**Principals Report**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

We have had a strong start to the year and the maintenance of our high enrolment has allowed us to employ some additional staff, who will be in place by the end of this month.

Our official day 8 enrolment numbers were as follows:

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**Great Results Guarantee**

An additional $131 million will be invested in Queensland’s State and Independent Public Schools in 2014 to improve student performance. Bremer State High will receive an extra $210,000 for this purpose to improve literacy and numeracy for our students. Evidence-based plans and strategies will be in place to address students’ specific learning difficulties. Input from all stakeholders, including the school, P & C, Administration and staff will determine how this funding will be actioned.

**P & C Association**

On Tuesday, 18 February, we held our AGM and the following people were elected to these positions on our executive committee:

- **President**: Lynn Chapman
- **Vice President**: Yvonne Bell
- **Vice President**: Lenore Manietta
- **Treasurer**: Fiona McGuckin
- **Secretary**: Rochelle Early
- **Operations Manager**: Jenny McGuckin
- **Canteen/Uniform Manager**: Ann Collyer

**All the best,**

**Michael Knox.**

**2014 School Immunisation Programme**

The programme will provide vaccinations to:

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<td>HPV (3 doses males only)</td>
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**Clinic Dates at Bremer High:**

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<td>Wednesday, 19 March, 2014</td>
<td>All Year 8 Students</td>
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<td>All Year 10 Students</td>
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<td>HPV(1st) (Males only)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 28 May, 2014</td>
<td>All Year 8 Students</td>
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<td>Year 10 Male Students</td>
<td>HPV (2nd)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 15 October, 2014</td>
<td>All Year 8 Students</td>
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Please ensure your students have eaten breakfast.

Immunisation Forms are to be completed and returned to the School by Thursday, 27 February, 2014.

**Student Resources**

All eligible students should have collected their textbooks from the Resource Room. If not they may collect their textbooks during Major Break each day.

Any student with outstanding textbooks from previous years should return these to the Resource Room (N1) asap. Parents will receive a letter during the next few weeks regarding any textbooks or athletic singlets that have not been returned.

**Traditional School Sport**

Every year Bremer conducts the traditional sports carnivals of Swimming, Cross-Country and Athletics. Both the Cross-Country and Athletics carnivals are compulsory for students to attend as spectators or competitors. The Swimming carnival, on the other hand, is only for students who have nominated prior to the carnival and for the rest of the students it is a normal school day with classes. All these carnivals are fun days which develop school spirit. Participation by all students is encouraged and sporting achievements are recognised.

**2014 House Captains and House Leadership Groups**

At the end of 2013 nominations were called for students to form House Leadership Groups for 2014. From these nominations a captain was selected through a vote of the Year 11 Cohort with the remainder of the nominees forming the "Leadership Group". It is my pleasure to announce the following House Leaders:

- **KARA KARA – Black**
  Josh White
  Nicholas Greenstreet
  Jade Kickbusch
  Alice Jackson

- **MARDANGO – Green**
  Crystal Brown
  Taylor Hudspith
  Taya Harper
  Macy Harradine

- **NARGANOO – Red**
  Tyler Daines
  Brayden Norris
  Katrina Broderick
  Felicity Dor

- **TORRARENNA – Blue**
  Imogen Blacka
  Alexandra Walters
  Indiana Evans
  Marcus Harris

The focus area for February is 'Leadership'.

"Home Economics... Everyday skills for everyday life."

**Spelling Lists**

Just letting you know that ALL students will have the same spelling list for the year. This will be given to them in their English Class, and English teachers will implement spelling activities etc. The aim of the program is to improve student vocabulary.

**Chaplaincy**

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable school holiday. I have been given the opportunity to continue the work I started last year and I will endeavour to provide support to you and the students of Bremer SHS. I would like to share with you what Chaplaincy does within the school and some programs that are planned for 2014.
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.

Plans for 2014

This year will be a very busy and challenging time for the Chaplaincy service. After spending time on my 2014 Operational Plan and consulting with school staff and community services, there are many programs which will begin this year, some for the first time and others which will be brought back. These programs seek to support students who may struggle with a variety of teenage issues and provide a network which students can utilize. Some of these programs include No Limits, Shine Program, Lifetime and many more. If you wish to know more about these programs please contact me on 3810 9333.

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 the 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. Another way that won't add anymore cost to you is placing your CTP Insurance with QBE. You can do this by visiting www.partnerprogram.com.au and stating you wish to support Bremer SHS. 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 at ahess21@eq.edu.au (Mon-Wed & Fri)

Adam Hess
Chaplain

From the P&C

Canteen

Don’t forget to check out the $5.00 Meal Deals every Tuesday and the new $5.00 Breakfast Deals available on Tuesday and Thursday morning.

We would like to welcome all of our new volunteers to the Canteen and welcome back the returning volunteers. It is really nice to have so many people willing to help in the area.

Uniform Shop

Please note the new opening hours for the Uniform shop:
Monday and Wednesday: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 8.15am to 9.15 am
Closed Friday

Proof of Enrolment is required, we accept Student ID cards, Student Timetables or Proof of Enrolment forms (available from Administration).

Ipswich Parents Workshop — DETE

The Queensland Government is conducting a research session and is seeking your opinions and expectations on ‘Interacting with School’. If you meet one or more of the below criteria or know of someone who does, register your interest for this paid research activity. Call Q&A Market Research company on (07) 3119 8003 or email groups@qandaresearch.com.au and state you are registering for the ‘Ipswich Parents Workshop—DETE’. Leave your name and 2 contact numbers and Q&A will call you back to complete your details. Please note registering is not a guarantee of placement as numbers are limited.

Participant Requirements

- Expectant or new mum (aged mid to late 20s) with child up to 1 year
- Parent of kindy aged child/children (child aged up to 4 years)
- Parent with one or more primary-school-aged children
- Parent of high school students
- Teenager – not living with family (aged up to 15 or 16 years)
- Grandparent and/or carer looking after primary and/or high school students
- Parent or carer of person with disability school student
- Single or separated parent with school students
- Parent of adopted or foster children
- Parents with financial or employment difficulties (e.g. unemployed, or trying to survive on workers comp or benefits)
- Parent of school children recently moved to Qld or migrated here from overseas
- Person living with member of extended family (e.g. parents with young school aged children who are living with aunts and uncles, mother, father or grandparents)

Date: Wednesday 19 March
Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm
Venue: Bremer State High School

Community Notices

Lions Australia

The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years the opportunity to live with Lions families
overseas during the December to January school holidays. It is a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, sightseeing and practise second language skills. More information available here: www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

Lions Youth of the Year Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. More information available here: www.lionclubs.org.au/yoty

Red Shield Appeal

The Annual Red Shield Appeal Doorknock for 2014 will take place over the weekend of Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May, 2014.