



Umina Campus Newsletter

February, 2008

Principal's Report

**WELCOME TO ALL NEW STUDENTS
AND PARENTS.
WELCOME BACK TO EVERYONE ELSE.**

**Frank Gasper,
Principal**



BWSC CHAMPION SCHOOL

We start the year at Umina Campus as champion school in the following sports based on 2007 results:

ZONE CHAMPION SCHOOL :	JUNIOR ATHLETICS
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:	GIRLS' SOCCER
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:	GIRLS' FUTSAL
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS;	BOYS' TOUCH FOOTBALL
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:	GIRLS' TOUCH FOOTBALL

We look forward to maintaining the excellent academic results and sporting achievements of our students in 2008.

OUR PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

Teachers are already identifying and selecting talented students for the Special Elective classes being formed in Year 7 and 8 in Dance; Drama; Choir and Musical Groups. We look forward to more outstanding performances this year. Already, Ashley Knight and Joshua Keane of Year 9 have been invited to perform at the University Graduation Ceremony at the Ourimbah Campus of the University of Newcastle this week.

VERY IMPORTANT YEAR 7 / 8 PARENT SURVEY 2008

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

All parents in Year 7 and 8 will soon be given a survey form to complete and return to school in a confidential envelope. Any information provided cannot be traced to individuals but will form the basis of a DET survey that may provide the school with considerable extra resources for our students if our application is successful.

We urge you to complete the survey promptly in the first week of March and return it via students to Team Leaders or Assistant Team Leaders. As encouragement, each student will receive a voucher to receive an ice cream from the canteen on return of their survey. We need a near complete return of all Year 7 and 8 Pupils in order to be eligible for the survey.

Please contact me if you have any enquiries or concerns about the survey.

YEAR 7 and YEAR 9 PEER SUPPORT LEADERS

Another school year is well under way and things have settled very well especially during our 2 day Year 7 Orientation Program which is a feature of this school's successful transition to high school. The Year 7 students looked fantastic in their new school uniforms. Many thanks to our Year 9 Peer Support Leaders under the supervision of Mrs Brown and Mrs Evans who did such a great job in organising the new students. Well done everybody.

As I again said to students at the orientation, the Year 9 Leadership opportunities for so many pupils have been one of the features of this campus that we have been proud of. Our students continue to be given opportunities that are not available till much later years in other schools.

Parents of Year 7 have already been invited on the 12th February to a more formal part of the orientation to meet the Team Leaders and staff who will be the teaching team for your child and to have the team structure explained to you. I hope you found it an informative introduction to our Middle School structure

STAFF CHANGES 2008

Firstly, Congratulations to **Mr Warwick Bateman** and **Mr Larry Thomson** on their respective appointments as **Deputy Principal** and **Head Teacher Administration**. We have had the opportunity to see both of them perform with distinction in our school setting and I know they will make an immediate impact in their new roles.

We have been fortunate to acquire the services of several teachers who come to us with strong recommendations and I am certain they are going to make a valuable contribution to BWSC in years to come.

As a result, we welcome to our full time staff:

- Mr Wade teaching Mathematics in Team 1.
- Mrs Sach teaching Mathematics in Team 2.
- Ms K. Evans teaching Mathematics in Team 3.
- Ms Vincent teaching Science & Mathematics in Team 5.
- Mrs Craig teaching Science in Team 6.
- Mrs Cutting is our Careers Adviser
- Mrs McDonald and Ms Chivers join Mr Kidd as School Counsellors

We also welcome Ms T. Gifford(HSIE); Ms A. Golding(PDHPE); Ms T. Price(Vis. Arts); Mr D. Drury (Agriculture)

TEAM STRUCTURES

Our successful teams model was developed further in 2006 and 7 to include Year 9 classes in our model. This means that every student in the school is in one of our 8 Teams under the leadership of the Team Leader (Head Teacher) and Assistant Team Leader (Welfare). This makes it far easier for parents to make contact with any concerns as these people provide the first reference point for most issues involving our students.

Team	Classes	Team Leader	Assistant Team Leader
1	7.1 8.1.1 8.1.2 9.1	Ms S. Gilchrist	Mr C. White
2	7.2.1 7.2.2 8.2 9.2	Ms J. Hannah	Mr J. Phillips
3	7.3 8.3 9.3.1 9.3.2	Ms S. Nolan	Mr B. Medley
4	7.4 8.4 9.4.1 9.4.2	Mr L. Thomson	Ms V. Frances
5	7.5 8.5.1 8.5.2 9.5.1 9.5.2	Ms M. Clement	Ms J. Thompson
6	7.6 8.6.1 8.6.2 9.6.	Mrs J. Gilchrist	Mr I. Reynolds
7	7.7.1 7.7.2 8.7 9.7	Mr R. Swan	Mrs R. Honeysett
S	7S1 7S2 7.8 8S1 8S2	Mrs K. Evans	Mrs L. Martin

UNIFORM – It Looks Great :

Parents and Students please help keep it that way. Large numbers of students and parents continue to support the uniform policy of the school and like last year we are getting great feedback about how good our students look in their uniform. Most Parents have obviously gone to the expense of purchasing full uniform (including BLACK SHOES). Please make sure students arrive at school in full uniform

BLACK SHOES

Black shoes are a key element of the uniform and we ask that all parents support this important aspect of developing school image and self esteem amongst our school community. Please don't accept the excuse that other students don't wear them. It requires a combined effort by staff parents and students to reach the standards we want for our school.

Students should not wear white sports shoes to school on sports or PE days as this undermines the uniform, especially as large numbers of students have these activities each day. Students have been informed that they could either bring white sports shoes in their bag or have a pair of black track shoes that can be worn all day.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plain Blue Skirts are not part of the Umina Campus Uniform. The tartan skirt can be worn at both the junior and senior campus in Year 10.

Canvas Shoes

As mentioned last year, canvas shoes are not permitted at school as they present an OH&S risk in areas of the school where protective footwear is required for safety reasons. Even on mufti days, students must have enclosed footwear.

Full school uniform will be a requirement for attendance at school excursions. It will also be a condition of placement on promotional levels in the welfare system. *Financial assistance is available to families in need, by contacting the principal and completing a student assistance application.*

OUT OF UNIFORM NOTES FROM PARENTS

If a student is unable to wear uniform on a particular day, we ask that parents provide a note indicating the problem and when the student will be back in uniform. This makes it easy to distinguish from some students who may choose not to wear uniform. This should be shown to the roll teacher and others who may enquire during the day.

ALL NOTES – whether for absences, uniform or any other reason must be written entirely by the parent / guardian – not written by the student and merely signed by an adult. This makes it harder for bogus notes to be presented, as sometimes occurs.

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEN HELPERS DURING HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the school community many thanks to the volunteers who gave up an enormous amount of their time to assist in supplying uniform and book packs to students in the holidays. It was a massive task that you did wonderfully well.

Uniform Shop:

Bev Blair, Leanne Steintal, Megan Brear, Louise Engelshus, (Parents) and Ruth Brown our Head Teacher of Welfare, Sam Blair and Caitlin Blair

Canteen:

Lorraine May, Michelle Parker, Diane Matthews, Ros Magee, Kerrie Moore.

Our P & C President, Bruce Graf has again done a remarkable job in being on call on a daily basis during the holidays (as always) to deal with any issues that arise in the school. His contribution to the school continues to be invaluable. Thanks, Bruce from all of us.

REMINDER: Next P & C Meeting—7pm Common Room at Umina Campus on Wed. 20th February - All Welcome!

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

While the government provides money to operate the school (salaries, rates, electricity, water etc.), by raising some additional funding we are able to support and enhance our learning programs for students. Some elective subjects have specific costs which are needed to purchase materials eg visual arts, food technology, wood technics. In the case of year 9, these were specified in the electives booklet at the time of selecting subjects.

The campus also seeks to raise funds through the 'General School Contribution' This is a voluntary contribution to assist with operating costs of a school of this size.

For 2008, the contribution will be \$80. This equates with about \$2 per week and can be paid off in total, per term or monthly at the school office. This amount can make a huge difference to our programs. We will soon be sending accounts to all families. Your assistance, if possible, will be greatly appreciated

VALUES

A process was followed involving input from students, staff and parents to formalise the VALUES we wish to foster amongst our students. These have now been published in our Student Information Booklet. Staff will continue to emphasise these 3 key elements of our expectations for students at this campus:

COMMITMENT	- Doing your best in everything you attempt
RESPECT	- Treating others –students, teachers and parents– with respect at all times.
RELATIONSHIPS	- Doing what you can to make things work for everyone. - Developing positive partnerships with others

We have an overwhelming majority of great young people in our school. Our welfare levels traditionally show only 30 or so students on negative welfare levels at anytime. This means that over 900 are on go level or higher. It is important that the good students dominate the school and classroom environment and we minimise the influence of any disruptive elements. The many positive initiatives that our teaching teams have developed and the range of welfare strategies are all aimed at achieving this goal.

All students referred to me by the Deputy Principals for any of the following will be suspended from school immediately:

- Assaulting others
- Possession of Drugs / alcohol (Police involvement is also mandatory with drugs)
- Abusive language directed at staff
- Persistent disruption of the classroom environment

Please contact the school if you have any enquiries about your child's education. You will be directed to the appropriate staff member to address any concerns.

Postscript: Our thoughts and best wishes go to Warwick Bateman, our Deputy Principal, who was injured after his motor bike was forced off the road when he was going home after the Year 7 Parent meeting on Tuesday night. He will be away for several weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Frank Gasper
Principal
10.2.08

BRISBANE WATER SECONDARY COLLEGE UMINA CAMPUS
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2008

Boy Captain
Boy Vice Captain
Girl Captain
Girl Vice Captain
BOOKER

CROMMELIN

DAVIS

WEBB

George Margin
Joshua Keane
Allara South
Erin McDonald
Year 8 Jennifer Bluff
Joseph Dawes
Year 9 Holly Austine
Hannah Brown
Jade Da Silva
Year 8 Tara Haley
Kealee Hemsworth
Year 9 Kathryn Fallon
Kíara Hoste
Ashley Knight
Year 8 Lindzee Moffatt-
McDonald
Callum O'Donnell
Year 9 Tom McParlane
Liam Pettit
Jake Raw
Year 8 Bianca Torossian
Alannah Whyte
Year 9 Jordan Smith
Amy Webb
Lachlan Woods

February/March 2008

TERM 1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 4-A	18	19	20 Yr7 HPV (girls only) + Yr7 HepB injections SRC Induction P & C Meeting Umina	21 Umina Campus Swimming Carnival	22
← Canberra Cattle Show →					
Week 5-B	25 After School Staff Team Meetings	26	27 After School Welfare Meeting	28 Sticks & Stones Yr 8	29
← Canberra Cattle Show →					
Week 6-A	3 March	4 After School Learning Support Meeting	5	6	7
← Gresford Cattle Show →					
Week 7-B	10 Zone Swimming Carnival After School Team Meetings	11	12 After School Welfare Meeting	13	14

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen opens at 8am to order for Lunch 1 & 3. Please note the Canteen closes 5 minutes BEFORE the bell.

Welcome back to our regular ladies and a BIG welcome to our new volunteers!
Lorraine May

Drinks

Poppers	
Large Bottles of Water	\$1.10
Large Plain Milk	\$1.60
Bottle Juice	\$1.60
Small Flavoured Milk	\$1.80
Large Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
	\$3.00

Hot Food

Chicken Fingers packaged in lots of 4	\$2.00	.35c each
Pizza	\$2.00	
Roundas	\$2.00	
Noodles	\$3.00	
Chilli/ Chicken burger		

Sandwiches /Rolls

Vegemite	\$1.00
Cheese	\$1.50
Egg	\$1.90
Tomato	\$2.50
Tomato and Ham	\$2.80
Wraps - Salad	\$3.00
Salad – Tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber , beet	\$3.00
Tomatoe, Lettuce & Cheese	\$2.00
Chicken, lettuce and mayo	\$3.00
Wraps—Salad & Chicken	\$3.50
Chicken and salad (the lot)	\$4.00