Dear Families,

In this addition of the Bulletin you will see many exciting examples of activities that sit outside academic subject areas. Firstly we have some photos of excited students participating in some of the wonderful activities offered during our Mental Health afternoon. I would also like to congratulate our basketball teams who competed in the NSSSA competition over last weekend. The Brooks community can be proud of both teams as they demonstrated a high level of skill, sportsmanship and determination. I would particularly like to congratulate the Grade 7-8 boys team who were successful in winning the B Division Championship.

On Wednesdays a group of students will be accompanying Mr Innes and Ms Grenda to the Blue Derby Mountain bike trails. These trails are world class and students returning from this adventure last week described the experience as “awesome” and “brilliant”. Academic subjects and extra-curricular activities complement each other and develop a well-rounded, socially skilled, and healthier individual.

Research supports the many benefits in participating in these types of activities. Interestingly students who participate tend to improve their academic results as well. This may be due to improved self-esteem, motivation and organisational skills. Students learn how to work as part of a team, and they develop supportive relationships that give them a sense of belonging adding to their social wellbeing. They foster commitment and reduce selfish behavior. Importantly these types of activities build a range of connections with our school, including a raised profile in the wider community that benefits all.

As I write for this week’s Bulletin I am keeping my fingers crossed for fine weather on Thursday and Friday for our School Athletic Carnival. I am sure this is going to be a wonderful community event.

kind regards, Louise Fisher (Principal)
Over the weekend some of our Junior and Senior boys competed in weekend basketball championships held at Elphin and St Patricks College on Saturday 29th and Sunday the 30th of October. Saturday saw both teams compete in their pool matches, with finals held on Sunday.

The senior boys were coached by Ali Johnson and Bindi Stevens, and finished at the top of their pool, with each game being closely contested. Unfortunately, they missed out on finals in a narrow five point defeat. From all accounts the senior boys played well and should be proud of their last time pulling on the Brooks High School jersey.

Our junior team also played extremely well, winning all their pool matches, to face Scotch Oakburn in the semi-finals. This was an edge of your seat affair, but our boys pulled together, making it into the grand final, where they faced St Pats. The boys showed off their exceptional team work and skill taking out the Junior Boys (Gr. 7 and 8) Division 2 championship.

It was excellent for the boys to receive so much support from their friends, family, peers and teachers. I’m sure they are looking forward to next year, and hopefully we can come away with another trophy.
This semester the grade 9 Masters of FX academy are engaged in a Claymation project that has allowed them to participate in character design workshops including: dynamic figure drawing, wire armature construction and WED clay sculpture techniques. A part of the design process has involved creating a narrative for their characters and students will create environments, props and specific movements to visualise this.

Student creations will be viewable during the INNOVATE exhibition.
Sheep Heart Dissection

During Science last week, 8A/B dissected sheep hearts. They first observed the outside of the heart, finding the Aorta, the Pulmonary Arteries and the Pulmonary Veins. They then cut the heart in half to explore the right and left Atriums and the right and left Ventricles. An interesting dissection which left many of us feeling rather queasy!
Student Leaders Public Speaking Workshop

On Thursday 20th of October, the Prefect Board, Beacon Leaders and Beacon Ambassadors had an opportunity to attend a workshop with Adam Mostogl from Illuminate Education.

The workshop focussed on public speaking skills. To begin, the group brainstormed some tips that they have found helpful when speaking in front of a large group, with Adam adding his own handy pointers. Next he ran an activity with 5 volunteers who were given a random topic each that they had to speak about for 1 minute; it was much more difficult than it sounds!

Finally, Adam asked each person to think of an idea or problem that they would like to address here at BHS, along with a possible solution. Each person had to first pitch their idea to a group of 5, then a group of 3, then in front of the whole group. Some of the ideas included more school camps, more recycling bins in the Café, and puppy therapy with dogs from the RSPCA.
Communication and Information

Office Hours: 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

♦ Absences - Phone office on 6324 7200
   SMS mobile phone number 0416 907 090
   For advising the school of a student’s absence

♦ Photos and News - Facebook
   Brooks High School Page
   Brooks High School Sports Page

♦ Brooks High School App - Information for students and families
   Including copies of School Newsletters (Free to Download)

Key Dates for 2016

Monday November 7th
Recreation Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th November
Inter-high Athletics Carnival

Friday 18th November
Middle Years Campus
Celebration 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 22nd November
School Association Meeting
5.00pm

Wednesday 23rd November
Schools Triathlon - Devonport

Friday 16th December
End of Year Presentation
Assembly Grades 7-10   9.15am

Tuesday 20th December
Grade 10 Leavers Dinner

Wednesday 21st December
LAST DAY - Term 4
Whole school picnic at
Riverside Swim Centre

Cafe News

Icecream cones are now available every-day during third break!

$2.00

Cappuccino’s, Hot Chocolates will only be available in first and second break.

2017 Term Dates

Term 1  Monday 6 February (teachers commence)
       Wednesday 8 February (students commence)

Term 2  Monday 1 May
       Friday 7 July

Term 3  Monday 24 July
       Friday 29 September

Term 4  Monday 16 October
       Thursday 21 December (students finish)
       Friday 22 December (teachers finish)

Easter break:  
Friday 14 April - Tuesday 18 April

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