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BOB HAWKE COLLEGE

PARENT INFORMATION AND
COLLEGE UPDATES

Progress on survey results

In September we asked parents to complete a survey asking your opinion on how well we were communicating as a College and to provide the opportunity for general feedback.

131 responses were received and there were a range of ideas identified. As an establishing College, some of these were being implemented and some have been given a higher priority on our planning schedule. As part of our commitment to keeping parents informed, I would like to give you an update about your feedback and what we have done to date.

Academic Progression Information

What you told us

58 responses indicated that getting accurate academic progress information was important for parents. Responses focussed mainly on improved clarity of curriculum expectations and teaching methods, parents receiving consistent and better quality feedback regarding student performance, including requests for face-to-face Learning Area teacher interviews.

What we're doing

From the commencement of Term 3, Course outlines have been uploaded in "Resources" in the Class tab in Compass, and the "Results" tab in Learning Tasks has been used to communicate student achievement. NAPLAN "like" assessment was conducted in Term 3 and results will be made available to parents.

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Staff have also been working to identify ways to enhance feedback to parents. We intend to continue with the CREW comments and CREW teacher conferences as we believe it is the best forum to provide meaningful communication between teachers, parents and students about academic performance and College experience. As part of our commitment to ongoing improvement we will look for ways to enhance this process so it is valuable for all parents. Parents are encouraged to communicate directly with Learning Area teachers if they have concerns or are seeking specific subject feedback. The best method for this is via Compass where emails can be sent directly to Learning Area teachers. Parents can also use this method to request a meeting with a Learning Area teacher or the Head of Learning Area.

Use of Compass

What you told us

24 responses identified that communication through the Compass platform had been inconsistent in Semester 1 or that it was a difficult platform to navigate. There were a number of comments about issues navigating Compass on a mobile device.

What we're doing

In Term 3 we established a staff working party to look at improving the use of Compass by staff to ensure consistency in what information is displayed including removing redundant tasks. These efforts should result in a better experience for parents in finding relevant information. We will continue to roll out Compass training in 2021 (either in person or online) to assist parents with navigating the platform. We continue to work closely with Compass to communicate your comments about functionality and the issues with accessing the software from a mobile device to ensure development continues.

General Feedback

What you told us

28 responses focussed on issues including whole College assemblies, calendar use, more social events, and the provision of a winter jumper.

What we're doing

There is now a winter jumper available from our uniform provider. The P&C is organising a social event for the end of the year and will organise future social events. We are looking at improved ways of publishing a calendar for the 2021 academic year. Post Covid-19, parents can expect to be invited to whole College events (including assemblies) going forward.

Communication Feedback

What you told us

12 Responses were received reflecting positively on the communication processes of the College including timely responses and clear communication provided. Five responses commented on the need for timely response to emails.

What we're doing

We have a commitment to respond to email within three working days.

Bag storage

What you told us

There were four responses focussed on the installation of bag storage for students.

What we're doing

A bag storage Working Group involving parents, staff and Board members has been formed to examine and address this issue. The issue was raised at the P&C meeting on 19 October and at the Board meeting on 28 October. The Working Group aims to have established a position on bag storage prior to the end of the year.

Again, we aim to continue to develop our processes to better communicate with the College community. I look forward to keeping you updated as we progress.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please email BobHawke.Col@education.wa.edu.au or call the College office on 9222 5600 and your query will be directed to the appropriate staff member.

Regards,

John Burke

Important Dates

Thursday 19 November	Music Concert
Friday 20 November	CREW Day
Monday 23 November	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 25 November	P&C Meeting
Friday 27 November	Year 6 Orientation Day
Friday 4 December	P&C Movie Night
Tuesday 15 December	Student reports published
Wednesday 16 December	Celebration of Learning
Thursday 17 December	Last day of school staff and students

Check your Compass Calendar for updates
and further information

Celebration of Learning

One of our priorities at the College is to enable students to have agency in their learning. To put it simply, student agency gives students voice and ownership in how they learn. We believe that if students are actively participating in their learning journey, they are more likely to be successful and develop skills that will help them in adult life.

On Wednesday 16 December we will be adjusting the time of the College day to allow your child to share their Year 7 learning journey with you. The College will be open from 12:00noon – 5:30 pm for students to share with their parents a curated collection of learning content that they have covered in 2020.

In addition, there will be static exhibits of the work that Clubs and the Selective programs have been doing, and performances across the day.

We are asking for students to attend with their parents. A schedule will be published shortly to allow parents to plan for the best time to attend the event.

Provision will be made at the College to accommodate students who cannot remain at home until their parents are able to attend for the duration of the normal College Day.

More information, including a detailed schedule of the day will be published in the next Update.

Remembrance Day

We were invited by the RSL sub branch to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial in Rokeby Road. For the first time our students laid a wreath at the service, establishing the foundation for our attendance at this event for years to come.





Aleppo Pines Planting

A Scottish immigrant who trained at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh and from 1918 – 25, Mr Bruce was the Curator of Parks and Gardens for Subiaco Municipal Council. In that time he established a nursery at Kitchener Park and is responsible for the propagating and planting of thousands of trees, shrubs and flowers in Subiaco.

In 1924 Mr Bruce sent some propagated eucalypts to Turkey. These became the first Australian plantings among the graves of fallen Australians in Gallipoli and are still there today.

In exchange, Mr Bruce received a number of seeds from Gallipoli, including Aleppo pines, which were then both sown and raised in Kitchener Park. These pines are located on the corner of Coghlan Rd and Subiaco Rd. Many current pines in WA and Australia originated from those trees in Kitchener Park.

During the construction phase for the opening of Bob Hawke College, one of the existing pines died. Another was removed after storm damage occurred in March 2020. In August of 2020, a retired surgeon who had his practice in Subiaco, John Taylor met with John Burke at the College, with an offer of two Aleppo pines that had been propagated from the Aleppo pine at the Australian War Memorial. These pines were being cared for at the Lake Karrinyup Country Club. The City of Subiaco and Development WA subsequently arranged for the planting of these two trees among the existing stand on Subiaco Rd in time for the commemorations for Remembrance Day, 11 November 2020.

Our students helped plant the trees at the ceremony and spoke about the importance of retelling this story. Amytis Kabir spoke about custodianship, and the role that Bob Hawke College students will play looking after the trees. Cooper Nisbet shared his hope that the College would grow with the trees, and that their story would be connected to that of the College.

The planting of the trees followed our participation in the Subiaco Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial in Rokeby Road.



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

On Friday 13 November we held our NAIDOC Week Assembly, and were privileged to have Whadjuk Noongar Elder Neville Collard give the Welcome to Country and the keynote address. The theme for this year's NAIDOC celebration is "Always was, Always Will Be".

The assembly include Alkere Dingo and Olivia Trajkovski reading a key part of the text "Sister Heart" by Sally Morgan. Sister Heart tells the story of a young Aboriginal girl who is a member of the Stolen Generation.

The Assembly was closed by our Choir singing "Inanay". This song is thought to be an indigenous lullaby, and was sung in the Yorta Yorta language.



FAMILY

Fun

NIGHT

DEC 4

6-9PM

MOVIE

POPCORN+DRINKS

HOT FOOD

tickets \$5PP <https://bit.ly/3e7Bjxe>

Music Concert

We are very excited to announce the school's first Music Concert. This is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the hard work of the students. There will be performances from the Choir, Wind Orchestra and individual Ensembles.

Doors open 6.45pm, concert starts 7pm sharp.

The Music Parent Collective will be serving light refreshments in the Cafeteria from 6.15pm.

Tickets: Adults \$12, Children \$5. Must be purchased in advance of event. All Welcome.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMPYR>



MUSIC CONCERT

THURS NOV 19TH

7PM

BHC GYM

Millenium Kids Inc. Incursion

In mid-October, Term 4, students from the Sustainability Club participated in the Millennium Kids Inc. 1000 Actions for the Planet workshop. It's a two-day intensive workshop learning, exploring and pitching their projects to help the planet. Joanne Marriott, an artist and travel writer, who is connected with Creative Schools and Bella Burgemister, Bunbury's child environmental activist, joined the workshop as mentors. An environmental consultant and the CEO of "threeonesix", a social enterprise, Nathan Foo spoke to students about how to narrow ideas and manage projects. He was very inspiring to all the students! The students explored the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and created their ideal city. Towards the end of the workshop, students were given the opportunity to pitch for funding for their projects, and Shiroy Tachi won a \$250 Millennium Kids Inc. grant to fund her project about endangered species. All projects registered with Millennium Kids Inc. will be sent to Paris and the United Nations in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, each project will be empowered by Millennium Kids Inc. will be assigned a mentor and possibly financially supported. Overall the Millennium Kids Inc. 1000 Actions for the Planet was a fun few days of school in support of students passionate about the environment!

For more information on the projects, please visit: Millenniumkids.com.au



Millennium Kids Inc. Incursion with the Sustainability Club

