GREAT FEW WEEKS
What a smooth start we have had over the last few weeks with all students new and old and staff settling in well. Year 12 have spread love and cheer to many with the Valentine’s Day fundraiser on Friday and success on the sporting field is already happening.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected into the Western Region Volleyball teams: Hannah Stammers, Tanesha Hahn, Grace Mooney, Brittany Howarth, Kate Toohey, Jessica Cochrane, Jessy Cheney and Lachlan Farr.

Best wishes to Maddi Perkins who will represent the school at the Lion’s Youth of the Year Quest in Bathurst tonight. Maddi will be up against 3 students from various Bathurst schools being judged on Leadership, Friendship, Personal Development, Citizenship, Sportsmanship and Public Speaking.

COMING EVENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 4</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, 21st February</td>
<td>P&amp;C MEETING</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 5</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, 26th February</td>
<td>SCHOOL PHOTOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Year 7 Parent evening</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5pm to 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, 1st March</td>
<td>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ASSESSMENT TASKS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 4</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preliminary</td>
<td>Nil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSC</td>
<td>IPT (e2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mathematics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mathematics – General</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Senior Science</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 5</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preliminary</td>
<td>Nil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSC</td>
<td>Drama (e2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Legal Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PD/H/PE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Work Studies</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FROM OUR DEPUTY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will be held on Tuesday, 26th February.

As usual it will be important for students to wear their full formal school uniform including black shoes on that day as there will once again be a full group photograph taken of each year group.

This year the photographers will also be supplying a group head shot page in addition to the year group single shot and families who order the group option in their packs will receive BOTH types of group shot.
BULLYING/HARASSMENT

Blayney High has a zero tolerance on bullying and harassment.

This issue is discussed repeatedly at whole school assemblies as well as year meetings and individual classes.

If your student is being harassed or is feeling unsafe at school it is essential that we are informed of this as soon as possible. If we don’t know it is happening we don’t know it needs fixing.

Students may make a report to
- Teachers on Playground duty
- Their classroom teacher
- A trusted or ‘favourite’ teacher
- Head Teachers
- The School Counsellor (Mrs Kenny)
- The Head Teacher – Welfare (Mr Hanman)
- Their Year Adviser
- The Deputy Principal (Mr Browett)
- The Principal (Ms Jones)

Any threats or harassment made online on sites such as Facebook are a serious issue and should also be raised with the police.

Issues are always easier to fix if they are acted upon early – don’t wait to let us know what is going on. To repeat myself - If we don’t know it is happening we don’t know it needs fixing.

Help us help you.

ATTENDANCE: IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

A considerable number of students across Australia and at our school are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by parent-condoned absences.

Once it was the case that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever-increasing number of excuses including:
- A day off for their birthday
- A day because relatives are visiting
- A day off to be with parents at home
- A day off to look after younger siblings
- A day off to go shopping

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is often too great to bear for some parents. Every day a student is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time their knowledge base will be full of holes like Swiss cheese. Learning is sequential and attending three out of four lessons leaves gaping holes. A sobering fact is that in Australia today, the average student will lose one year of education (200 days) through parent-condoned absences over their school career from Kindergarten to Year 12.

After love and care the most important thing that we as parents can give our kids is an education. Let’s do it

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We can work together to make a difference to your student’s future.

Be on time, be at school, that’s the rule!

(Mr. Browett)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Blayney High will hold its annual swimming carnival on Friday, 1st March.

- ROLL CALL for all students will take place in Year Groups at 8.45am.
- The carnival will conclude at approximately 3.15pm for returning Bus students.
- Buses come and go from the school.

ENTRY FOR ALL STUDENTS IS $4 - preferably in coins. Members are to swipe their card on entry.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours but non swimming attire is not permitted in the water. Uniform is not required. Students must wear shoes/thongs home.

Novelty events for all age groups will operate on the day.

The canteen provided by the P&C will be available to all students on the day between 10.15 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Takeaway food from other business outlets (Hot Chips, Pizzas, Soft Drink, etc.) is not permitted. Students who bring electronic devices such as i-pods etc. do so at their own risk.

All students must wear colour bands according to their swimming ability. Only ONE per student for the day will be distributed at Roll Call. Students without bands are not permitted in the water.

It is hoped that all students make their way to the Blayney Leisure Centre for this enjoyable calendar event. Blayney High’s Swimming Carnival is both a
great competitive and social outing. All students are encouraged to talk to their House Captains about Events and ways to gain participation points. Likewise students are encouraged to be SUN SAFE ON THE DAY.

FOOTWEAR REQUIREMENTS IN THE TAS PRACTICAL AREAS

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
The DEC has updated its Work Health and Safety requirements for students undertaking any subjects in the Wood or Metal workshops. All students taking these subjects must have enclosed leather shoes. This a mandatory requirement.

For students in Stages 4 and 5 the remainder of this term will be a phasing-in period students will need to wear joggers or leather shoes. NO canvas shoes or “volleys” will be permitted in the workshop.

For activities such as welding, the school will have a pool of work boots for students to use until they can obtain their own.

All senior students studying Industrial Technology must have enclosed leather shoes. Congratulations to the VET Construction class who have already met this mandatory requirement.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
Canvas shoes or volleys do not meet DEC requirements in the Food Technology area. All students must wear sturdy enclosed shoes. Joggers or enclosed leather shoes are acceptable.

I look forward to your support in this important safety measure. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. Students who do not meet requirements by the set date will work on theory outside the classroom.

Students unable or unwilling to meet requirements may need to choose another elective.

PENRITH PANTHERS - NRL ONE COMMUNITY VISIT
On Friday 8th February the NRL One Community program came to Blayney High. Players from the Penrith Panthers along with a representative from the NRL, presented anti-bullying messages to students in Years 7 and 8.

A DVD presentation along with an interactive discussion from NRL representative Mark Bowen proved insightful for all students. Current NRL player Dean Whare also shared his personal experience of bullying after migrating from New Zealand as a young teenager and ways in which to deal with certain situations. Fellow player Tom Humble also proved popular amongst the students answering numerous questions and demonstrating his ability to perform multiple “Japanese” push ups.

The players fielded many general interest questions, some of which were very interesting, with the players giving many good responses.

At the completion of the visit students received a variety of “goodies” whilst also taking photo and autograph opportunities with the players.

Blayney High appreciated this visit and looks forward to being involved once again next year. (Mr. Tilburg)

MUSIC HAPPENINGS TERM 1

WHAT MAKES MUSIC FUN?

In Term 1 it can be hard to drag yourself away from lessons in the classroom, but trust me, there are so many great experiences to be had on stage when you can sing or play an instrument. It is such an exciting experience that you’d compare it to bungie jumping or hang-gliding, or maybe riding a motorcycle for the first time. The adrenaline gives you a kick and the excitement takes on and you just feel very happy when you perform. The more you like being the centre of attention or being part of a team, the more you will like being a performer. You could be a good soloist or you could be better in a group or ensemble. Check out what is on offer this year and get involved! It’s more fun than you know when the concerts come around.
Band Rehearsals - The rehearsals for this week are the times shown below. I will advertise the rehearsal times for later weeks in the Daily Notices.

### Band is on Period 6 Thursday
### Instrumental Ensemble is on Period 1 Tuesday

Students with musical talent are welcome to come and try out for Band or Instrumental Ensemble. In the Band a male student in Year 9 - 11 with a good voice would be highly sought-after as the current line-up in the Rock Band is missing a singer. There are always vacancies in Instrumental Ensemble so come and join if you can play recorder, violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or percussion. We are always happy to add members to the team.

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. (Ms. Langbein)

### NSW SCHOOL-BASED ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM 2013

Greater Western Area Health Service will offer, as part of the Adolescent Vaccination Program, the following vaccines in 2013:

- Hepatitis B – dose 1 schedule, 6th March and dose 2, 17th October (All year 7 students)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 1 dose, Monday 5th August (All year 7 students)
- HPV (Gardasil) – 3 dose schedule, Wednesday 6th March, Tuesday 7th May, Thursday 17th October (All Year 7 and Year 9 boys only)
- dTpa (Diptheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) (All year 7) Monday 5th August

A specialised team of nurses will visit your school on the above dates to implement the program. A Parent Information Kit will be sent home to all parents/guardians. It is advisable that all parents/guardians read all the information provided; complete the consent form and return it to the school if they wish their child to be vaccinated.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the 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.

### HPV VACCINATION FOR BOYS IN NSW

Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered to:
- Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program
- Year 9 boys as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014 only.

HPV vaccination has been offered to female students in Year 7 since 2007. In 2011, 81% of Year 7 girls received at least one dose of the three-dose course of HPV vaccine.

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year 7 or Year 9.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home soon. To consent to vaccination, parents are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child’s school.

Students in Year 7 will also be offered vaccination against other diseases, including diphtheria-tetanus-whopping cough (dTpa), hepatitis B and varicella (chicken pox).

For more information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

### STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

To ensure that all student details are up-to-date and correct an Information Sheet has been attached to this newsletter. It is important that this form be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Extra forms are available from the school office.

Please ensure that you have signed the form in the appropriate space.
P&C Meeting
First meeting for 2013
Thursday, 21st February
7.00 p.m. in the Common Room

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 drinks and cheese so that we have a chance to have a chat and plan the School Fete (15th March).

YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET BBQ
Tuesday 26th February from 5.00 p.m-7.00 p.m.

This informal afternoon will provide you with the opportunity to meet your child’s new teachers, provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and gain feedback on your child’s transition to Blayney High School in a relaxed atmosphere.

We will be running 3 information sessions of approximately ½ hour each. Times and venues will advised on the day.

1. Supporting your child’s literacy-see separate invitation for relevant students.
2. Mathletics – how to help your child’s- numeracy-all welcome
3. “What are they talking about” question/answer panel-all welcome.

BLAYNEY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
2013 SEASON

PLAYER REGISTRATION DAY
King George Oval
Sunday, 24th February
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
1 Player - $80.00
2 Players - $150.00
3 Players - $210.00
INCLUDING SHORTS & SOCKS

BLAYNEY SENIOR SOCCER CLUB

Sign up day
Sunday, 3rd March
Blayney Bowling Club
12.00 to 3.00 p.m.

Come and meet the new committee.
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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I can work on a stall for short time.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I can cook or supply goods for a stall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I would like to organise an event for the fete.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I would like to help others organise events for the fete.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Name:** ____________________________  **Contact No.:** ____________________________

*Please return to front office.*
SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

The Blayney High School Clothing Pool operates as follows.

If you need to purchase any items, 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student name</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Qty</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Polo Shirts</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Polo Shirts (Yrs 11 &amp; 12)</td>
<td>$28.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Polar Fleece Jumpers</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Knitted Jumpers (Yrs 11 &amp; 12)</td>
<td>$85.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Girls’ Maroon Pleated Skirt sizes 8-22</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Girls’ Hipster Slacks Sizes 8 – 18</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Track pants Maroon (junior)</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trackpants Black (Senior)</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sports short</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secondhand clothing(Limited Stock)</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Second hand senior jumpers (limited stock)</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maths grid book</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calculators Y 8-12</td>
<td>$17.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calculators Y7</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visual Arts Diary</td>
<td>$8.50</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total cost

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Order to be picked at the front office</th>
<th>Yes/No</th>
<th>Order to be given to student</th>
<th>Yes/No</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Clothing pool will still be open on pupil free days out of the canteen.
### Student Information Update 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name:</th>
<th>Year:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Residential Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mailing Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone Number:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mobile Number:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent’s Email Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Can be used to email newsletter: [ ] Yes, [ ] No
- Can be used for work updates: [ ] Yes, [ ] No

### Emergency Contacts:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name:</th>
<th>Phone:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mobile:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name:</td>
<td>Phone:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mobile:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Medical Information:

- Does your child have: [ ] Asthma
  [ ] Anaphylaxis
  [ ] Allergies
  [ ] Other Medical Conditions

- Does your child have permission to take panadol? [ ] YES, how many __________

### Further information:

- Does your child have permission to have their photo taken for use in school newsletters, magazine or the local paper. [ ] Yes, [ ] No

- Does your child have permission to take part in local area excursions, usually involving walking to various areas in town such as sporting fields and the business centre. [ ] Yes, [ ] No

Parent/Guardian Signature: ........................................................................................................