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# Bowden Brompton Community School Newsletter Term 1 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 1 was an extremely busy start to the year for staff and students with an international trip, camps, community events and the regular routine of school timelines. Our SACE and Duke of Edinburgh students and are doing well with many students on track to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

Congratulations to all the students that have worked hard to achieve their goals during first term and I encourage students coasting to set realistic goals, attend regularly and work hard in Term 2 as we have so much to offer students as a school. A reminder to all our students that BBCS offers a new beginning for a positive future so we expect students to come on board with our school behaviour code, values and character strengths (kindness, forgiveness and gratitude).

My special thanks and acknowledgement goes out to the following students for stepping out of their comfort zones and participating in extra-ordinary school events;

Hayden Tylor (One and All participant)

Maddy Clark (Presentation to the Adelaide Committee)

Dominic Tidswell (Thailand Kickboxing participant)

Leroy Leondaris (Thailand Kickboxing participant)

Alex Santoro (Thailand Kickboxing participaant)

Bailey Richards (Thailand press coordinator and Community Events Barista)

Bailey Powel (Community Events Barista)

Cameron Bickley (Community Event)

Jeremy Ryan-Wilkinson (Community Event)

Ben Robinson (Community Event)

A big thank you goes out to all the staff that have given up their personal time to support extra-curricular activities.

I will be taking leave for the first 3 weeks of Term 2, in my absences Jason Rowe will step up as Principal and we are currently in the process of backfilling vacancies behind Jason.

Kon P and Deb will also be taking leave at some stage during Term 2 so I would like to take the opportunity to publically acknowledge their wonderful work and wish them the very best during their leave.

John Leondarís

### **IMPORTANT DATES: Term 2 2019**

Monday 29th April, 2019: Goal Setting, Learning Agreements
Tuesday 30th April 2019: Timetabled lessons commence
Tuesday 14th May 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019: NAPLAN Period
Wednesday 29th May 2019: Mid-Term parent/student meetings (Week 5)

Friday 31st May 2019: PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 10th June 2019: PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen's Birthday)

Monday 17th June 2019: PUPIL FREE DAY

End of Term Assembly: TR 2nd July, LP (Gateways, Integrate) 3rd July & Beach 4th July Friday 5th July 2019: End of term appointments

### **TORRENS ROAD CAMPUS**

### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Writing this report has reminded me how busy the start of 2019 has been. First I would like to welcome back the 2018 contract staff. BBCS was lucky enough not to lose any staff, which goes well for the 2019 academic year. It is such a pleasure to work with a dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

Term 1 is always a busy term for our students, particularly for our SACE / VET students who need to be working hard to achieve academic results within relatively quick timelines. The Senior Learning Team (SLT) has been an efficient and studious class since the start of the year, which will result in positive SACE student results by the end of the semester. Most of the senior students have been working hard to complete the set SACE tasks and are helping to develop a mature and self-directed learning culture in the SLT class.

Successes and highlights have been numerous over the term and I would like to mention just a few.

Duncan and Casey ran a successful camp this term. They took a group of keen climbers to Victoria to conquer Mount Arapiles. These students learnt a lot about self-awareness, self-management, teamwork and leadership, all key Australian Curriculum General capabilities defined under the Personal and Social capabilities.

The Principal, John L led a small team of martial arts students to Thailand to compete in the world kickboxing games. These students have come back full of confidence and have shared their amazing experiences and stories with us all. Other martial arts students are already planning a 2020 trip.

Harmony Day was a great success this year. Students got to experience a range of different cultural activities and foods that give richness to our multicultural community.

Our middle school ranks are starting to fill with new students providing challenges and prospects of new adventures for all. The Torrens Road staff has again continued to advance its pedagogy by building and continuing with the Learning Sprints. This term we have continued our relationships with service providers such as Metro Young Health, the City Of Charles Sturt services and Health and Immunisation programmes and Mobile Dental Care SA. I would like to say thanks to them for their ongoing support in assisting and improving the educational and social outcomes for our community.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Torrens Road SSOs for keeping the machine working – I appreciate it very much! Term 2 is the completion of Semester 1, so I encourage all the SACE students to keep focusing and be consistent with their efforts. I look forward to working with the team again in Term 2.

Jason Rowe



PHOTO ABOVE: Gino, Luke & Bayley with Defence Force
Project car



**PHOTO ABOVE:** Shane Gray in Excavator Course



### **The Bike Program**

Bike Program has had a prosperous term! By far, the best subject ever! We have spent a lot of time mastering the jumps of City Dirt and improving our skills on a weekly basis. We have had many new keen riders join the team.

A big welcome to Blake, Tyrell, Jayden, Jamile, Kane and Jaylen. Bikes is a popular subject, so make sure to come on the first day of Term 2 to get your subject selections in!





### **Pump Track**

2019- "Year of the pump track re-vamp." We have recently had a tonne of dirt delivered to the school and we are planning on giving the pump track a makeover. Students have been helping shovel dirt and learning how to reshape and maintain the jumps.

What was that I hear you say? How are the agapanthus going? I'm glad you asked, because they are flourishing and the frangipani tree is thriving as well. Exciting times ahead for the pump track.





# Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional custodians to those who have come from many countries around the world.

We recognise and respect our cultural differences and we celebrate cultural diversity in Australia.

Staff and students from the Torrens Road, Little Para, Beach and Integrate campuses joined together in Harmony to celebrate.

### **Everyone belongs!**







Afla from African Drumming joined us on Harmony Day to teach us some hand drumming a talk to us about West African culture. We had so much fun!







# **SACE HARMONY DAY** World Food pics



Luke keeps a close eye on the Indian Butter Chicken



Cameron serves mini cheesecakes to eager customers



Ebony is happy with the feast!



La Toya and Sam enjoy Maltese pasta



### ANIMALS AS NATURAL THERAPY

We can all agree that Tuesday's is by far the best day at BBCS as Liz visits us with all her wonderful animals!

This term we have seen two students begin their SACE community studies through Animal therapy and are planning to take the animals to a nursing home.

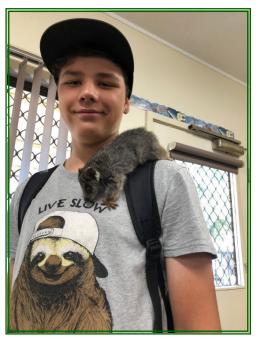




Each week we create a new poster on a different animal that Liz brings in and we have learnt some very interesting facts about many of our furry, feathered and finned







We have a new rescued ringtail possum that has joined the therapy sessions and yet again we have been graced with the squawking presence of Fred.



This term a group of 8 students went to Arapiles (Victoria) for climbing camp.

We challenged ourselves in many ways, abseiling from 20 metre cliffs, climbing up super high cliffs attached to nothing but a rope, and eating kidney beans in a taco meat mix.



Big thanks to Duncan for organising the camp and teaching us all we know about climbing. Superb work climbing crew, you rock! Vectis Horsham

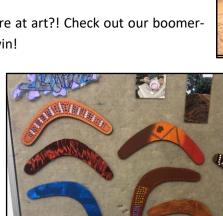




### a.k.a the power class of Torrens Road!

This year we have had Tyrell, Jamile, Shyanne and Jaylen join our class and we've been having a hoot and learning bucket loads. We've been practising our numeracy skills by estimating and measuring how far we can kick a footy and our literacy skills are legendary with most of our students working on a SPELD booklet. This power class also has a dog called Rueben that comes in once a week and he teaches us self-regulation skills and strategies.

Did I mention how fantastic we are at art?! Check out our boomerangs and paintings! MS2 for the win!









We have a lot of lettuce ready to harvest, and some basil, mint and parsley is starting to thrive now that the weather has cooled into autumn.

We are letting some of the silver beet go to seed and we think the potatoes will be ready to harvest next term. The ducks and plants are looking forward to more

rain! To feed the plants and soil we have used Seasol, chicken manure and planted beans. This year we have applied for a NRM (Natural Resource Management) grant in the hope to plant some butterfly gardens across all the sites. Ask the gardening students for a tour of our garden one morning.









# Skateboarding 101

We have been skating at Regency, Osborne and City skate parks this term and comparing which park is good for different skill levels.

Students observe and communicate with other skaters at the parks and have been making personal goals to improve their tricks.









# Senior Learning Team

In core lessons this term students have been working towards SACE subjects in Essential English, Essential Maths, Personal Learning Plan, Community Studies, Research Practices and Creative Arts and Integrated Studies.

We have shared two class novels this term, Holes by Louis Sachar and The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. There have been a variety of excursions to the Art Gallery of South Australia, Close the Gap Day and Street Smart. Students are able to negotiate some of the tasks they are assessed on specific to their interests as long as it meets SACE requirements.

Some students are analysing films, social media pages, games and advertisements and are able to use technologies to create videos, animations, photography, song lyrics, advertisements, blogs and recounts. In Maths we have been looking at decimals and fractions.













# **The MAT Camp**

Well what can we say what an experience it has been exploring Thailand! We have built up professional relationships with people from all around the world plus some new Aussie friends.

From the minute we landed we thought to ourselves let's get the most out of this trip. The people here are just so nice always willing to help and show you directions to places. Tuk tuk drivers are funny and always laughing and willing to show you their city.



The event itself was awesome seeing bouts from participants putting their bodies on the line for their love of the sport and then showing total respect for their opponents. Alex, Leroy and Dom had their bouts and truly showed what BBCS is all about and showed the world true respect.







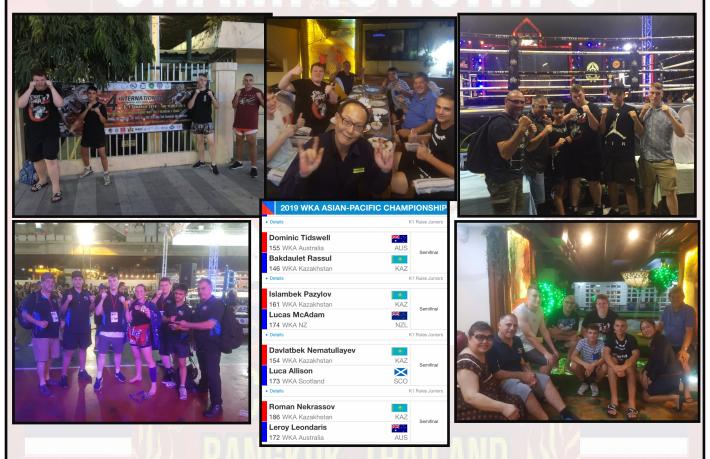


Going to a Muay Thai gym with the group was an excellent opportunity and experience.

They were appreciative as we were to be training with them. They showed the boys lots of techniques to take with them.



The day we left was very emotional for the owner Jeedisuda and the two concierges. We have left there with memories new friends and most of all an insight into a culture that is peaceful and willing to work hard for their country.



In a nutshell we have experienced something that we thought would never happen and that's to visit the might of Muay Thai in Thailand.

We would like to acknowledge the effort put in by Principal John plus Kon, Mario, Leroy, Alex, Bailey and Dom for their hard work and dedication while being oversees. This is one experience that we will never forget and hopefully we can expand this to other schools and let them feel the joy of Muay Thai in Thailand.

# Connect, Coach and Take Charge

How to connect with, coach and take charge ...when kids get frustrated, non-co-operative and distressed

# Parents: does any of this sound familiar?

- Your child has difficulty managing frustration and anger
- Finds it hard to organise themselves, and follow routines
- Finds it hard to listen and follow instructions
- Often gets very upset, worried or distressed
- You sometimes feel worried or frustrated with your child and don't know what to do next
- You feel like things which work for other children don't work for yours

Dates: 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings from

7 May 2019 to 11 June 2019

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

<u>Place</u>: Woodville Gardens Primary School 18 Ridley Grove, Woodville Gardens SA 5012

Cost: Free

Facilitators: Chelsea Reynolds and Megan Grigg

(Places limited and full 6-week commitment required. Bookings only confirmed on completion of questionnaires).

Please call: 8357 1711

### We can help!

Connect, Coach and Take Charge is a 6 week group to help you learn:

- Why children behave in tricky ways
- How to reconnect with your child (and feel more positive about them)
- How to coach your child & take charge so they can manage emotions, follow instructions and act calmly
- · How to identify your values as a family
- How to be kind and compassionate to yourself as a parent
- How to manage difficult situations (eg bedtimes, mornings, sibling arguments, homework)

You will get practical ideas and suggestions you can use at home to help make life calmer, easier and happier for everyone.

is facilitated by two of our child psychologists, both of whom have worked with "tricky kids" and their families for many years.





For information about our counselling services go to: www.developingminds.net.au

For information about our online supports go to: www.calmkidcentral.com

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### **LITTLE PARA CAMPUS**

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Gateways Sub school**

A huge highlight this term has been the introduction of the new Gateways sub - school on the little Para Campus. Teachers Kylie and Tom have managed the new group of year 10 and 11 students who are working toward SACE outcomes and careers pathways. The old wing of the Little Para building is undergoing renovations to accommodate the new student group and the kitchen in stage one has

already been completed. Stage two will include a refurbishment of the toilets and a meeting/ study room.

A big thankyou to Di for overseeing the building project and to Kylie and Tom for their work in setting up and developing the programming for new gateways sub-school.

Another big thankyou to all the staff for their work this term. The staff group continues to inspire me with their patience, work ethic and willingness to go beyond that which is expected. Keep up the great work team.

A Happy Easter to all the staff, students and family's



Lee Van Der Hoek

# Gateways Class

Our students: Jeremy R-W, Ben, Alex, Jeremy P, Alicia, Leroy, Riley and Elise

Our teachers: Tom and Kylie







# White Ribbon Cheese for Change

Little Para and Gateways students together participated in the Cheese for Change Day.

Zye, Chad, Jeremy, DJ and Ben all made the most amazing Cheese toasties. They filled them up with cheese, ham, cheese, a lot of chilli, tomato and of course cheese!













In support of White Ribbon

The judging panel Lee, Brent and Mario were hungry and waiting to taste and judge the cheese toasties. The scores were close but Zye won the Cheese Toastie Challenge.







Congratulations Zye! It was a great day and the staff and students had a lot of fun!

### **Outdoor Ed**

This term on Outdoor Ed at Little Para students have enjoyed hiking different local trails. Including Cobbler's Creek, Para Wirra Conservation Park, St Kilda Mangroves and Dead Mans Pass. Along the way students measured the distance they walked, located geocaches and were even lucky enough to spot wildlife.









# Tristan & Rachael

Tristan and Rachael both have modified timetables working with teaching staff, youth workers and SSO's.

Tristan has been taking great care of our resident mini beasts (Leafy stick insects). He changes their tank, gives them fresh leaves and water. He definitely isn't afraid when they crawl onto his face! Tristan really enjoys working on his scooter and spending time in the art room working on creative art projects.

Rachael has been focused on making her very own short movie. She has created a character for each staff member using digital media software and will be making costumes as well. Rachael enjoys writing and she loves Tuesday's when Liz comes with the animals for Animal Therapy.









This term LP 3 students have been learning about place value in mathematics.

Students are currently working on completing their assessment piece of creating a board game to play with other peers that identifies their understanding of the 4 maths operations and place value of larger numbers.

In literacy, students have looked at recognising and discussing biographies and autobiographies. In looking at autobiographies, students identified the strengths they possess, by completing a VIA character survey.

Each student has also focussed their efforts on individually working towards achieving their own learning

goals.





Every student has put energy into improving their reading and quicksmart results.

Throughout the term, students took part in "Clean Up Australia Day" by collecting rubbish in our local school community.





It has been a fun and interesting term getting to know everyone and we look forward to more adventures and learning in term 2.

# Aquatics









### **BEACH CAMPUS**

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**



As we wind up the first term of 2019, I would like to thank all Beach Staff for their tireless work with students and acknowledge all the great work that students have completed in lessons throughout the year so far. Students have been supported and pushed by staff to meet their identified goals and at times the educational stretch for students has been challenging but we have seen real growth amongst many kids who have been attending regularly and working towards meeting the standards they have set for themselves.

I would like to recognise the support that the school has received from parents and carers this term. We achieve the greatest outcomes for kids when we work as a team and maintain clear and consistent boundaries and expectations. At times we all (care givers and teachers) experience frustration when working with children who sometimes struggle to believe in themselves and may want to give up. The

greatest gift we can give our kids is to show them that we believe they are capable of greatness; even when they may not be able to see that in themselves.

This term teaching staff have again worked hard to provide opportunities for our students to have new experiences and opportunities. This has included many excursions such as the Art Gallery of SA, Victor Harbor, The d'Arenberg Cube, The Adelaide Fringe, Belair National Park, Mt Lofty, Bridgewater Mill, Myponga Reservoir, Southport, Hallett Cove and Happy valley to name a few.

Four senior students have completed work placements this term and several students have been supported by the school to complete their learner's drivers' licences. We have had a big focus on respectful relationships as part of our work with White Ribbon and our Ice Hockey, Duke of Edinburgh and Masterchef classes on Wednesdays have continued to see strong attendance and learning outcomes.

In closing I would like to wish all of our students a safe and relaxing school holiday period. Next term we will have a renewed focus on mobile phones and electron devices in classes, as this continues to be the biggest student management issue and impediment to student learning. As caregivers, your support around this issue is greatly appreciated as the distraction and disruption from mobile phone use during lessons has a big impact on your child's success and educational achievement.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again next term.





David Collins







# Art Gallery of South Australia Ben Quilty Exhibition

This Term my Home group visited the Art Gallery of South Australia to explore the Ben Quilty exhibition.

Students were impressed by the size and scale of his art work.

The thick richly layered painting techniques that he used and the bizarre gothic style bird cages that he designed.





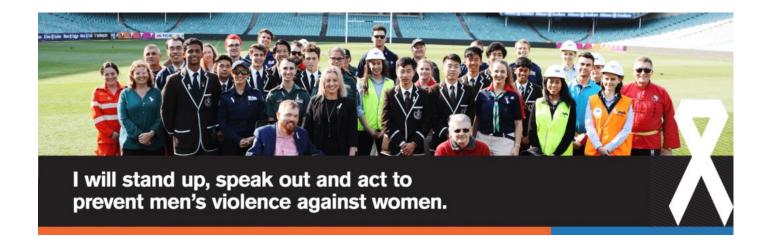
This term our school was officially recognised as a White Ribbon School. Your White Ribbon team consists of Brent, Kyza, John R and Nick.

All campuses ran Cheese for Change events to raise awareness of the issue behind mens violence towards women. Students were respectful throughout the presentations and engaged in productive discussions around the topic.

Make sure to keep an eye on the school calendar to look out for future White Ribbon events.



In support of White Ribbon





This term we have been fishing in various parts of the Onkaparinga River. We tried hard but did not have much luck in catching anything, but Kane H was successful with 2 catches.







### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Beach Campus Duke of Edinburgh crew out on a walk at Bridgewater.





The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a youth development program, empowering people aged 14-24 to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance.

Many of our students work towards this through their participation in various activities and contributions within the community as well as skills and knowledge gained from outdoor excursions



This term in Masterchef we have prepared an exciting array of student selected dishes.

These have included; Spring Rolls, Chicken Caesar salad, Crème Brulee, Chicken Schnitzels and many more dishes.

The students in this session are highly motivated and keen to attempt new and challenging dishes such as Fried Ice Cream.

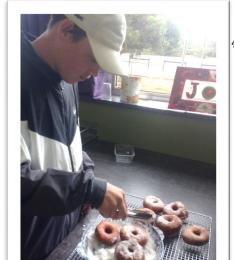
For those that are curious it was a fail!



Lloyd with his completed Chicken Caesar salad

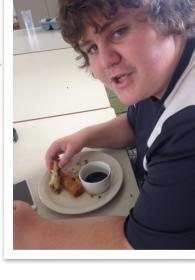






**Lloyd sugar coating** his doughnuts

> **Chris enjoying his Spring Rolls.**





**Connor enjoying** his Spring Rolls.









## The Bike Program at Beach





This term students have now completed their "BBCS Bike-Ed licence" through bicyclerelated lessons and activities, (bike maintenance, safe riding and road safety).

Students worked through & completed a competency check on bicycle mechanics & maintenance, rider safety and on-line route planning using BikeSA and the Onkaparinga guide.





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