

From the Principal

It has been a busy week for our Senior School students as a number have completed Semester 1 exams or have been at school completing assessment tasks. There was also a significant number of students who completed work placements in a variety of business/industry areas including child care, automotive, retail, primary school, hospitality, construction and administration. These are real-life experiences for our students as they gain a greater insight into possible future careers.

Last week we hosted our first Year 6 parent event which included a tour and presentation about our Specialist Programs, Gifted and Talented Visual Art, Dance, Music, Academic Extension and Education Support. There was a fantastic turn up with over 120 parents in attendance from our local intake and out of area primary schools. Feedback from the parents was very positive and they were very impressed with the school facilities.

The surfacing of the outside courts has finally been completed and it was such a great sight to see students playing basketball on them again.

Prac Teachers

Balcatta SHS is always supportive of hosting practicum places for education students, from the various universities. This term we are hosting students, Roya Elsenusi, Dale Fernandez, Tayla Griffin, Jack Mingay, Rory Minchington, Michael Moses, Caitlin Mahony, Axel Kitscha and Emily Lamers from Edith Cowan University as well as Grace Scott from Curtin University. They have been placed in the following learning areas: Maths, English, HaSS, Science, Health and Phys Ed and The Arts. We wish them well in their future studies.

Mindful May Competition

Mindful May is a great way to share the Act-Belong-Commit message of keeping active mentally, physically, socially, spiritually and culturally. Mindful May encourages students and staff to learn new skills to slow down and practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is the idea of learning how to be fully present and engaged in the moment with openness, curiosity and without judgement.

Balcatta SHS registered for the Mindful May competition and offered our students the opportunity to produce a poster with the theme "Act with mindfulness for good mental health". Congratulations to our winner, Adela Moldonado Reveggino of Year 7. Adela received a certificate, \$25 gift voucher and Act-Belong-Commit products.

Helen Maitland
Principal

Learning Area News

Year 8 STEAM

Students have just completed a team paper plane challenge. They

were required to research, create and fine-tune the best paper plane. While completing this topic, they learned about the principles of flight and concepts from the Scientific Method. Students experimented with modifications, recording the differences of throw speed and elevation to the distance flown. The next challenge was to learn about simple machines then design a machine to automatically launch a paper plane. The term will conclude with 3D design using Tinker CAD and 3D printing.

Maths

The Mathematics Department continue to run the after school homework club for all students in Years 7 to 12. The club is held every Tuesday commencing at 3.00pm in Rooms 2:GLA1 and 2:GLA3. Students wishing to join the club can collect a permission form from Student Services. Once completed, they can return it to their Mathematics teacher.

Year 7 and Year 8 Lightning Carnivals

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students experienced their first lightning carnivals, with Year 8 missing out last year due to COVID-19. The lifting of restrictions allowed outdoor sports to go ahead as per usual whereas some of the indoor sports competitors faced challenges such as playing basketball wearing masks. Competing schools were Perth Modern, Shenton College, Churchlands, Greenwood, Balga, Bob Hawke and Warwick.

The emphasis of the carnivals is to socialise and have fun. Students select a sport from a variety of activities such as netball, soccer, basketball, Australian Rules football and hockey. They practise in their teams during Phys Ed lessons for a few weeks where they can use interpersonal and self-management skills to select players for positions and plan strategies. These skills are extended to carnival day where they not only have to continue their team play but organise what they may need for the day such as water, sunscreen, healthy food and clothing for the variety of weather conditions if playing outside. The students represented the school with pride, good sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Despite the emphasis on enjoyment, some performances to note were:

Year 7 Boys Basketball Division 1 winners
Year 8 Boys Basketball Division 3 winners
Year 8 Girls Soccer – undefeated, winning every game.

Chess Club

A few weeks ago, teacher Miles Attey commenced a chess club for interested students which runs after school on Thursdays. Two Year 10 students from our chess club competed in the Schools Chess league at Corpus Christi College on Sunday 30 May. This was the first time our school participated in this competition. Balcatta SHS team ended up coming second overall, thanks to the efforts of Lucas Agostino and Jerome Pazhooparambil. Individually, Lucas finished 3rd and Jerome finished 4th. Well done!

Nexus 2021

Our Dance and Choir students will be performing at the annual Dance Alliance Nexus 2021. This is an annual event presented by students from Shenton College, Balcatta Senior High School and Cecil Andrews Senior High School. All students involved have achieved high standards in movement education and will be performing works choreographed specifically for the performance by themselves, their dedicated teachers and Perth dance professionals.

Venue: Octagon Theatre, University of WA

Date: Friday 11 June 2021

Time: 7.00pm (Duration 90 mins)

Tickets: \$30

Tickets are now available for purchase via link –

<https://www.ticketswa.com/event/dance-alliance-nexus-2021>

For specific access and seating requirements, including wheelchair tickets, please contact TicketsWA on info@ticketsWA.com or telephone 6488 2440 between 12noon and 4.00pm on weekdays.

Uniforms

The majority of our student population adheres to our school dress code. I am seeking your assistance to ensure that your child adheres to the school dress code at ALL times.

Reminder: Leggings must be navy blue only and can only be worn with shorts or skirts over the top. Leggings cannot be worn as an item on their own.

Balcatta Senior High School's uniforms are supplied by Tudor Uniforms, with uniforms ordered on-line 24 hours per day via their website:

www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au

Balcatta SHS 50-Year Student Reunion - 1967 to 1971

There will be a 50-year reunion for those students who started at Balcatta SHS in 1967, completed their Junior year in 1969 and Leaving in 1971.

When: Wednesday 28 July at 6.30pm

Where: Odin Tavern, Erindale Rd, Balcatta

Finger food and drinks available.

Please RSVP and address any queries to:

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Important dates

31 May – 4 June	Years 11 and Year 12 Exams (timetable suspended for the week)
7 June	WA Day Public Holiday
8–9 June	Year 10 Exams (Periods 1-4, normal timetable Period 5)
10 June	Year 10 Lightning Carnival
10 June	Nexus 2021 (rehearsals all day) at Octagon Theatre
11 June	7.00pm Nexus 2021 performance at Octagon Theatre
16 June	Year 10 Immunisations (P1 and P2)
18 June	6.30pm School Ball at Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough