WELCOME TO 2013

After a very hot holiday students returned tanned and happy over the past week. I am sure our new Year 7 cohort have found it a bit tiring but certainly they all seem keen to be here.

Welcome also to all the students who have joined us from other schools in various years – I hope you are already settling in. Certainly finding the hot weather a little different will be Maddi Perkins and Annika Brown who have returned from their trips to Europe and being welcomed by their old friends in Year 12 as well as new ones in Year 11.

Staff changes are only minimal. Mr. Lovecek’s role as relieving English Head Teacher came to an end and we wish him the best in retirement. New additions included Mr. Glen Arrow in our TAS staff, Mr. Bryce Toohey – Support, Mrs. Kirsty Jeffery (Simpson) – full-time in English this year and Mrs. Sandra Russell – permanent Learning Support Officer. Mrs. Sutton has also moved on and is replaced by Mrs. Folpp.

After our Professional Learning Day on Tuesday and three days with students they have already settled into life at Blayney High and I know students and parents will extend them a warm welcome.

GREAT FINISH

Once again we finished the year with some fantastic HSC results coupled with excellent ATARs. Top student was Gabby Zideluns with an ATAR of 91.7, and 2 Band 6 results in Legal Studies and Modern History. Gabby will study a double degree of B.Arts/B.Teaching at CSU and will be a worthy addition to the teaching profession down the track.

A Band 6 result was achieved by Indiana Strong in Modern History as well and he enters a Food Tech course at the University of Western Sydney. A large number of students had overall fantastic results, some even surprised themselves!

High ATAR results were also achieved by Toby Colson, Hamish Guthrie, Felicity Crome, Mikki Hatch, Hannah Murphy and Brooke Robinson.

At our celebration morning tea most were confident they had achieved the necessary entry marks for their courses of choice even though more than 12 students had already received early entries earlier in the term. Of note also was the overall performance of all students as we received 13 out of 24 subjects with z-scores above state average. A z-score is a ± value comparing individual subjects against state performance and any positive score is a good one.

Staff and students are to be congratulated on their outstanding performances.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

We also acknowledged all students across 7-12 at our annual presentation night and thank all parents who attended. Mayor Scott Ferguson was our guest speaker and he emphasised the importance of “putting down the technology” and “having a go” at school activities such as sport and debating as well as being proud of attending a great school such as Blayney High School.

Special mention should go the following students who were presented with our special awards:

- Dux 2011 – Sammi Townsend-Mackie
- Top Year 12 Student (pre ATAR) – Gabby Zideluns & Felicity Crome.
- Jessie’s Gift (voted by Year 12 2012) – Luke Walkom
- Caltex All-Rounder – Laura Reeks
- ADF Scholarships:
  - Year 12 - Demi Chapman
  - Year 11 - Erin Hunter
  - Year 10 - Jordan Lane
- Top Year 10 Student – Jordan Lane
• Honour Roll
  • Year 7
    Ellie Hamer, Jordan Kelly, Sara Paton, Grace Pattison, Molly Peters, Kate Redmond, Jared Simonis, Holly Uhr, Adelle Hutchings
  • Year 8
    Jaide Goodworth, Kodi Fuller
  • Year 9
    Amy Adams, Breanna Baart, Tahlia Brown, Kaiden Connor
  • Year 10
    Ned Hobby, Jordan Lane, Elody Huelmo, Harrison Meek
  • Year 11
    Luke Walkom, Meg Summerson, Erin Hunter, Meghan Adams
  • Year 12
    Gabriella Zideluns, Hamish Guthrie, Tobias Colson, Felicity Crome

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 2013
No doubt 2013 will be another busy one and it will be important for parents and students to stay informed and involved. Active participation in the level system will be an important one with Year 7 camp, discos and probably a State-of-Origin trip coming up early in the year.

In the past some students have failed to seek signatures or cash them in and have found themselves missing out on a number of events. This is not due to poor behaviour, it is often our best students, but lack of effort or laziness. Please stay involved, we will not be making exceptions either way for students.

The executive will also be reviewing most of our policies and we will be keeping parents and students informed of key elements. Our assessment, homework, excursion and discipline policies will be ‘key ones’.

The “School Kids” bonus – a number of families will be or already have received these government subsidies and I urge you to meet school fee obligations with them. A number of Year 10 students did not meet clearance requirements and will need to cover these fees as well as Year 11 ones. TAFE students and e2 travellers must also pay their $200 bus fee by the end of Week 4 this term or they will be withdrawn – no exceptions.

Attendance at State of Origin and other major “fun” excursions will be dependent on elective fee obligations being met by advertised dates. This is unfortunate for some but we cannot continue to subsidise elective choices and major works.

Next edition will have a comprehensive calendar but important dates so far.

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For our new parents please find below a “Who do you call” guide so if you need anything you can get to the correct person quickly.

WHO DO YOU CALL
To assist new parents and others, included below is a list of issues that may arise and guide on who to contact.

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Year Advisers are:
- Year 7: Mr. Kay
- Year 8: Mr. Berry
- Year 9: Mrs. Dean
- Year 10: Miss Mackie
- Year 11: Mr. Lawrence
- Year 12: Mr. Smith
Our Counsellor Sarah Kenny is available on Mondays and Thursdays this year.

Head Teachers are:

- English: Mrs. Logan
- Maths: Ms. Anderson
- Science: Mr. Michell
- HSIE: Mr. Hewitt
- TAS: Mrs. Nelson (Relieving)
- Welfare: Mr. Hanman
- PD/H/PE: Mr. Tilburg

**A HELPING HAND**

Our P&C are a small but active group of parents who could always do with extra numbers. Both our uniform shop and canteen come under the P&C and prove profitable for the school.

Please find attached a current canteen menu – our healthy, home-made menu has proved very popular but we need helpers. As well attached is a “can you help” form. Any form of assistance is most welcome.

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**P&C MEETING**

**Third Thursday of Month**

First meeting of 2013 is Thursday, 21st March

We start our meetings at 7.00 p.m. and are finished by 8.00 p.m., so if you have an hour spare why not come along and bring a friend.

As a get-to-know-you we will be serving wine and cheese so that we have a chance to have a chat and plan the School Fete (15th March)

The P&C’s major fundraising will be our school fete – 15th March – already underway but we will need lots of help and Catering is also a valuable money-maker so a helping hand once a term or cooking a slice or 2 now and then all help.

As well it helps you stay involved with your child’s education.

We would also like to thank Linda Ewin for her donation for new soccer strips. Linda received a bonus as part of the Cadia mines volunteer program and passed it on to us. This is our second donation, the last one helped buy new softball uniforms. Linda was rewarded for the time she has donated to helping transport teams to and from sporting events. Such generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Already we are having students achieving well. Congratulations to Paige Henry (Netball) and Eliza Wark-Chapman (Individual Vaulting) both selected in the Western Region Academy of Sport which aims to identify, develop and provide pathways for talented young sports people. Eliza also represented in debating in Sydney as a member of the Western Region Junior State Debating team right at the end of term and I received a lovely letter of praise from her coach.

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**Western NSW Region Debating**

7th December 2012

The Principal, Blayney High School

Dear Principal,

Eliza Wark-Chapman recently represented the Western NSW Region at the Junior State Debating Championships held at Women’s College Sydney University.

During the Regional rounds held in August, Eliza was selected to become a member of the Western Region team. In the period between her selection and the championships Eliza continued to develop her skills and to broaden her general knowledge in preparation for the Championships.

Eliza’s conduct throughout the Championships was exemplary, demonstrating maturity and self-discipline. She quickly developed a rapport with her fellow team members and helped students from other teams. She was attentive during team briefings and workshops; taking in information, asking questions to clarify her understanding and making suggestions regarding changes and improvements. Eliza implemented suggestions to quickly improve both her own skills and those of the team.

Eliza was selected for the team due to her skills as a First Speaker. Throughout the championship she developed her skills and became very successful – she was able to implement ideas and incorporate them into her address to the audience, providing a context for the debate, outlining the relevance of the topic to her peers and providing a convincing argument for the team’s case, both in the affirmative and negative. Eliza has a clear personal voice which creates a rapport with her audience. She is knowledgeable and convincing in her argument and is able to create a presentation which includes a well-structured argument for the debate and accurate rebuttal as well as providing persuasive arguments which develop the team’s case.

I would like to commend Eliza Wark-Chapman for you recognition at the School level.

Yours sincerely,

L. Eakin

Western Region Debating Co-ordinator

Well done already and I am sure each edition of our newsletter will highlight our students’ many successes.

**COMING EVENTS**

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**FROM THE DEPUTY**

Welcome back to all students – it has been a pleasure to see so many students return. I also welcome all of our new students – not just those in Year 7 but also the many new enrolments we have had in other year groups. I have been particularly pleased with the start to our school year and have not had to talk with a single student regarding a negative incident so far. Early days but long may this continue!

To begin the year I would like to remind students and parents about a few school policies and procedures that are important.

**Uniform**
Since the start of the year I have been doing a uniform check during roll call.

Uniform is essential in helping build a sense of belonging and pride in Blayney High School. Another important reason students are asked to wear uniform is that staff are immediately able to recognise a person as a student of this school.

I thank parents who have sent their students with notes when there has been a good reason for being out of uniform. I would also like to thank students who have taken prompt action in quickly fixing issues with uniform – the last thing I want to be doing is chasing you up giving detentions for regularly failing to do as requested.

**Footwear**
It is a NSW State Occupational Health and Safety law that requires that students wear shoes that are sturdy and cover the entire foot while at school.

During a normal school day students may be using heavy, hot or sharp equipment, handling chemicals, working in the Ag plot or engaged in physical activity. Open toed or cutaway shoes (such as ballet flats) will not give a student’s foot appropriate protection and there is a possibility that minor incidents could cause injury where this would not be the case with covered shoes. Flimsy canvas “Raben” style shoes are also not acceptable.

Students without correct footwear will find that they are not allowed to participate in some activities. If a student continually fails to comply with footwear requirements it will become a discipline issue and students will receive detentions for failing to comply with requests. Students will also not be able to attend extra-curricular activities/excursions including sport teams.

**PED (Personal Electronic Device)**
Our PED policy is clear and not negotiable.
All electronic devices are to be turned off and out of sight during school hours.

Any student who is seen with an electronic device in view at school can have it confiscated from them without warning. Devices will be handed to me by the confiscating teacher (or directly by the student if sent to me) and they will be locked in the school safe for the duration of that school day.

On the first occasion a device is confiscated, if it is surrendered by the student without argument, the device will be returned to them at the end of that school day.

If a student argues, refuses to surrender the device or has had a device confiscated previously a parent will need to collect the device from the school.

Any student who refuses to surrender a device may be suspended for repeated disobedience.

**Attendance**
Students are expected to attend school every day and arrive on time. We do not run a roll call and our first lesson starts immediately following the 9.00 a.m. bell. The roll marked in this period is used as the record of a student’s attendance on that day.

Naturally we understand there may be days where students need to be absent through illness or unforeseen emergencies. It is important that you send in a note to the front office on the student’s first day back so that the absence can be marked as ‘explained’ in our attendance monitoring software.

If your student is arriving late, even if only a few minutes, they must register their arrival at the front office. If they do not do this they will remain marked absent for the entire day and will not get credit for their attendance. It is again important that they have a note
explaining the circumstances as all late arrivals are recorded.

The vast majority of students never have issue with these policies as they are easy to comply with and are regularly reinforced throughout the year.

I am happy to discuss any issue arising from these procedures if required and can be contacted at the school on 6368 2100.

I thank you all and look forward to another excellent year. (Mr. Browett)

BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS
The Abundant Life Church has very kindly donated a sandwich press for the Breakfast Club. Term 2 will see the return of toasted cheese sandwiches.

Any students who would like to volunteer to help with the Breakfast Club starting in Term 2 please see Mr. Hanman.

MUSIC HAPPENINGS TERM 1
Welcome back to all returning students! I hope that you are still keen to pursue music in the ensemble you played in last year. Any of you doing Elective Music will have ample opportunities to play and perform at functions this year.

Welcome to our new students! Year 7 students who enjoyed playing in a band last year should come along to Instrumental Ensemble this year. We are always looking for people who can play recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violin, trombone or percussion.

Last year we had a terrific run of concerts for the senior students, including a combined concert for Year 11s of Molong, Canobolas and Blayney. This then led into the SHOWCASE concert for senior students in Term 4. This year promises to be quite exciting with senior concerts again, and a great HSC class to display their talents.

Band Rehearsals - The rehearsals for this week are the times shown below. I cannot give a time for Week 3 because the timetable will be changing, but I will advertise the rehearsal times in the Daily Notices.
Band is on Period 6 Tuesday
Instrumental Ensemble is on Period 1 Thursday

You are welcome to come and try out for band or instrumental ensemble. There are not many vacancies in band but a singer is always highly sought-after.

There are many vacancies in Instrumental Ensemble so come and join if you can play recorder, violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or percussion.

Keep thinking about what you can do to become a better musician.

Instrumental lessons work for anyone, whether you play guitar or drums, violin or cello, flute or clarinet, or whether you want to be a great singer – don’t forget the value of lessons! Talk to Ms Langbein about what you can do and about what you’d like to do.

TALENT QUEST
On the last day of school last year the school hosted its annual talent quest where students get the chance to show their hidden talents or skills or show the school how untalented they are, the talent quest was ran and organised by the school captains and the prizes were donated by local businesses.

Like every year there was a huge range of skills and ability on offer such as singing, dancing and playing instruments for the judges to score on. While there were lots of skills on offer there were also a lot of messy games to play in between the acts often resulting in the contestants becoming covered in food and or their school clothes ruined.

After a long afternoon of impressive and not so impressive acts the Year 9 band performance won over the judges and were crowned the victor while the previous winners of last year came an honourable second. But before we could announce the winner Miss Jones and the entire staff sang Merry Christmas to the rest of the school which resulted in being the highlight of the afternoon.

(Sam Jones)
**BLAYNEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**FETE**

Friday 15th March 2.30pm to 7.30pm

Lots to see, lots of fun
Rides, Food, Entertainment
afternoon tea & BBQ & lots more.
Come and support our great school, a chance to intermingle
with staff in a relaxed atmosphere
and help us raise extra funds for our children’s education

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**NEWBRIDGE ANNUAL SWAP MEET AND MARKET DAY**

**SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 2013**

Newbridge Sportground, Newbridge

**ENTRY** - $4.00 ADULT—CHILDREN $2.00 (UNDER 5 FREE)
FAMILY $10.00

**SITES**—$10.00 (4M WIDE) - CAMPING AVAILABLE

BBQ BREAKFAST FROM 6.00 A.M. UNTIL CLOSE

**ALL TYPES OF STALL HOLDERS WANTED—ART, CRAFT, 2ND HAND, DECLUTTERING SALES, GARAGE SALES, BOOKS TOOLS, WHITE ELEPHANT—IF YOU WANT TO SELL IT BRING IT ALONG.**

**CHILDREN’S GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT — FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**PROCEEDS TO Newbridge Progress Association for projects for the benefit of residents and visitors to Newbridge.**

**Contact:** Jan - danjiki17@yahoo.com.au
Kate: katetoole@bigpond.com

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**VALENTINE’S DAY FUNDRAISER**

Year 12 will be playing Cupid on Thursday, 14th February.

You can order and have delivered within the school and your gift can include a message if you wish.

- **Rose (fake)** $3.00
- **Chocolates** $5.00
- **Teddy Bear** $8.00
- **Deluxe Package** $15.00

Orders must be in by Friday, 8th February.
SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

The Blayney High School Clothing Pool operates as follows.

The Clothing Pool will be open to the public and students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday before school from 8.30am till 9.00 am

If you need to purchase any items outside these hours please complete the order form below and submit to the front office, before 1pm, this will be filled and be ready for pick up from 2.30pm. Orders dropped after 1pm will not be filled until the following school day.

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Clothing pool will still be open on pupil free days out of the canteen.
On Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March, 2013 Blayney High School will be holding a March into Blayney High Fete,

Do you wish to be involved in the Blayney High School Fete?

This is your chance to become actively involved.

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Please return to front office.