The big news is the completion of the Bright Centre. The official opening is Wednesday 15th October, however, if any of our families would like a tour you are welcome to join the Principal’s tours which occur at 9.00am on the first Wednesday of every month. Students have enjoyed the new canteen and staff have moved into the colourful staffroom. The Library will not be transferred to the new centre for another three weeks, but Year 8 students will be taught English, Maths, Science and History in the classrooms on the first floor. A small number of other year levels will access the Science Laboratories. Year 12 students are privileged to use the Learning Commons areas on the first floor for private study during recess, lunch and study lessons. Year 12 students out of correct uniform will not be given access. There is no food permitted in the Bright Centre.

The 2014 Music Spectacular will be conducted in the new Concert Hall on Saturday 16th August, two concerts will be held at 2.00pm and 7.30pm, tickets are available from Student Reception. You will be impressed with the acoustics.

The Brighton Partnership Schools’ Moon Lantern Festival is scheduled for Wednesday evening, week 10, 24th September. We are anticipating all Year 8 Brighton Secondary School students (as well as any other students and families who would like to be involved), the Primary Schools (Warradale, Paringa Park, Brighton, Glenelg and St. Leonards) and PreSchools (Warradale, Ballara Park, Oaklands Estate, Seacliff Community, Somerton Park, Baden Pattinson, Dover Gardens and Dunbar Terrace) children will carry lanterns along Brighton Beach to celebrate this intercultural event. Students will be supplied with a pattern to make a lantern and we encourage families to get involved. We have purchased commercial lanterns as well to ensure it is a colourful and successful spectacle. More information will be coming your way, via your student.

We are disappointed that some students are flouting the Uniform policy. I remind the community that opaque navy or black tights must be worn with the winter skirt, not socks. It appears this is a fashion trend across a number of metropolitan public schools. I ask you to ensure the uniform is worn correctly. I remind families that very tight navy girls’ trousers with flared bottoms have never been a part of the uniform and must be either replaced with the new charcoal trousers or the skirt.

In 2016 boys will wear long trousers and not shorts in the winter terms 2 and 3. All students will be required to wear the new uniform from the start of 2016.

Olivia O’Neill
Principal
Congratulations

Riley Byrne, Year 8, who was been selected to represent South Australia as part of the Under 13’s representative side to take part in the World Sport Rugby carnival on the Gold Coast in July.

Jacob and Ryan France who represented SA in the Under 18’s Schoolboys State Rugby Union Competition in Sydney in June / July.

Lewis Boyle, Year 8, who was been selected to represent South Australia as part of the Under 13’s representative side to take part in the World Sport Rugby carnival on the Gold Coast in July.

Chaplain’s Concert

The Special Interest Music students performed at a concert on Sunday 27th July to raise money for the work of local Christian Pastoral Support Workers (CPSWs).

It was held in the new Brighton Concert Hall and everybody enjoyed the wonderful acoustics of the new building. It featured the Sinfonia and Symphony Orchestras from Brighton Secondary School.
Music

Brighton Secondary School
Music Centre

Presents the annual

“Spectacular” Concerts
Saturday 16th August 2014

Matinee Concert 2.00pm
Featuring: Big Band 2, Sinfonia, Treble Choir, Boys Chamber Choir,
Senior Girls Choir and Local and International Guests

Evening Concert 7.30pm
Featuring: Big Band 1 Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, Senior Percussion,
Y10/11/12 Combined Choir and Local and International Guests

Brighton Concert Hall, Brighton Secondary School
Tickets: $10.00 Adults/Concession/Children, or $15.00 for both concerts.
Tickets will be available from the School or at the door.

We look forward to your company.
Volleyball News

Volleyball Trip to the West Coast

Students from Brighton Secondary School paid a visit to the West Coast region of South Australia to get involved with the local students in volleyball, as well as experience life in the region.

Students involved in the school’s Special Interest Volleyball Program arrived in the region on Monday June 16 before heading to Koonibba Aboriginal School the next day. There they got involved with the students at the school and school Principal, Wade Branford, also prepared cooked damper and kangaroo tail for the occasion. Later in the day the Brighton students went to Scotdesco where they participated in activities including painting and artifact making.

The group moved on to Ceduna Area School the following day before travelling to Smoky Bay afterwards to visit an oyster farm. The Brighton students ended their trip with a visit to Streaky Bay Area School on Thursday, June 19.

The Special Interest Volleyball Program has allowed Brighton students to take on volleyball as a part of their curriculum and it has been recognised as one of the best junior sport programs in Australia. Program Coordinator, Sue Rodger, said while involvement in volleyball was a part of this trip, it also allowed the Brighton students to experience an unfamiliar part of South Australia. "A number of Brighton volleyball staff had taught in Whyalla and understand what it’s like to live in the country, and how some students would have to come to Adelaide to participate in sport," she said. "We decided to bring our sport to the country but we also wanted to bring our students out here so they can experience a lifestyle and environment they aren’t familiar with."

While the school has experienced a lot of success in volleyball, the program has also allowed students to develop their personal skills including leadership.

“This is the third year we’ve made this trip, we didn’t fill the bus in the first year, filled it the next and had to leave some behind this year due to there being not enough spaces.”

Ceduna Area School Assistant Principal Mark Prince said students had looked forward to it and many remember the previous year’s visit. “It’s a great social interaction between city and country kids,” he said.

Brighton Secondary School aims to make the West Coast trip a regular event in the long term.
Year 10 KO Volleyball
On Friday 27th June the Year 10 knockout volleyball teams ventured to Heathfield High to play in the state-wide knockout finals. The boys and girls teams both progressed through the minor round and semi finals to the grand final.

The players displayed both outstanding skills and application throughout the lead-up to the grand finals. They are a credit to the school – representing BSS in an outstanding manner.

The girls team played some wonderful volleyball leading into the grand final match. After having a strong lead late in the first set, the girls’ concentration slipped. This combined with some brave and skillful volleyball from Heathfield saw us go down in a tight finish. The girls rebounded well to take the second set, but were outgunned in the final set going down 2-1. The girls were very disappointed with the outcome, having had expectations of a different result. You learn a lot more from a loss, and I am confident we have been able to address some very important facets of team volleyball that will hold these girls in good stead for the future. Players included Katie Gardner, Nicki Neville, Casey Muirhead, Maddie Tierney, Kayla McGrath, Olivia Griffiths, Sam Franson, Jemima Betham and Mikayla Stewart.

The boys final was played at a high level, both teams playing sound offense and defense. The ability of our team to produce their best volleyball under pressure was the difference between the teams. This was an outstanding 2 sets to 1 victory. The positive team attitude of all players was a credit to the boys, a superb group to coach. The team was Otis Carthy (Captain), Jack Dinnison, Morgan Farrell-Oates, Mitch Hathway, Jackson Holland (Vice Captain), Tom Jones, Seb Luetolf, Tom Polden, Jake Rosenthal, Stuart Russell, Nick de Vries and Brad Warner.

Well-done boys.

Changes To Rules For Young Drivers
Graduated Licensing Scheme changes that protect South Australia’s young drivers and their passengers came into effect on Monday, 28 July 2014.

The new rules include:
- No driving between midnight and 5am for P1 licence holders and learner motorcyclists under the age of 25. Exemptions apply.
- No more than one passenger aged 16-20 at any time of the day or night for P1 licence holders under 25 (excluding immediate family members). Exemptions apply.
- An extended provisional licence period from two to three years – one year on P1 and two years on P2.
- Passing a hazard perception test to progress from L to P1 (previously a test was required to move from P1 to P2).
- After disqualification, L and P drivers will return at the same licence stage (previously they went backwards a licence stage).

These changes will reduce the risk of young drivers being involved in a crash due to inexperience, night time driving and the peer pressure from passengers. Statistics show that currently:
- young drivers receiving their P-Plates and beginning to drive unsupervised are 11 times more likely to be involved in a crash
- 16 to 24 year olds accounted for 22% of fatalities and 24% of serious injuries from 2009-2013 – despite being only 12% of the population.

Outdoor Pursuits

Class Excursions

Canoe Expedition

In Week 2 of Term 2 both Outdoor Pursuits classes embarked on their much anticipated canoeing trip along Ral Ral Creek, located in the backwaters of the Murray River near Renmark.

Mr Vowles’ class departed on Monday morning, returning Wednesday afternoon and Ms McCann’s class departed on Wednesday morning and returned on Friday afternoon.

Both groups had been planning this expedition for over a term. We had been focusing on team building and group dynamics exercises to ensure we worked well as a team. We also studied first aid, risk management, navigation and route planning. We familiarised ourselves with the equipment by setting up the tents and cooking on the trangias.

After a four hour bus drive we arrived at Murtho Forest landing where we practised some canoe paddling techniques then packed our gear into the canoes and began our adventure along the Murray River. We were very fortunate that the weather for the entire week was beautiful with perfect conditions for paddling and camping. During the days we took turns in navigating the river, testing our compass and map reading skills. It was also a fantastic opportunity to relax, have a chat to your canoeing partner and take in some of the amazing scenery Ral Ral had to offer.

When we arrived at our campsites for the night the students were very proactive in setting up their tents and getting settled in for the night ahead. We all cooked our dinners together on the trangias around the campfire and spent time swapping stories and getting to know everyone a little better. After dinner each night we spent time making up stories, cooking marshmallows on the fire and of course playing the much loved game of spotlight.

Both classes awoke on their final morning ready to complete their journey back along the Murray. They all had a great sense of achievement and had embraced and enjoyed the time away from the city and from technologies in their everyday lives. It was a fantastic experience with many great stories to be told and memories to cherish!

We would like to thank Mr Valamanesh and Mr Baird who accompanied us and helped to make it such a fun and memorable experience.
Monarto Zoo and Paintball Excursion

“Monarto Zoo exists to prevent animals from extinction”.

On Friday 30th May two Outdoor Pursuits classes participated in an excursion to Monarto. We did a safari tour in the morning to support our development of environmental awareness and understanding of sustainability. In the course we are developing an understanding of the energy cycle and the effect of human interaction on environmental sustainability. Our very knowledgeable guide Don, instructed us about the animals’ plights to avoid extinction and provided us with an insight into management processes the zoo uses to keep the animals healthy. In the afternoon the classes participated in paintballing as a culmination to the group dynamics and leadership component of our course. It was an exciting day filled with learning, group work, self-discovery and fun.

Peter Vowles and Esther McCann
Outdoor Pursuits Teachers
Lunchtime Basketball Competition

Congratulations to the Sport and Recreation students for their successful organisation of the lunchtime basketball competition for our Years 8, 9 and 10 students.

There were 8 teams in the knockout competition, which was played out over 5 weeks. The final was held on Thursday June 19th. Congratulations to the Staunch Nuggets for winning this 27 - 23 in a closely contested match.

Paringa Park Primary School Sports Clinics

During weeks 6, 7 and 8 of term 2, the Sport and Recreation students organised and led sports clinics at Paringa Park Primary School.

The sports offered to the Year 2/3 students were soccer and netball. Our students were well organised and represented BSS very well, leading this experience. The primary school students enjoyed participating actively in the clinics and learnt new skills.

Peter Vowles
Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator
Indonesian Teacher Delegation

During the final three weeks of term two, Brighton Secondary School hosted four staff from West Java, Indonesia.

The purpose of the visit was professional development with a focus on methodology, pedagogy and assessment and reporting in the areas of Chemistry, English, Maths and Physics. The teachers spent time visiting a variety of classes including the Think Bright class. It is envisioned that these teachers will share the information and knowledge they have gained at our school with colleagues upon their return to Indonesia. Thank you to the Brighton mentoring staff as well as students for making our guests welcome during their visit.

David Thomson
Assistant Principal

Science Teaching Award

Congratulations to Dr Sam Moyle, Science Teacher at Brighton Secondary School who has been awarded Early Career STEM Educator of the Year - School Teaching award.

A firm advocate of visual learning, Dr Moyle applies a unique and dynamic approach to science education, incorporating hands-on construction-based tasks to engage and inspire students.
Visual Arts

News

SALA (South Australian Living Artists) News

Bright Sparks
August is SALA month and this year Brighton Secondary School is exhibiting a range of Year 11 and Year 12 Art works. The title of our exhibition is ‘Bright Sparks’. Works from all senior students are able to be exhibited and we would like to celebrate creativity in an inclusive way in our first student SALA exhibition. ‘Bright Sparks’ opens on Monday August 18 between 5.30pm to 7pm in the Brighton Theatre foyer with light refreshments available. The exhibition is open in school hours from the 18th to the 29th August.

Senior Secondary Schools Drawing Exhibition AGSA
This exhibition showcases the drawing excellence of students who have participated in the Life Drawing Workshops at the Art Gallery of SA. Two Year 12 Visual Arts students who attended these workshops will be exhibiting in this prestigious exhibition. Congratulations to Lucinda Cawrse and Mikaela Vlasic for exhibiting very skillful drawings of the human figure. This exhibition opens on Friday 22nd August at the Radford Auditorium in the SA Art Gallery.

New projects this semester
Exciting new projects are underway including the explorations of personal themes in Year 11 Visual Studies, Consumerist themes in Year 10 Art, Spirit Guides and Totems (Printmaking) in Year 9, Pattern and Collage in the ISEC class and Colour Swatching in Year 8.

Yasmin Paterson
Coordinator The Arts
Year 11 Drama Production

In term two, the Year 11 Drama students performed their major assessment pieces. Based on the theme of ‘7 Deadly Sins’, the group devised performances drew on the theories of dramatic innovator Konstantin Stanislavski, and were naturalistic in style. The performances ranged from dark to comedic in nature, and explored the complexities of human nature.
I want you to look something up and watch it. It will only take less than five minutes of your life but may have a profound impact on you and your family. It’s a Youtube clip that has recently been shown across the internet. You may have already seen it. It’s called “Look Up”… and if you haven’t seen it, do so now. If you have, watch it again.

It is a clip about the precious moments of life, and how they can be missed if we live our lives constantly on our technology – our phones, our laptops, iPads, televisions and computer games. A clip about living our life on social media, but failing in fact to have a healthy social life in our ‘real’ lives. A clip that encourages us to move away from our phones and technology for a short while, and experience life going on around us.

As I spend time with students in the school and even in conversations with some of my peers, I see this very issue that the clip addresses to be so relevant to us, particularly those in the younger generations. It would seem sometimes that we are so busy posting online and interacting with our online friends, that we can miss what is really happening around us. The clip uses phrases like, “I have 422 friends yet I am lonely. I speak to all of them everyday, yet none of them really know me” and “We edit and exaggerate, crave adulation; we pretend not to notice the social isolation.” I wonder if this is true for any of our students – for any of your children – as they are immersed 24/7 in cyberspace? I have been encouraging students to watch this clip – not as an anti-technology campaign, for technology is definitely a privilege we enjoy and has its place particularly in things like education and efficient communication – but as a challenge to some of the behaviors we currently have as a society. In a conversation I had recently with some students, a couple said to me that they did in fact relate to some of the phrases used in the clip and that it has inspired them to take a step back when they can.

Perhaps some of these phrases mentioned in the clip shed light on some of your son or daughter’s life…both at school and when they return home from school. Perhaps this is something you might like to watch with your child or children and chat with them about how they can detach themselves from their devices every so often. I wonder whether some boundaries around the use of technology and time spent on social media actually allows us to step away for a short while, enabling us to use it more effectively whilst still maintaining a healthy social life and mentality.

I was challenged a few months back about this, and decided that I would only check my facebook account when I was on my laptop, rather than much more often on my phone. Because I don’t turn my laptop on everyday - and when I do, I turn it off when I want to relax at night – it has meant that I have been able to switch off more easily and limit my time on social media. For me, not checking social media as the first and the last thing every day has meant a lot more mental clarity and room to enjoy – and notice! – the simple things in life.

Perhaps as you watch this clip, you might be able to ask your child – are they coming home only to shut themselves off from everything except their devices? To borrow the narrator’s words, are they opening their computers (or devices) but shutting their doors? How might we be able to encourage some boundaries around technology; a little time to turn it off, look up from phones, are interact with the world around them? This might be something you already do, through sharing a family meal together, perhaps using the television as time spent together, or maybe activities like sport, exercise and music. Nothing replaces face-to-face interaction, and as we see in the second half of the clip, there are so many precious, irreplaceable moments and events in life that occur and that we notice in those times that we do step away from the distraction of our devices.

So as the narrator says, let’s “look up from your phone, shut down the display, take in your surroundings, make the most of today.”

Chelsea Lake
Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW)
Community News

Positive Parent Courses
The Effective Living Centre conducts many and varied courses on Effective Parenting.

- **Wed. 27th August** – Blended Families – Survive and Succeed
- **Wed. 17th September** – Fun not Fuss with Food

The centre is at 26 King William Road, Wayville. Phone 8271 0329.

For more information on further courses and to book please phone or visit www.effectiveliving.org

Marion Tennis Club
The Marion Tennis Club would like to invite the school community to the Come and Try Tennis Day.

The club represents integrity, inclusion, quality and excellent family values. The Come and Try day will be held on Sunday 24th August from 9.00am – 1.00pm at Marion Tennis Club, Norfolk Road, Marion. Enquiries to Rick 0448 884 087 or visit www.mariontennis.com.au

Scoliosis of the Spine
The Spine Society of Australia has advised parents to visit www.scoliosis-australia.org for a brochure on the self detection of scoliosis.

Scoliosis affects adolescent girls.

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School Dental Service
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend. Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Ten Pin Bowling Competition

In week 10 of last term approximately 35 students participated in a ten bowling competition.

Individual and team awards were presented. Congratulations to Serena Williams who received a third placing.
QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 6th September

Brighton Secondary School Gymnasium
7pm - 11pm
BYO drinks and nibbles
Fundraising for Cambodia World Challenge Team

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Seminar 1 Tuesday 9 September
When: 7.15 – 9.00pm
Where: Basil Hetzel Building Lecture Theatre, Uni SA City East Campus, Frome Rd, Adelaide (Building H, entry via gate 3)

Seminar 2 Tuesday 16 September
When: 7.15 – 9.00pm
Where: Catherine Community Centre, Nazareth Catholic Community, 176 Crittenden Road, Findon (parking in college carpark off Crittenden road)