**Frankenstein performance**

The Yr 11 Drama production of ‘Frankenstein’ was like an artwork. The talented cast presented a series of evocative images, recreating this 19th century novel in visually intriguing ways. This sympathetic tale of a monster’s creation will linger in the minds of theatre goers long after the curtains closed, as they are left questioning: what makes a monster monstrous? And is it us?

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**WotOpera Coming to BCS**

Next term our Yr 9 and 10 Drama and Music students will be involved in the renowned WotOpera program. This will involve our students working under the expert operatic, musical and artistic direction of WotOpera facilitators to create, compose and perform. Links to WotOpera are available for purchase from the Q theatre, so book soon!

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**Year 9 Camp**

It was my great pleasure to take 27 Yr 9 students to Sydney for their school camp this week. After travelling by train to Sydney, we checked in to our very comfortable accommodation at the YHA at The Rocks. The spectacular view from the roof looked out over Circular Quay to The Sydney Opera House and back to The Sydney Harbour Bridge. All students enjoyed an afternoon at Luna Park, with Mr Oxley keeping up with the best of them on the highest and scariest rides. The ferry ride to Manly was a first for many and running on the beach built up a good appetite for dinner on the Corso.

The following two days provided opportunities for students to walk through the city, go through either the Sydney Aquarium or Madame Tussauds wax museum, shop at Darling Harbour and Paddy’s Markets, stroll through the art gallery, a movie night on George Street and jump at FX Zone trampoline complex. A great deal of walking and some wonderful food experiences topped off a fantastic camp.

Many thanks to my fantastic support staff, Ms Baumann, Mr Oxley and David Jones, and a special thank you to Mrs Clarke who transported us to and from Goulburn for the train. It was a wonderful experience made special by the fantastic spirit of all the students involved, helping them transition into high school and build valuable life skills. More pictures overleaf.

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**Uniform Awards**

Each week a number of primary students’ names are drawn from a hat and those in full uniform win our uniform awards. Last week’s winners are:

- Caelen Byrnes
- Molly McMinn
- Emma Shoemark
- Taylor Dixon
- Paige Elliott

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**Notes from our Counsellor by Lesley Adamson**

Good afternoon Parents,

A huge complaint we hear from parents – “they won’t keep their room tidy”, or “they refuse to help with the chores”. A huge complaint we hear from kids – “I have to do all the work” or “Mum/Dad makes me clean the house”, etc.

A great idea I once heard of was when a family sat around the table and made a list of all the tasks to be done connected with living in their home – paying the rent, driving the car, doing the washing, paying the electricity bills, cleaning the toilet, feeding the dog etc., and then asking who was willing to do each job. When children see that parents are actually willing to pay the rent/mortgage, cook dinner, do the shopping, fill the car up with petrol and do the gardening, they might feel that cleaning their rooms, doing the washing, putting clothing in the washing machine, or hanging it out when it’s washed isn’t so onerous after all.

A good start to the meeting is to say, “We all live here. These are the things that have to be done so we can live comfortably and pleasantly”. It can allow kids to feel included, as well as showing them the overall picture of connected with living in their home.

Amanda Wray

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**P&C News**

**Canteen news**

The P&C would like to say thank you to our school community for your ongoing support for the P&C Canteen.

Thank you to all of our Canteen Volunteers for giving up your precious time. If for some reason you can’t do your canteen rostered day, please call Heather at home on 4842 1793 or the canteen (Monday to Friday—9:30am to 2:00pm) on 4842 2251.

If you would like to help out at the canteen in Term 3 please give Heather a call at the canteen, or pop in for a chat and a look around. We would like to have 2 helpers in the canteen on the busy days. It’s a wonderful way to meet other parents and the children love seeing a familiar face. Volunteers also receive a $5 canteen voucher as a thank you for giving up your time.

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**Primary Public Speaking Success**

On Tuesday Bonnie Park and Sam Watson from Year 4, and Annabel Flack and Cate Shea from Year 6 travelled to Jerrabomberra to represent BCS in the Zone Finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. All four children spoke very well and can be proud of their achievements this year. Of the 13 students from around our region in the Year 3/4 age group, Sam Watson came equal second. Congratulations Sam.

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**NAIDOC Debating**

The four members of the NAIDOC debating team worked extremely hard in preparation for their first debate in this year’s NAIDOC Debating Challenge which was to be held in Queanbeyan East on Monday 22 June. Bradley Smyth, Chloe Stevenson, Lily Munnings and Elizabeth Vella put in a huge effort, spending all day Friday working on arguments for both sides of the debate topic which was, ‘All sacred lands should be handed back to the traditional owners’. One of the challenges for the students is this: they are not told whether they will be assigned the affirmative or the negative case until the day of the debate. Unfortunately, the opposing team pulled out at the last minute on Friday afternoon. While our students were disappointed not to be being the excellent material they had researched and utilising their skill as public speakers this round, they are looking forward to the second round of the challenge which they automatically qualify for.

Thank you to Julian Davis and Vanessa Willets for the time they spent assisting the team to prepare.

Amanda Wray
Calculators for sale

The new Maths calculators are available for sale at the front office for $29.

Primary Gymnastics reminder

A Gymnastics program will be running for K-6 during term 3. It will start in week 2 and run for 8 weeks on Fridays. The cost is $5 per student for each session or one payment of $40. Full details were provided in the permission note that went home with students on Friday 12 June.

Japanese Teaching Assistant postponed

We regret to inform you that our Japanese Teaching Assistant had to withdraw from the program. BCS hopes to attract another Teaching Assistant for Term 4 as this would be a great experience for all students in the school. Therefore, we will still need to find a family to host our Japanese Assistant in the future, in a “home stay” setting, so please start thinking about a family to host our Japanese Assistant in the future, in a “home stay” setting, so please start thinking about

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Excursion Policy Changes

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For parents of children with a disability

Stepping Stones Triple P supports families with special needs

Supermarket meltdowns? Nautical knives? Bedtime battles? When you’re the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability, sometimes life can be extra challenging.

That’s why the Stepping Stones Triple P Project is currently offering training to parents in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales free parenting support.

Stepping Stones Triple P gives you tips and strategies to manage the big and small problems of family life. It helps encourage behaviour you like, cope with stress and teach your child new skills.

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Tafe Taster Day

Once again student from Yr 10 were invited to attend Goulburn TAFE to experience life on a TAFE campus. Students were able to design their day and participate in workshops in animal studies, mechanics, child care, beauty therapy, land services and agriculture - to name a few. Topped off with a sausage sizzle lunch and time to connect with teachers and students from other schools, a great day was had by all.

Many thanks to Mr Wall who escorted our students for this worthwhile experience.

Jo Parsons
Careers Adviser

Upcoming Events

- HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY PERIOD
- All students return to school on Tuesday 14 July.

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Should you have any questions please contact the office.

Vicki Greening
School Administrative Manager