet lid!

When I woke up, I found myself on the bed. Thank God it was all a dream!
Community News

School Website
Have a look at our school’s website. Here you’ll find useful information about our school including upcoming events, school holidays, school start times and end times, public holidays etc on the calendar section. [http://www.birrongboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/en/home](http://www.birrongboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/en/home)

EFTpos is available at Birrong Boys’ High
EFTpos payments are available at the front office for parents, carers and students. EFTpos may be used for payments of school fees, uniform, equipment and excursions. **No cash available.**
Habeel CHAKARI  
Year 8  
Favourite Sport  
Rugby League  
Favourite Food  
Fish and chips  
Favourite Subject  
Maths  
What I like about BBHS  
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Tony TRAN  
Year 11  
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Basketball  
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