



# ◆ THIS WEEK ◆

8th February, 2016

*Every Day Is A Uniform Day At Bomaderry High*

**Term 1 Week 3**

## COMING EVENTS

### Monday, 8th February, 2016 - Day 6

✓ Lessons as normal.

### Tuesday, 9th February, 2016 - Day 7

✓ Lessons as normal.

### Wednesday, 10th February, 2016 - Day 8

✓ Lessons as normal.

### Thursday, 11th February, 2016 - Day 9

✓ Lessons as normal.

### Friday, 12th February, 2016 - Day 10

✓ Swimming Carnival.

✓ Kangaroo Valley Show Year 12 Primary Industries. Mr Manktelow I/C.

### New Academic Year starts well.

Welcome back to all returning students and a special welcome to Year 7 and all students new to the school.

New parents to the school have the opportunity to become involved via the P&C, volunteering at the canteen or by joining one of the project groups at the school.

All students returned to classes at BHS last Friday 29/1/16. Year 7 and Year 11 commenced on Thursday 28/1/16. I welcomed Year 7 to their first day at High School and I'm sure they are going to enjoy the many opportunities provided for them at BHS.

The standard of uniform compliance has been impressive. The students all look very smart in their uniform. Staff have commented on how quickly the students have settled and are most impressed by the maturity of the Year 7 cohort.

When I addressed the school assembly on 29/1/16 I had the opportunity to welcome all students back to school and remind them of their responsibilities whilst enrolled at BHS. These are:

- \* Attend school regularly;
- \* Wear full school uniform every day;
- \* Speak politely to all adults and students;
- \* Work in each class to the best of their ability;
- \* Immediately do what they are asked to do by staff .

These five fundamental responsibilities will ensure that all students are able to achieve an excellent education and all staff are able to provide a productive work environment. The first few days of this school year have presented a few challenges;

- \* Computer access to the internet and several key programs unavailable;
- \* periods of very heavy rain and a few areas of localised flooding - external and internal.

However, the staff have been wonderful under this added pressure, especially the front office staff who all worked quickly and flexibly to ensure the school was functioning at almost maximum capacity. The teaching staff were also fantastic at adjusting to some difficult situations, whilst the students were very responsive when required to make immediate changes to their routine. This is one of the strengths of the school: everyone working together in a calm and productive environment. I am confident that the positive start to 2016 ensures students and staff will enjoy the remainder of the year.

Staff changes have been minimal with only four retirements of long serving staff:

\* Mrs Cook retired 2/2/16. She has been an outstanding member of staff with vast experience in Home Economics. She has also been the dynamo that ensured BHS was a National and State champion in Rock Eisteddfod. Her contributions to BHS have had an enormous impact on the school, staff and students. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her for years of dedicated service.

\* Mrs de la Motte retired on 2/2/16. She has been a fantastic member of staff. Always ready to support the students in their endeavours in Agriculture and assist other staff members, she also introduced and supervised, for many years, the successful "Quality Card" program. Her hard work and dedication made a significant impact for which we are all grateful. Mrs de la Motte retires with our very best wishes.

\* Mr Holloway retired at the end of Term 3, 2015 but has been a full time casual in the HSIE faculty since then. Mr Holloway will cease this block of relief in mid February. He has been "Mr Debating" not only at BHS but also in his regional co-ordinator's role. He has over 22 years of continuous involvement in debating at school and Regional level with numerous State and Regional student successes in debating and public speaking to his credit. Mr Holloway has made a significant positive impact on the students he has coached and taught. We wish Mr Holloway a very enjoyable and well earned retirement.

\* Mr O'Shea was on Long Service Leave throughout 2015 up to his retirement in November, 2015.

Throughout his long career at BHS, as a Maths teacher, Mr O'Shea has been instrumental in assisting countless students to master the intricacies of Mathematics. He was a valued member of staff who contributed to the school via his involvement in coaching sporting teams, mentoring young staff and working as a productive member of the Mathematics faculty. We wish him well in his retirement.

**J Appleton**  
**Principal**

**2016 School Vaccination Schedule (Year 7)**

Mrs Mehic will be handing out the Parent Information Kits. The completed consent form needs to be placed in the box in the front office by the 29/2/16.

**Visit 1: 05/04/2016 Year 7 students (boys & girls)**

- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) dose 1 (3 dose course)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine (single dose)

**Visit 2: 21/07/2016 Year 7 students**

- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) dose 2
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine (single dose) catch-up only. Not required if student has had the disease or has received 1 dose as a child.

**Visit 3: 15/11/2016 Year 7 students**

- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) dose 3
- Catch up for HPV, dTpa and Varicella will be provided to students in Year 7 if vaccines missed at previous visits.

**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students\*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

\* *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11<sup>th</sup> number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**

**Swimming Carnival Friday, 12th February, 2016**

The Bomaderry High School swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 12th February, 2016 (Week 3). All students in Year 7 and 10 will be attending the carnival, even if they are not participating in the swimming events. Any student who would like to participate from other years must nominate by putting their name down at the PE staffroom by Tuesday, 9th February, 2016 for at least 2 events.

Students are encouraged to dress in house colours.

A-D	KENNEDY	GREEN
E-K	FULLER	YELLOW
L-R	REID	RED
S-Z	JORDAN	BLUE

Students attending the carnival will need \$2.50 entry, sunscreen, hat, water bottle. The canteen is available throughout the day for food and drinks. All students in Years 8-12 must attend roll call and Period 1 before walking across to the pool during Recess 1. Year 7 will walk across to the pool after morning roll call and will complete their swim test and be assessed on their swimming ability. This will allow students to participate in free swim activities, including those at camp. Parents/guardians are welcome to assist at the carnival as timekeepers and are asked to approach the PE staff at the carnival at the start of the day. Students who are successful at the school carnival will represent the school at the Zone swimming carnival on Wednesday, 25th February at the Bomaderry pool.

**Junior Sport Monday, 8th February, 2016**

**Year 7** will commence their Lifesaving Program 8/2/16. Students will need to bring \$2.50 each week and walk across to the pool halfway through lunch. Students are asked to return their permission notes to the box outside the PE staffroom.

**Year 8** will commence their school sport rotation 8/2/16. Students will remain in their maths classes this term. Check the hall noticeboard for sports and venues.

CLASS	SPORT	VENUE
1	Touch	Complex
2	Volley Ball	Quad
3	Cricket	Bottom Oval
4	Basketball	Gym
5	Ultimate Frisbee	Top Oval

### MathsOnline

The Mathematics Faculty is pleased to again inform all parents that the web-based resource, 'MathsOnline' is available to all students of Bomaderry High School in 2016. Students will be able to access MathsOnline at school and home; at no cost to parents (normal price is \$197 per student or \$297 per family for 12 months). This is a three-year deal with MathsOnline, beginning in 2015, made possible by the generosity of our P&C who has agreed to fund half of the cost while the other half is funded by the school.

MathsOnline is an independent online maths tutoring program based on Australian Curriculum for Years 7 – 12. Developed by experienced Australian teachers; it features 1,664 fully animated and narrated mathematics lessons with over 50,000 interactive questions to test students' mastery of Mathematics. Students are provided with instant feedback and parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress.

As all Mathematics concepts build upon each other, ensuring that students grasp a particular concept before moving on to a new topic is often necessary. We therefore believe that this program is best used as a supplement to the classroom learning experience; and not to replace the wonderful work that our Mathematics teachers are already doing. One of the obvious benefits of this program is that it allows students to catch up on missed concepts - gaining understanding and confidence while studying at home in their own time and at their own pace.

Students will receive their login details and information for parents from their Mathematics teachers. Please contact your child's Mathematics teacher or me if you have any further queries. You may also like to visit the website <http://www.mathsonline.com.au> for more information.

Thank you  
Mrs Dewi Brewitt  
Head Teacher Mathematics

**Defence Community Organisation** is hosting a family day and expo to welcome Defence families to the Shoalhaven.  
Where: The Fleet Air Arm Museum  
When: 11am-2pm Saturday, 20th February, 2016  
More Info at: [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco)

### YOUTH FORUM

**Are you aged 12-25 and live in Shoalhaven Heads?** Have your say about the future of your local community. What do you like about your community and what can be improved? What would you like to do in your community? Share your opinions, ideas and stories to inform and influence this strategic plan developed by the Community and Shoalhaven City Council. Friday, 12th February, 2016 at Shoalhaven Heads Surf Club between 5:30pm and 8:30pm. Free food and drink provided.

### Homework Centre for all Year 11 and 12 students

Venue: Bomaderry High School Library

Day: Every Tuesday

Time: 3.30 – 4.30 pm

All Year 11 and 12 students are invited to come along to our Homework Centre. The aim of the Homework Centre is to provide students with a conducive environment in which they could study with their peers, do their homework and complete their assignments, with books and computers available for their usage.

The library has private small rooms for individual study. For those students who prefer to study with their peers, some of the benefits of peer group study are:

1. **Preventing procrastination** – study groups are less likely to put-off completing assignments or cram for a test on the night before.
2. **Better understanding** – working in groups gives students the opportunity to explain concepts, exchange ideas, revise material and reason with one another.
3. **Develop new study skills** – opportunity to observe various study methods, note-taking and organisational skills.
4. **Good Company** – group study is less monotonous and more enjoyable.
5. **Minimizes test anxiety** – study groups with motivated peers can be helpful in reducing concerns and worries before, during or after an examination.
6. **Enhances personal skills** – study groups encourage creative thinking and strong communication skills making participants more confident and comfortable about reaching their academic goals.

There will be a supervising teacher in the library; however, if students require the assistance of their subject teachers, they may make individual arrangements with their subject teachers to be present at the homework centre.

We hope to see more and more students utilising the Homework Centre in the weeks to come.

Mrs D Brewitt

### Canteen Corner

Welcome back for 2016 from the P&C! We hope you've had a fun and enjoyable summer break. Our canteen daily specials are back in full swing. Stop by for a delicious Summer Salad on Day 9 or a chilli & lime chicken wrap on Day 10. Cool down with an iced tea or mineral water, or start your day with some extra get-up-and-go with banana bread or fruit salad available from our breakfast menu - serving from 8:30am.

*SAVE THE DATE*

### School Photos will be Monday, 29th February, 2016

Photo envelopes will be handed out to students soon. All students have photos taken and parents/carers decide which package they want to order. Sporting, group and family photos are also available. Photo envelopes and money are due back on photo day.

Thank you, Mrs Mackay

**Welcome back to school** (from P&C President Mr Vials)

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales (P&C Federation) is committed to a public education system that provides for all students equally. The Government has prime responsibility to provide an education system open to all, which is free and secular. Today is the first day of another school year. A new group of students is entering their first step on the great adventure of education. We wish students, parents and teachers a happy and successful year.

Our students are capable of great things, and we encourage parents to work cooperatively with their child’s teacher and school to make the most of the opportunity public education can provide.

‘It is unfortunate that this special time of year is being marred by the decision of the Federal Government to break its promise to properly fund education in Australia. The Gonski reforms were independently recommended and supported by all major political parties at the last Federal Election, yet new Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham has just walked away from the promises made to the electorate, and to the students of Australia,’ Jason Vials, President of P&C Federation commented.

‘Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull talks about the need for an agile and innovative workforce, and the importance of students excelling in Science and Maths, but refuses to provide the funding our education system needs to achieve those outcomes’, Mr Vials continued.

Education funding is not a cost - it is an investment in the future of our country and its citizens. We need a Federal Government genuinely committed to a bright future for our country and its people.

The initial implementation of the Gonski reforms have been enthusiastically embraced in NSW by the State Government, by Principals, Teachers and Parents. We have seen the difference the extra funding is already making to our schools and student outcomes.

We call on the Federal Government to honour its promises, and join all of the stakeholders in our education system to ensure a bright future for the students of Australia.

**Free Boxing for Fitness Course**

Starts February 15th, Ages 13-18. The Shoalhaven PCYC is offering a 4 week Boxing for Fitness course to the first 50 high school students that sign up. Students under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at registration. Classes are in a safe and friendly environment. There is no contact boxing at this level.

Group A: 3:30-4:30pm Monday & Wednesday

Group B: 3:30-5pm Tuesday & Thursday

(4pm start for Bomaderry and Nowra High School students)

*Why we are doing this?*

1. We want to find out how these programs benefit you, so we’re handing out a survey at the end.
2. We want to get more students involved in the PCYC.

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 : Bomaderry High School, as a service to parents, will advertise events :  
 : which may be of interest. BHS does not endorse or sponsor these :  
 : events and accepts no responsibility. :  
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*Why should you sign up?*

- Free Boxing for Fitness classes
- Free year of membership for non-members
- Free raffle ticket for each class you attend
- Free BBQ for your family on the last day
- Free Zooper Dooper before each class
- Free local and fresh fruit from Nowra Farmers Market
- Graduation certificate and class photo
- A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one of the 50 students to study at the Shoalhaven Campus of the University of Wollongong!

**Careers News** with Mr Cork

**Quote of the Week** - “No one ever drowned in sweat”.  
USMC Officer

**Website of the Week** - [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

**Year 12** attended UOW’s “Discovery Day” on Thursday, 4th February, 2016. This fantastic experience showcases the benefits of attending our local university. A good day was had by all.

**TAFE - TVET** classes have commenced for 2016. Check the timetable outside the careers office.

**Year 11** - any new Year 11 students or students who did not complete their Year 10 to 11 interviews at the end of last year see Mr Cork in careers.

**Any current Year 11** student completing a TVET course should have already supplied Mr Cork with a USI number.

**Bomaderry TAFE** is currently enrolling students interested in Carpentry. If you are approaching 17 years of age and are considering your options, contact Ted Clapham on 4424 9813.

**ANU Scholarship Roadshow** - Sydney Tuesday, 23rd February, 2016. Contact ANU for info [student.recruitment@anu.edu.au](mailto:student.recruitment@anu.edu.au).

**Year 12 GAP Year** options in 2017 “Latitude Global Volunteering”. Collect an information pack outside the careers office. Phone 03 9826 6266.

**Defence Recruitment Wollongong** has invited 2 of our Year 12 girls keen on Defence careers to a “High Tea” between 9am and 11am on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016. See Mr Cork if interested.

**Interested in Bricklaying or Roof Tiling?** There is a new Group Training Company called BTA Group Training. Call Dave Gill for assistance on 0419 413 156.

**FOR SALE**

Study/revision texts for Year 11 & 12 in:

- Biology
- Modern History
- Advanced & Standard English
- General & Advanced Maths
- Business Studies

See Mrs Rogers in PE.

**Diamond Calisthenics**

Classes move to Monday afternoons at the St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 68a Princess Street, Berry. Under 7's 4-5pm, 8-10 and 11-13 years 4-6pm, 14-17 year 6-8pm and Masters (26 and over) 6:30-8:30. Classes start Monday, 8th February, 2016. New students may sample a class free on the 8th and 15th February at the times listed above. No experience necessary and a scholarship will be offered to one new enrolment for 2016. For further details contact Jodie on 0414 655 129 or email [diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com](mailto:diamondcalisthenics@hotmail.com).

**Safer Drivers Course**

NSW Roads and Maritime Services Safer Drivers Course now available in Bomaderry/Nowra and are held at Bomaderry Bowling Club. The Safer Driver Course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so students are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help learners identify situations that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them. Participants must have 50 actual hours logged in their log books to be eligible for the course. On completion of the course learner drivers will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book.

The cost of the course is \$140 including GST. Places are available on:

- Bomaderry/Nowra 11th February
- Bomaderry/Nowra 20th February
- Bomaderry/Nowra 3rd March
- Bomaderry/Nowra 12th March
- Bomaderry/Nowra 2nd April
- Bomaderry/Nowra 7th April
- Bomaderry/Nowra 16th April

For more dates and a complete overview of the course together with the online booking system please take a look at our website [www.redcardrivertraining.com.au](http://www.redcardrivertraining.com.au). We can also take bookings over the phone on 0424 628 703.

**Bomaderry Juniors AFL Club** - will soon be holding its first Training Session for 2016. The Tigers are based at Artie Smith Oval and have teams in the 14½'s and 17's. The U 17's have begun training with the Seniors on Monday and Wednesday from 5:45pm. The 14½'s will begin training on Thursday, 25th February from 4:30-6pm. The Tigers also have girls who love their Sunday game of AFL. For more information follow the link <http://www.facebook.com/groups/277982717407>.

**North Nowra Bomaderry Netball Club** - are looking for players for the upcoming season. Online registrations are now open and are available through our website [www.nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au). We are holding a registration/uniform day on Saturday, 5th February at the Shoalhaven Courts from 9am-12pm. Team grading day will be held on 20th February at the Nowra Anglican College Gym. For further information please contact our Registrar Lisa on 0479 172 797 or President Rachel on 0422 356 645.

**Illaroo Football Club (Soccer)** - is seeking boys for both Youth Grade (13-14 years) and Premier Grade (15-16 years) for 2016. Games are held Wednesday evenings with training Monday (Youth) and Tuesday (Premier) afternoons. Season commences after Easter. For further information, please contact Youth/Premier Coordinator David Morrison at [illarroofc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:illarroofc@yahoo.com.au).

**Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club Registration Day 2016** - will be held on Saturday, 6th February at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex 10am-1pm. The club will be entering teams from Under 6's - Under 16's and also the newly formed Girl's League Tag Teams Under 12's, 14's & 16's. Register online at <http://swampies.leaguenet.com.au>. Shorts, socks and polo shirt are included in fees. For more information contact the President Steve on 0403 591 014.

**Shoalhaven Heads Berry Football (Soccer) Club** - registration for 2016 is now open. From Under 6's to over 35's. Register through the My football club website <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/>. There will be an information night on Thursday, 11th February from 6-7:30pm at the Shoalhaven Heads Berry FC club house, Shoalhaven Heads Road, Shoalhaven Heads. Contact Paul Eyland at [pauleyland@bigpond.com](mailto:pauleyland@bigpond.com) if you are interested in coaching or managing a team.

**Bomaderry Soccer Club** - registration dates:

12th February 4-6pm

13th February 11am-1pm

26th February 4-6pm

27th February 11am-1pm

At Thurgate Oval (behind petrol station). For more information visit [www.bomaderryfc.com](http://www.bomaderryfc.com).

**Berry Shoalhaven Heads Magpies Rugby League** - registration is open. Go to [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com) to register. Join us at our open day Sunday, 20th March at Berry Showground (under the grand stand) from 11am-2pm.

**Attention Parents**

Thinking about study and re-joining the workforce?

Certificate III's & IV's in Business Admin or Accounts starting soon. Subsidies, Scholarships & Pathways to Uni available. Local - School Hours - Great Support - Strong Employment Focus.

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Kiama Campus: 4232 1050

Shoalhaven Campus: 4423 0351

[www.kcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kcc.nsw.edu.au)

