24 June 2014

Principal’s Report

Assessment and Reporting

As we move closer to the end of the Semester, I’d like to remind parents that our reports will be sent out by the 25th July which is the end of week 2 in Semester 2. We are transitioning the reports to being sent to you via an email rather than being posted. For this purpose we need an email address that is current. We will be sending out the contact details we have on file at the school for you and your child next Semester to ensure that we have the most current and up-to-date information in order to communicate most effectively with you. Please take the time to review this and return it to us.

As we are in a transition phase to emailing reports, we will send reports in the post as well to ensure you receive a copy.

Student Achievement

It gives me great pleasure to brag about three of our student success stories …..

Christina Donald (Year 11) was placed second (2nd) in Queensland in the Chinese Bridge competition. This consisted of a speaking task, quiz and cultural performance. She will fly to China to compete in the international competition in October.

Jodey Brand (Year 10) was selected to attend the “Outward Bound Aspiring Leaders National Summit” in Canberra. He was 1 of 29 students chosen.

Taylor Cora (Year 11) has been selected to attend the “Health Inspire U” course at UQ during the upcoming holidays. This will give her a great insight into the field of medicine and health.

Congratulations to these students.

The Great Bremer Canoe Race and FASE Day

I was thoroughly impressed with my first involvement in the Great Bremer Canoe Race. I now see why it is called Great…

Great event, Great day, Great spirit, Great involvement, Great community, Great spectacle. Congratulations to the many staff and students involved and in particular, our Dean of Students and Canoe Race Co-ordinator, Mrs Chris Owen. Thank you also to our many parents who attended and our wonderful sponsors.

• Mayor – Councillor Paul Pisasale
• Councillor Andrew Antoniolli
• Councillor Charlie Pisasale
• Sean Choat MP
• Shayne Neumann MP
• Brothers Leagues Club
• Ipswich Interflora Florist
• Queensland Embalming Services
• Budget Express
• Bremer State High School P & C

F.A.S.E Day

Created by our Student Leaders. Coordinated by our Year Coordinators, Deans of Students and our Student Leaders, FASE Day was a resounding success!

Ask your child what they thought of the afternoon. I surveyed just over 80 students who all were buzzing from the event.

Well done to all who organised what is bound to be a Bremer PRIDE annual event.

DOSAS to Deans of Students

We have changed the name to provide closer recognition to the roles. DOSAS will now be known as Deans of Students. We are currently in the process of appointing two (2) more Deans to support the growth in student enrolments. From Semester 2 and for 2015, there will be a Dean of Students for each year level.

Stay tuned as you will see a name change to the DoSAS newsletter and possibly a new contact for your student’s year level. I look forward to announcing these soon.
**Academic Focus**

We have embarked on a journey to analyse the plethora of data available to us to establish our strengths and gaps in literacy, numeracy and Queensland Core Skills (QCS) performance. We have engaged Dr Judy Smeed (QUT) to assist us. Dr Smeed has a long history of association with Bremer SHS which she has only just recently renewed. Dr Smeed is world renowned having recently been invited to China and Harvard University in order to guide and improve their focus on educational practices. Dr Smeed also works with the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) to advise senior personnel in education on school and system reforms. The clarity of direction provided by her analysis of our data will lead to focused and consistent practices that we will adopt and adapt to our every-day classroom pedagogy. I will share some insights in what these are in future newsletters.

**Community Consultation**

We value your opinion and input and throughout the next Semester I will be seeking your feedback via a variety of mediums. This may be in the form of on-line surveys, written responses or face-to-face forums. The type of topics, for example, will include:

- Uniform Policy
- Responsible Behaviour Plan
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Our Strategic Direction (2015-18)

I look forward to working with you next term. Enjoy your holidays when they arrive. Return recharged, refreshed and ready to go.

*With PRIDE*  
*Mr Paul Robertson*  
*PRINCIPAL*

**OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Late last term, students were notified about an opportunity to apply for the Smith Family Outward Bound Aspiring Leaders' National Summit Scholarship in Canberra. The summit included a fully paid residential leadership program and wilderness expedition.

Jodey Brand, Year 10, successfully applied and received one of only 29 Scholarships. Jodey was the youngest student selected from schools nationwide, following a written application process which saw him demonstrate his leadership and community vision; advocating initiatives for Youth Mental Health in Ipswich, with an emphasis on students within Defence families, who face multiple transitions and parental absences. Jodey is currently experiencing a long term parental separation in order to complete his secondary schooling at Bremer State High.

The Outward Bound Program he attended was designed to empower school students, aspiring leaders and disadvantaged youth to reach their full potential by giving them the skills they need to become resilient, confident, self-aware members of their communities. The aim was to challenge these young people to discover talents and resources within themselves. The leadership summit and camp took place in Canberra and the nearby Orroral Valley. Following the leadership workshops, students were taken to a wilderness area where they were challenged physically, mentally and emotionally; empowering them with a new outlook on their lives and the world they live in.

Congratulations to Jodey for his initiative in applying for and completing this challenging program!

**SPARQ-ed Workshop**

On May 10th, one of our bright Year 7 students attend the SPARQ-ed Young Scholars DNA Workshop at the Translational Research Institute. Luke Michaux was able to take place in advanced scientific techniques, such as electrophoresis, to run samples of DNA to try to solve a crime scene. This advanced science is well beyond his years, and we are very proud of the talent that Luke is showing in the field of science. Great work Luke!!!

**Met West Hockey**

Crystal Brown and Brooke Pavitt were part of the Met West Under 19 schoolgirl’s hockey team that played in the state titles from 22 May to 25 May. The Met West team won their pool, losing only 1 game. The girls won 2-1 against South Coast in the semi-final, and then won the final 3-2 against Met North. Met West is the 2014 Under 19 Schoolgirls Hockey State Champions.
Home Economics

REMINDER

Students studying Food Studies next semester will be issued with a new recipe book. Please look out for these during the first week so you are aware of upcoming practical assessment dates.

Students studying Home Economics will be commencing their semester of textiles studies. They will be required to provide a basic sewing kit as well as other materials that will be specified by your child’s teacher. The practical component of the textiles course is compulsory and all students are expected to participate and submit work for assessment. Failure to complete practical components of either Food Studies or Home Economics will have an impact on a student’s final end of semester results.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting in Term 3 students are invited to participate in a variety of Wednesday Winter Workshops. These workshops are designed to allow students interested in food to try out some different food experiences and consider their subject choices for 2015.

The workshops will commence in week 3 of next semester. A maximum of 24 students will be able to participate in any given week due to space limitations. Students will need to sign up for the workshop at J6 during Major Break the Monday a one and a half weeks prior to each workshop. Therefore, students will need to sign up on Monday week 2 for their workshop in week 3. This will allow staff time to organise and order the ingredients required. There will be no cost to the students.

The foods prepared are designed to give the students an opportunity to try new skills, refine old skills and try a new food.

AROUND THE ROOMS SNAPSHOT…..an insight into our classes

Certificate III in Children’s Services

Congratulations Hollie & Teagan!!!

Where to now? This is the question Hollie Mackay and Teagan Bean are asking themselves. Hollie and Teagan successfully completed their Certificate III in Childcare in May and are awaiting their certificates from the Bremer TAFE – Springfield Campus. The girls have worked tirelessly since the beginning of 2013 with their trainers from TAFE, Danielle Martin and Anita Ace at Bremer State High School. This success has resulted in the girls being offered part time work at the childcare centre where they completed their placement. Despite not studying authority subjects and following the traditional OP pathway to university the future is looking very bright for Hollie and Teagan. They will receive a ranking from completing their Certificate III that will allow them to apply for a position at university if they choose to go down this path in the future. All of the Home Economics staff wish them all the best as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

Year 11 Hospitality

Recently our Year 11 students were required to undertake the organisation, preparation and service of a morning tea for 180 staff. The concepts that were developed during the assessment included teamwork, communication, practical skills as well as completing a written component for the assignment. The two Hospitality classes worked together as one large team to complete the task, this was daunting given that it was the first time they had prepared food for such a large number of people. They were successful in achieving their goal and we look forward to updating you with their Semester 2 function for staff. Well done Year 11 Hospitality!!!

FASE Day

Another opportunity for the students to get involved in a school activity was the Milkshake Van. Students from a number of year levels assisted with the organisation of the van and preparing the ingredients for the milkshakes to be made. Although we only had resources for 50 milkshakes many more could have been sold. The experience was a positive one for the students that allowed interaction between Years 9 to 11 throughout the one activity. The students are looking forward to the next milkshake van so they can implement changes they have suggested to improve the next event.

Shining Star Award

April - May

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating Teamwork.

Junior
8 Melissa Ungormus
9 Hayden Dixon
Honourable Mention
9 Taneesha Lynch

Senior
10 Thja Gilbert
11 Natalie Manning
12
Honourable Mention
11 Mackenzie Padgham
The focus area for term 3 is Good Manners. “Home Economics……Everyday skills for everyday life.”

Legal Studies

USQ Secondary Schools Mooting Competition

Two of our Year 12 students, Zoe Russell and Ben Molver represented Bremer High on Monday 26 May 2014 at the inaugural USQ Secondary Schools Mooting Competition.

Mooting is a legal argument where two teams represent opposing sides of a hypothetical case. Zoe and Ben appeared on behalf of the respondent, Mr Smith who had injured himself in a national park owned by the State of Queensland. They presented their argument before a “judge” who was a practising barrister.

Both Zoe and Ben performed very well and were very confident when answering questions put to them by the “judge”. Unfortunately they lost to St John’s Anglican College by only a few points. They were the highest ranked losing team that then enabled them a wildcard entry to the quarter finals.

Congratulations to Zoe and Ben for all their hard work.

Law Week Celebrations

Law Week is celebrated every year to highlight the role of the law in our everyday lives. This year we celebrated by holding a mock criminal trial. Clues were published in the notices every morning after a “fake” incident was devised, surrounding a theft of a sausage roll and orange juice by one of the teachers from the tuckshop.

On Friday the 23rd May 2014 our Year 11 Legal Studies students conducted a trial to sentence the offender. Our suspects, Mr Gillis, Mrs Leabeater and Mr Pym were required to attend and hear the evidence.

The students took on the roles as Magistrate, Clerk, Bailiff, Prosecution and Defence and even dressed up for the occasion. Before a packed courtroom (approximately 60 students), Mr Pym was found to be “guilty” of stealing the sausage roll and orange juice from the tuckshop and sentenced to some “community service”. Thank you to all that participated in this activity including our “suspects”.

FASE Day

On the 30th of May, the Year 12 Student Council hosted Bremer’s first ever F.A.S.E Day. The event was created so students could showcase their skills in the areas of Food, Academia, Sport and Entertainment. It was organised by the student council for the students. It was a day so the students could engage, participate and celebrate each other’s skills. I was so excited to see the student council’s plan coming into action and thanks to all the teachers who supported us to make the day a reality. After the festivities, students proceeded to the oval to watch the canoe race teams compete in their first ever Dry Land Canoe Race – in which Chappies placed 1st. Following this there was an assembly and procession where canoe teams were introduced (and cheered on) and Dry Land medals were awarded. It was a fun day for all of us and I hope F.A.S.E Day can live on through generations of students at Bremer.

Kate Alsop
(PRIDE Director)

Dry Land Canoe Race 2014 (new)

1st: Chappies
2nd: Business Ed
3rd: Practical Arts

Canoe Race

30th Great Bremer Canoe Race

1st: HPE
2nd: Social Science
3rd: Sport
Most improved 2014: The Bean Me Up Café Team

QUT MERF EXCURSION

On the 20th of May 2014, Year 10 Biology students had the privilege to visit the QUT MERF centre. During this excursion, the students were encouraged to participate in a variety of activities. This included several physical tests such as the flexibility test, respiratory test and several other activities in
relation to surgery. Once these activities were completed, the students were prepared to view human remains, which included the human brain, lungs and heart. These organs served as a visual representation of how a bad lifestyle can significantly impact your vital organs negatively. Also, students were exposed to an actual human body, to have a better understanding of what happens in the human body – our topic for Term 1. This was a very confronting experience for a few students, but, overall it was a great learning experience and enlightened many students.

By Xiao Yang and Karlee O’Halloran.

Bremer’s Great Writers

Bremer SHS has been awarded with a Certificate of Excellence from the Write4Fun 2014 Schools Writing Competition. The accompanying letter with the awards states,

“Write4Fun is proud to announce that Bremer State High School had over 10 students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition.

This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and we received over 11,500 entries. Your school has been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 2% of schools showed this level of achievement. ”

This is indeed a great achievement and all students who entered this competition are to be congratulated.

Ms Lorelle Scott (Head of Department, English)

Take 1 Film Club

This term the Performing Arts Department is pleased to announce the revival of Take 1 Film Club. This is an extension group comprising the top students/film makers in Year 12. Throughout the term students have had the opportunity to further their skills and knowledge about film equipment and techniques, such as advanced editing, green screen and preproduction practices.

Students are anxiously waiting to participate in film competitions later in the year. Competitions such as Energex Race around the Ekka school film competition and Ipswich Film Festival for youth have been planned for Term three. Students will also have the opportunity to work with USQ’s creative industries and experience what it’s like working in an operating radio station and TV studio. They will also have the opportunity to work alongside industry professionals. It is going to be a fun and busy time for Bremer’s film club.

THE GREAT BREMER VARIETY NIGHT

It’s on again, The Great Bremer Variety Night. This night is a terrific showcase for all the amazing and varied talent we have here at Bremer. It will be held on FRIDAY AUGUST 22 in the Performing Arts Block, starting at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:10pm.

TICKET INFORMATION

Due to space issues, tickets must be purchased prior to the event but it will be general admission (no ticketed seating). There will only be 400 tickets available. There will be NO tickets available at the door.

Tickets will go on sale MONDAY AUGUST 11 at the Finance window.

Cost: $10 Adults, $5 Students/Children, $25 Family ticket (2 Adults + 2 children)

For STUDENTS who are thinking of auditioning the following information is important:

- 26 JUNE FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – SIGN UP
  (there will also be sign-up sheets on the door of U block staffroom (near the Sports Hall)
- THURSDAY JULY 24, 3-4PM AUDITIONS (week 2).
  You must be there fully prepared, with all music etc…
  necessary for the performance. Singers you must
  have a backing track for your song
- TUESDAY JULY 29, 3-4 PM CALLBACKS
- FRIDAY AUGUST 22, FULL DAY REHEARSAL
- FRIDAY AUGUST 22, VARIETY NIGHT PERFORMANCE 6:30 (performers need to be there by 5:45)

Chaplaincy

Bremer SHS has just completed half of the school year and during this time I have seen growth and continued PRIDE amongst the students. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many students on different walks of life and I am filled with hope, anticipation and excitement for the future of the students upholding the values of the school and reaching their personal goals. During this time, I have assisted and organised multiple programmes within the school to empower students to reach their goals and provide support. I have continued to regularly meet with the support staff to collectively support each student. I will endeavour to continue to provide support to parents, students and staff of Bremer SHS.

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.

Programmes

This term I have assisted the Youth Support Coordinator and Aaron Jones in a boy’s resilience programme for Year 8. This programme is aimed to assist these young boys in providing tools to help with difficult situations and help support these boys in the classrooms. This term we have had new students participate in this programme and we continue to see these boys grow in personal realisations and goals. During the last
week of Term 2, the boys will be taken on a “Mystery Tour” to celebrate the achievements and good behaviour these boys have displayed.

The Shine Programme is coming to an end and will finish on the last week of Term 2. This programme aims to assist Year 9 girls to build their self-confidence and self-esteem. Part of this programme also teaches these young girls beauty techniques and natural ointments. The students have really enjoyed the programme and I have seen these girls open up and interact with each other with a better understanding of who they are. The girls will be celebrating their completion of the programme at a formal dinner which each student is excited for. I would like to thank Centro Church for running this programme.

On the 21st May, the Lifetime programme ran for the second time for this year. Leichhardt Baptist Church organised this programme for Term 2 and presented a very informative and relevant programme. Lifetime saw 360 students attend and the feedback from the students was very positive. The focus of the programme this term was Integrity from the school values PRIDE. Again, from the feedback from the students showed that this was very relevant and because the focus was on values from the school, the talk made sense for the students. Next Term Central Church will be organising the programme. A huge thank you to Leichhardt Baptist Church for the hard work in providing an excellent programme.

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 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 on ahess21@eq.edu.au (Mon-Wed & Fri)

Adam Hess
Chaplain

Date Claimers

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Change of Address or Phone Number

It is essential that the school has an accurate register of student home addresses and contact phone numbers. Written notification is required before records can be altered.

Notification by email can be sent to info@bremershs.eq.edu.au or alternatively by sending the new details with the student to hand in at the office.

From the P&C

Canteen

We are always looking for Volunteers in our school canteen. If you have a few spare hours and would like to volunteer please contact the school canteen on 3810 9384.
At this stage, next term there will be no $5.00 Meal Deals for lunch on Tuesdays. We will still have our $5.00 Breakfast meal deals on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Uniform Shop

From the 1st July, 2014, there will be a price rise in school uniforms. Each uniform item will rise by $1.00. Please click on the link below for new prices. The Uniform Shop will be open on Saturday, 15th November from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

P&C Association

Due to the school holidays there will not be a P&C meeting in July. Our next meeting will be 19th August at 7:30pm in the Administration Block.

2014 Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

School holiday fire safety campaign

These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate “junior firefighters” in their home. The Blazers’ Brigade campaign is designed to assist children’s learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.