9 December 2014

Principals Report

This has been an exciting month at Bremer State High School as we move rapidly towards the last day of school for 2014. We have celebrated and acknowledged our students’ and staff members’ successes during what has been an amazing year at Bremer State High School, but we are also looking forward to and beginning to focus on, a new journey for Bremer State High School in 2015 and beyond.

Year 12, 2014

It has been a very successful conclusion to twelve years of schooling for our class of 2014. Our seniors enjoyed two special events: the Year 12 Formal held at the Woodlands Centre at Marburg and the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony which took place at school on Friday, November 21. The students were an absolute credit to you and our school on both occasions. The special bond the students share with each other and with their teachers was very obvious during these events and students and staff at these events spoke often of what a special time this had been for a great group of students. We wish the class of 2014 all the very best for happy, healthy and successful futures. Go well.

2015 and beyond

In 2015, no current Bremer State High School student will have past experience from the “old” Bremer State High School on our previous school site. While we respect and remember proudly the history of our great school from those years prior to 2011, it is now time to embrace the exciting future that lies ahead for this Bremer State High School. Together, we will set the standards and expectations of how this Bremer State High School does the business, what we do and where we aim to be in the future.

Bremer State High School refocuses our expectations from the start of 2015

I would like to be very clear about our expectations of students from the start of 2015. I make no apologies for being direct about this as I know that a successful learning environment is created through a sense of optimism and purpose but it also requires clear expectations and standards based on everyone doing their best and everyone looking after each other.

At Bremer State High School in 2015 we will:

- Expect every student to be in full school uniform every single day
- Expect students to attend every day of school unless they are ill
- Expect students to come to school ready to learn. They should be prepared by having their equipment and be “armed” with a positive attitude.
- Expect students to behave positively, support each other and look after their school

Literacy and Numeracy are our major focus in 2015

It is no coincidence that across the world the countries with the highest rates of illiteracy are also the countries with the lowest health rates, highest unemployment and lowest life expectancies.

Satisfactory Literacy and Numeracy abilities are central to life success for young people.

We are currently devising a range of strategies and programs for implementation from the beginning of 2015 and beyond. These Literacy and Numeracy strategies will reshape the way our students learn in our school and maximise the opportunities we provide for our students to succeed.

“If smart growth is about knowledge and innovation, investment in literacy skills is a prerequisite for achieving such growth… Our world is dominated by the written word, both online and in print. This means we can only contribute and participate actively if we can read and write sufficiently well. But, each year, hundreds of thousands of children start their secondary school two years behind in reading; some leave even further behind their peers… Literacy is about people’s ability to function in society as private individuals, active citizens, employees or parents… Literacy is about people’s self-esteem, their interaction with others, their health and
employability. Ultimately, literacy is about whether a society is fit for the future”.


I trust you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and that 2015 is safe and successful for all of you.

Thank you for your on-going support of Bremer State High School.

Richard Morrison
Principal

Annual Awards Night
We congratulate the following students who are our major academic award winners for 2014:

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<td>John Reath Memorial Prize for Year 12 Science/Mathematics</td>
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<td>David Hamill Prize for Year 12 Humanities</td>
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<td>The Arts Award</td>
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School Leaders 2015
We would like to introduce to you the School Leaders for 2015. The school management team and cohort wish them every success in their leadership roles in the coming year.

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2015—Commencement Dates
Years 7 and 8 start Tuesday 27 January
Whole School attend Wednesday 28 January

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<td>Term 1</td>
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BREMER SCHOLARSHIPS:
We are proud to have presented the very first BREMER SCHOLARSHIPS to the following students:

- Drew Harvey
- Cody Daniel
- Kiara Jones
- Hannah Supper
- Yabkal Belaineh
- Ainsley Robertson
- Javan McGuckin
- Alarna Leonard
- Keycee Silang
- Rachel Haag
- Maria Santos
- Amy Wyborn
- Jodye Brand
- Xiao Yang
- Samantha Taaffe
- Jahanna Katt
- Man Kit Lam
These top academic students from each year level will have their Bremer Resource cost covered and receive a $100 uniform contribution (generously supported by the P&C) for 2015. Congratulations to these students. Bremer SHS applauds your efforts and values what you do both in and out of the classroom.

Students with disabilities –
This is the 6th year that Bremer SEU students have won major awards in the Queensland Teacher’s Union Peace Awards Art Competition.

Congratulations to Carlee Wood (Year 8) and Mary Nebe (Year 9) for their quality entries. Both were awarded gift vouchers of $100 and $50 respectively.

The QTU has a yearly competition which promotes peace in the world. I encourage the students to discuss issues of peace before proceeding with their art work.

Any small step for the promotion of peace in the world has to be a good thing! Congratulations to the winners and all entrants.

Ms Wilkie
Teacher SEU

The experience for Bremer students was overwhelmingly positive, as Year 8 and 9 students were able to canvass their artistic responses to a wide range of media and artistic ideas. These included experimental cross media works, abstract pastel paintings, expressionistic acrylic portraits on paper, aluminium sgraffito masks, relief masks with a primitive theme, stitched and painted textile art and lino print.

Congratulations to all participants on a job well done! Thank you to Mr Pedroni and Ms Bopp for submitting their student art work.

OTHER VISUAL ART NEWS: Nov 2014
Danielle Henwood of Year 10 Visual Art has created a 3D model of a futuristic theme park, complete with miniature people interacting with their environment. This was part of a special CREATIVE ART project that Dani has designed and constructed over the past 10 weeks in her own time. In this project Dani has envisaged an architectural space complete with rides, attractions, centralised lake and accommodation. If you were to look closely you would see people milling around the lake or sitting on seats under the trees. Well done Dani!!

Dr. T Barnett
HOD, Visual Arts

FINANCE NEWS
- The School’s Finance Window (Accounts Receivable) will be closed last week of school (8th-12th December).
- Please continue to return the Student Resource Scheme Forms (Cream coloured) right up to the end of school year. Students can return them to the box located on the student side of the main office. This is an Education Queensland mandatory form and must be completed and returned for every individual student.
- Payment options available for 2015 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME include:
  - Payment in full (within the first 2 weeks of school)
- Payment plan in place (EFTPOS Instalments/Direct Debit/Centrepay)
- Payment through Finance Window:
  Term 1 - commences 27/1/15 ($100 or as negotiated)
  Term 2 - commences 20/4/15 ($50 or as negotiated)
  Term 3 - commences 13/7/15 ($50 or as negotiated)
- As previously mentioned The Finance Office will be available for receiving purposes from Monday 19th January 2015 (a week prior to students returning to school) from 8.15 am – 3:30 pm daily.

**Student Resource Scheme**

**WHAT IS SUPPLIED BY THE SCHEME**

- Consumables and curriculum reference materials
- Individually issued and class sets of textbooks
- Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets
- Equipment for student use (camera, sport uniforms, etc)
- Student ID Card
- School Organizer
- Materials and consumables for practical subjects
- $5.00 Print Credit
- Computer Technology, technician support, software, internet access

**WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHEME**

- Practical Subject Fees
- Exercise/notebooks for day work, etc.
- Biros, pencils and other stationery items.
- Calculators and drawing equipment.
- Some large Manual Arts equipment items
- Ingredients for cooking and materials for sewing.
- Excursion, camps and non-curriculum activities
- Band/Choir Shirts
- USB sticks, DVD’s and CD’s where these become the permanent property of the student.

**SUBJECT AREA LEVYS**

- Some high cost subject areas have levies which are not part of the Bremer Student Resource Scheme and will be invoiced separately to students.
- Maths B and C (Years 11 and 12) a $50.00 security deposit for Graphic Calculator (RRP $180.00). This deposit is refunded at end of Year 12 when calculator is returned in useable condition.

All Resource Scheme fees and subject fees must be paid before money is accepted for non-curriculum elective activities, eg Senior Formal, Ski Trip, Semi Formal, Senior Jerseys, Deans Days, etc.

**Bremer Resources**

Textbooks will be issued to students in 2015 when:

- The 2015 Student Resource Scheme Contract is signed and returned to the school
- All textbooks and resources from the previous year are returned in a satisfactory condition.
- Textbooks returned in a damaged condition may incur an invoice being issued for replacement costs. (Paragraph 32 of Resource Contract)

“Textbooks and other resources provided for temporary student use by the scheme shall be kept in good condition by the student. The school Administration Office shall be notified immediately of the loss or negligent damage to any issued item. Where an issued item is lost or negligently damaged, parents/carers will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken.”

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students participating in the Student Resource Scheme will be issued with a maths textbook during Term 1. Other subject areas use class sets of text books. Students may borrow these when needed for assignments and homework. This is to be done through Bremer Resources.

**Bremer Chaplaincy**

After reflecting on 2014, I have been blessed with the support within Bremer SHS and the community. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many students and witnessing their growth in becoming young adults. I look forward to 2015 and seek to continue to provide support for students, parents and staff.

**So what does a Chaplain do?**

A school Chaplain supports students, parents/caregivers and staff. This happens in numerous ways, from being available for pastoral care to talk to people, working with other support staff, organising programs and activities for students, offering religious instruction and guidance, through to simply building positive relationships and a community spirit. While Chaplaincy at Bremer High operates from Christian principles and values, we are available to everyone regardless of their spiritual beliefs.

**Men and Machines Shed Program**

In association with Ipswich Connect, Men and Machines Shed Program was introduced to the school. This program provides Year 11-12 boys practical skills in automotive mechanics. The students have completed the program and have learnt many practical skills which can be applied to career opportunities. This year was the first year the program was introduced into Bremer SHS and was considered a pilot program so Ipswich Connect and Bremer SHS could gauge the effectiveness of the program. After consulting with the students, automotive professionals and Ipswich Connect, we have found this program to be successful. Next year we seek to create a more stable program with a possibility of certification after the completion of the program. This program will continue to grow and I will endeavour to keep you updated.
Lifetime Program

On the 29th October, Lifetime ran for the last time in 2014. This program is the Religious Instruction for the school and saw 300 students attend. The Term 4 program was originally assigned to Young Life Ipswich but pulled out of the program 24 hours prior to the day. A huge thank you to Central Church for stepping in at such late notice, and for the Australian Weight Lifter, Deborah Acason, travelling 4 hours in a days’ notice. Deborah spoke on Integrity and encouraged students to think of others. Students engaged well and gave positive feedback about the program.

2015

As 2014 winds down, I have begun to plan programs for 2015. This year has currently been a learning experience and this has certainly grown me to become better at what I do. Next year will be challenging with the increase of students and with the amount of days I am employed for. To help employ me for an extra day, I am planning a fundraising dinner. Details are still to be planned for this event but I will continue to keep you updated. As for programs, I will be bringing back Men and Machines Shed program, Shine Program, Lifetime Program and Young Men’s group. These programs were very successful and I believe these will continue to benefit the students of Bremer SHS. Some new programs might be introduced next year which include No Limits and Rock and Water. Next year will be very joyous and a great time of building rapport with the students. I look forward to next year and continuing to be the Chaplain for Bremer SHS.

Support

Bremer SHS has seen a massive growth over the past few years and this will continue due to the professionalism and standards the staff displays and the opportunities the students have to reach their potential. For 2014 I wish to increase my employment from 4 days a week to 5 days. For this to happen I need to support of the community to help raise this money. If you wish to help there are a few ways you can support this support network. If you have a mobile plan through Network Communications (Optus), you can support Chaplaincy by asking to donate part of your monthly payments to Bremer SHS. This comes to no extra cost to you. You can also donate monthly which is tax deductible. For more information please visit www.suqld.org.au. If you wish to donate monthly please place Bremer SHS as the school.

I would lastly like to thank everyone who has shown support for myself personally and for the Chaplaincy service. If you would like more information about Chaplaincy at Bremer State High School, please contact me on 3810 9333 or email me on ahess21@eq.edu.au (Mon-Wed & Fri)

Adam Hess
Chaplain

HELP WANTED

Are you a Bremer parent or friend? Do you have a skill that could assist the school? We are looking for members of the extended Bremer community to help us by donating their time, skills or services in 2015.

In particular we are after the skills of interior designers, graphic designers and those working in the fields of advertising, public relations or corporate concept design.

Please contact Deputy Principal Melissa Winks if you can assist – mwinks5@eq.edu.au or 38109333