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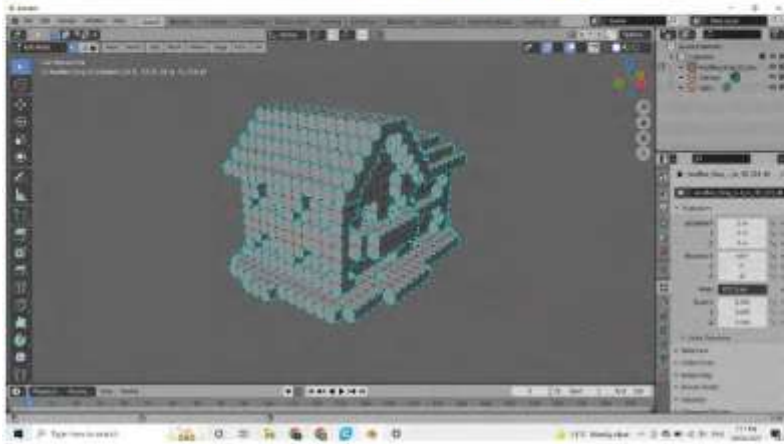
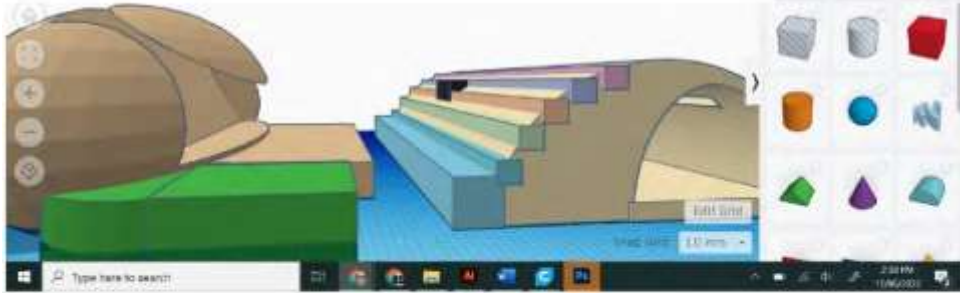
Our lives are so open to moments of change, and often the unpredictable nature of the change certainly throws us. We started the term still trying to come to terms with COVID and floods but honoring our remarkable men and women who have fought for us. While the ANZAC march was only small, the hearts of our community swelled with pride and gratitude. Those same hearts continue to grow and support families still struggling with what our region has thrown at them. Our incredible SES, ambos, medical teams, support agencies, families, and friends all deserve a huge thank you. The term has seen us struggle with staffing and this may continue into the following terms. The NSW Department of Education supported our students with a payment of \$500 to every student to support their educational needs and to act as a stimulus in our economy. Please continue to contact the school on options to use these funds.

Our highlights continue on a daily basis with the wonderful work of staff and students in MADD, preparation for HSC, the many accolades across our sporting teams, and the number of students looking to enrol in 2023. Our Year 10 has begun selecting senior subjects, our Year 7 are all excited about the upcoming camp and the snow trip has been doubled to include two trips for students to compensate for no ski trips over the last years. We have a magical community of leaders, learners, and young people who inspire us each and every day. May the rain stay away, may sunshine fall on our shoulders, and may everyone in our community stay safe.

Bugalbee,

Janeen Silcock





Year 11 Design & Technology

Students are currently working on either jewellery design; creating pieces in response to an environmental or social theme, or a sheltered structure for the school grounds. Hamish's structure (photo 1) is based on the Greek amphitheatre and is design to allow students to perform outdoors. My students have been exploring processes such as laser cutting, 3D printing, working with clay and resin casting. - Rebecca Smye--Rumsby

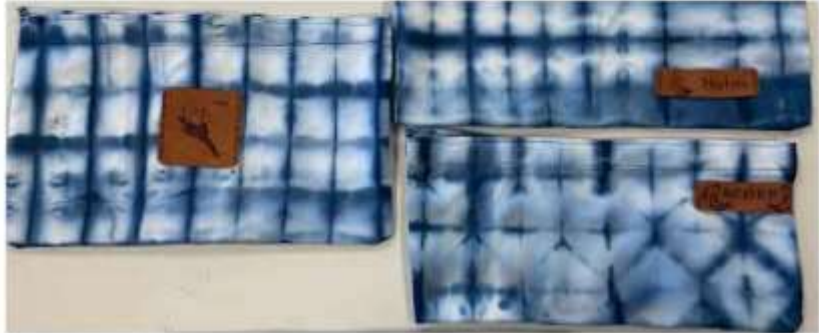


Textiles & Design

Yr 7- Japanese Shibori dye pencil case with laser cut pleather label

Yr 8- Laser cut pleather wallet hand sewn together with snap clasp

Yr 10- Upcycled Denim tote/handbags



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Year 11 Software Design and Development

During the term, the students programmed a trivia game in groups that they then presented in class. The games were programmed in Python or C# and tested the knowledge of software development - and they were also a lot of fun for the students presenting.



The class has also been working with the Lego Mindstorms EV3's in class. They developed some imaginative and creative robots. – Adene Rigley



**Year 8 Technology
Mandatory
Food Technology**

8TEX5 and 8TEY1-
Bento Box assessment task



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Anzac Day 2022

Continuing from last terms Anzac Day commemorations ... Unfortunately, we were unable to march as a school again due to the covid restrictions, so our captains Owen Green and Nicholas O'Neill represented BCHS and placed a wreath.



Want to Volunteer?



Legacy Badge Day coming up on Friday 2 September

Volunteers are required for the annual Legacy Badge Day. Legacy assists in helping raise much needed funds to support widows and young families in our care. Year 8 and 9 student volunteers who would like to assist in selling Legacy badges and merchandise, are to see Ms Robyn Sheehan from our Welfare Team at the start of Term 3.

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What a busy few months the BCHS Interact Club have had. We started the term with three of our junior students shaving their heads for the Leukemia Foundation's 'Shave for a Cure' fundraiser. Emma Evans, Indianna Wittleton and Lily Moore were brave enough to shave and raised over \$1,500 in the process (photos below).

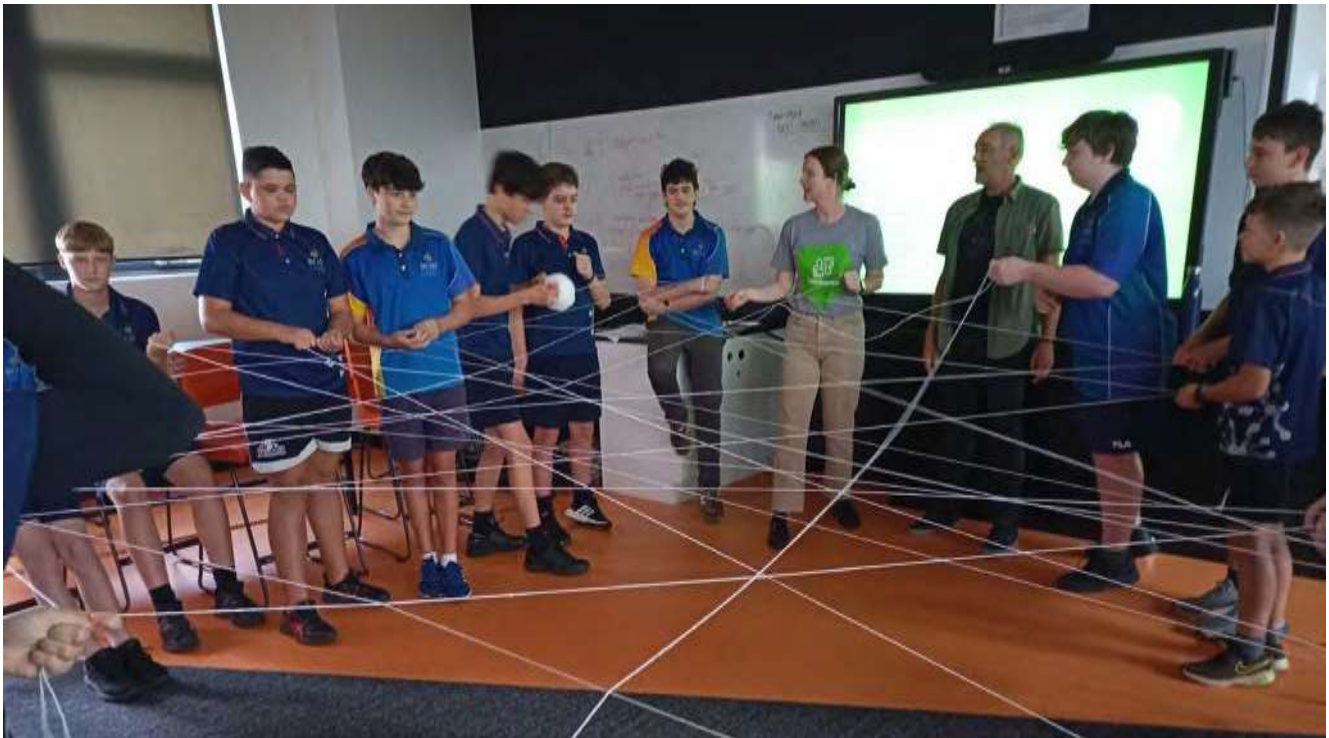
A week later we held our trivia night (photos above) at the Ballina RSL Club after being postponed twice. The turnout was amazing with around 100 participants taking part and the Interactors doing an incredible job of hosting the evening. We raised over \$1,000.00 for Momentum Collective which is a huge effort, and the students are keen to run another one so keep your eye out for our advertising in the coming weeks.

The last of our fundraisers this term was a Bunnings BBQ and despite the rain and wind, we raised a little over \$1,200.00. The Interactors have shown their willingness to help those less fortunate in our community by giving up their time for some very worthy causes. We are now focused on our international project which is partnering with St Gertrudes School in Uganda and providing financial assistance to students as well as helping build infrastructure to improve the school facilities. I am very proud of the work the Interact Club are doing and congratulate all the Interactors for their selflessness and community spirit.

Scott Hales – Interact Mentor



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All Year 8 have completed a series of workshops developed by HeadSpace called 'We've got you're back'. The year group participated in discussions and activities about being a bystander or an upstander and how we relate to each other. The workshops were designed to encourage a more cohesive sense of community amongst peers and highlight the shared values amongst our students.

Each workshop included educational information, teamwork activities, question and reflection opportunities and group work. Students were informed about how to access information and headspace services for support. A big thank you to HeadSpace for their commitment to supporting our young people.

The image above shows an activity during one of the headspace workshops. The students had to answer questions then throw the ball of string to someone else to answer, they ended up with a spiderweb connection between them showing their community at school and how they are all intertwined together.

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REMINDER:

Year 10 vaccinations Wednesday week 1 term 3



The vaccination for year 10 students is to prevent Meningococcal - a bacteria that can cause infection to the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream. Meningococcal predominantly affects older teenagers, it can cause severe illness and can be deadly.

Signed vaccination forms need to be returned to the front office by Tuesday 19th July (week 1, term 3).

Vaccinations for year 10 students who return a signed form will take place on Wednesday 20th July by NSW Health nurses.

Any year 8 students who missed a vaccination last year will have their catch-up then too.

As the majority of year 7's are at camp on this vaccination day, a catch-up day for them will be scheduled for later in the year.



Our Sorry Day Assembly was held on the 26 May. We celebrated with traditional dances, music performances, stories from Aunty Nancy and a flag ceremony. The students from the support Centre displayed some aboriginal artwork. Check out our Facebook page for school holiday NAIDOC WEEK activities .





RECONCILIATION

WALK 2022

“UNITY” we walked together for reconciliation.



The Jullum Centre - Cultural Walk

Students participated in a cultural walk to check out the damage from the recent floods on our coastline. The walk was guided with Uncle Kris Cook at Angels Beach. Uncle Kris shared knowledge of the area and told of local stories such as "The Three Brothers". The students also tried some of the 'pig face' plant.

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Year 9 English Exceptional

Students have been exploring prominent issues in YA (Young Adult) fiction. In Term 1, students explored a YA novel of their choice and wrote a discursive piece exploring how the themes of the novel are reflected in the real world today, as well as their ongoing relevance to young people. Here is an example which deals with issues from social isolation, belonging to feminism written by Isla Gillan – Year 9. *To continue reading this and to view more please see our Facebook page (post May 25- 26, 2022)*

Written by Isla Gillan

The Feminist Fight

Feminism. A term that has earned a reputation. Phrases that pop into your head might be: hatred of men, women rule the world, end of all men. But that's just not it. What does it really mean? Feminism can be perceived in many different ways, for all women, men and everyone in between. Do you consider yourself a feminist? Do you believe I should be allowed to be standing up here today in a school that I go to as a student, taught by a female teacher? If your answer is yes, then you, my friend are a feminist.

Many people believe sexism doesn't exist in contemporary society and feminism is a thing of the past. If you're not chaining yourself to railings like a suffragette, are you really a feminist? You can be a feminist without taking drastic actions. Being a feminist is simply believing that women and girls deserve equality and equal rights. People say in this day and age, women do have equal rights and respect, but that isn't true. The Australian gender pay gap statistics say, "in Australia 2022 there is still a 13.8% gender pay gap between men and women. On average women are earning \$255.30 less than men per week doing the same job" purely because women aren't always considered equal to men in their profession. Is that to say my mother who has been teaching longer than my father is still getting paid less? Therefore inequality and sexism is a relevant issue for teenagers in today's society hence is used as a theme in many young adult literature novels.





Allied Health Expo – TAFE

Year 11 students spent the day exploring allied health careers like Occupational Therapy at TAFE Wollongbar. It was interactive & enjoyed by all.



Student Support & Wellbeing

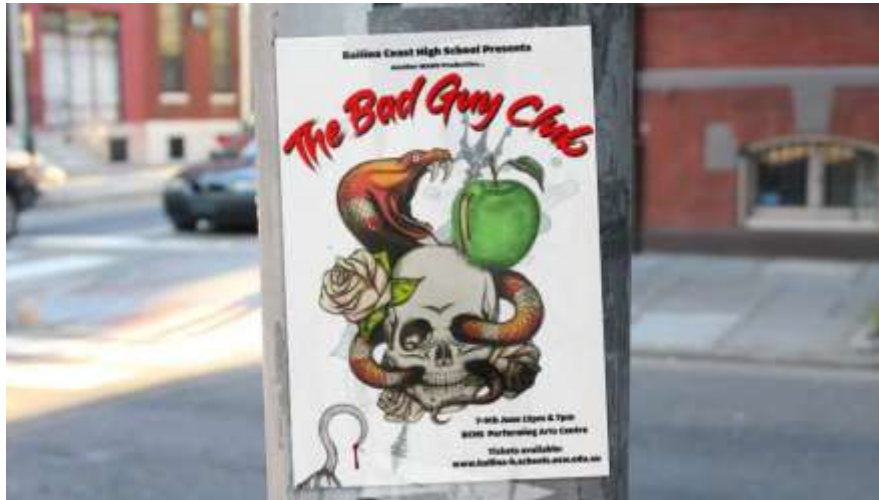
Stay up to date with courses and seminars in the local area offered by professionals in mental health, youth liaison, parenting programs and wellbeing matters. We post courses offered on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ballinacoasthighschool>



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MADD Production – “The Bad Guy Club”

A Sell-out Success

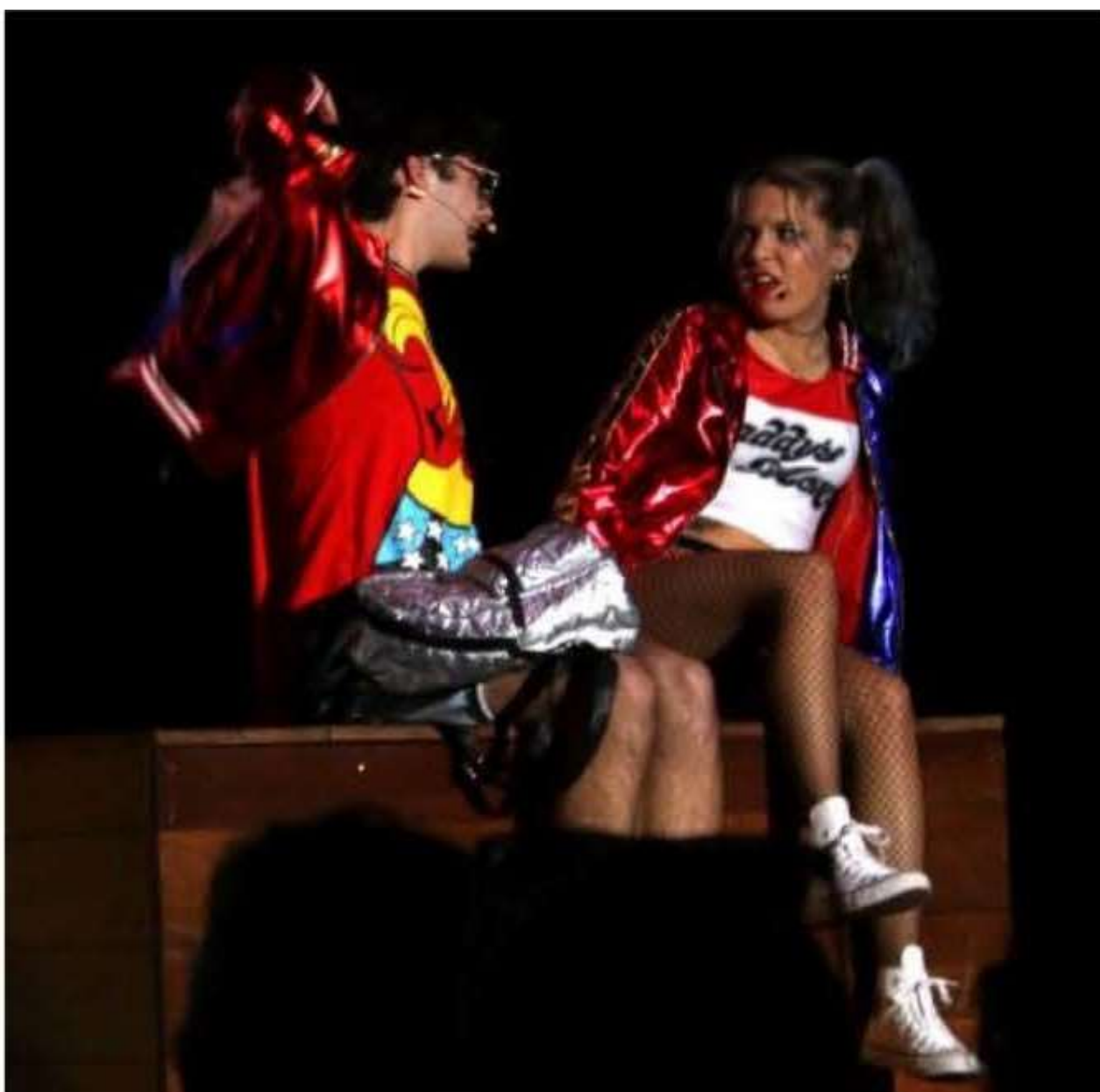


It's unusual for a school play to be sold out on State of Origin night (especially in Ballina!) but last week's standing room only run of *The Bad Guy Club* once again proved that our annual MADD Productions are anything but ordinary. High energy, original and brimming with heart, wisdom and really, really great live music, *The Bad Guys Club* showcased the talents of over 100 of our brightest dancers, actors, musos and vocalists and a completely student-run tech team. Add to that tight direction, glitzy costumes, slick tech effects and an incredible live band pumping out *Nirvana* and *Metallica* songs and you have a show that left audiences raving. Ali Chigwidden's warm and witty script carried a powerful message described by audience members as 'so apt for our post-covid anxious teens' and the strength, creativity and resilience our young performers all displayed presenting such an exuberant celebration after a rehearsal period plagued by floods, sickness, grief and loss was a testament to the healing power of theatre and the joy-inducing magic of the creative arts.

It was a huge team effort to bring this amazing show to the stage so huge congratulations to the CAPA faculty, Writer and Director extraordinaire Ali, Tech Wizards Mark and Stu, Music Director Dave and Drum God Jackson, Rose, Alex and Janet and their incredible arty skills and Stage Manager Jared on their wonderful success. Thanks also to all the supportive staff of BCHS who donated their time and talents to costume creation, admin, supervision and morale boosting. Final and most important thanks and congratulations to the spectacular cast and crew of students who shone so brightly. As Ali said in her show notes 'You guys are the singing, dancing, vibrant beating heart of these productions. Thank you for being so brave and fun. I'm endlessly proud of you.' We are all so proud!

2022 is our 10th year of MADD so stay tuned for details on a one night only 10 Year Reunion Show at the end of the year. MADD alumni interested in re-joining the MADD family for one final bow (and an incredible nostalgic jam session) are encouraged to contact Ali at the school, it's going to be a blast!

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"I was born this way, hey
 I was born this way, y
 I'm on the right track, baby, I'm born this way, hey" - Lady Gaga







to the cast & crew for entertaining us

Thank you!



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Update



Winter sports have been in full swing... Just a reminder to stay up to date with all the sports results on our Facebook page

Cross Country

BCHS Cross Country Carnival was held a little differently this year due to the ongoing weather conditions. Selections were made over a number of days during PDHPE classes and sport. Congratulations to all our age champions.

Cross Country Age Champions

| | Girls | Boys |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 12 years | Marley Donald | Noah Eugard |
| 13 Years | Tayla Klerk | Conor Legzdin |
| 14 Years | Chloe Thirkell | Dominic McDonald |
| 15 Years | Isla Gilfan | Jake Clark |
| 16 Years | Sophie Gaskell | Angus Davis |
| Multi-Class | | |
| | Oliver Mein-Black Jnr Boys | Lee Skimmings Snr Boys |
| | | Cindy Cook Snr Girls |

The Far North Coast championships were then run in Byron Bay, the team had some fantastic results; see the following page.

BCHS came away with:

Three first place

12 Year girls Marley Donald

13 Year Boys Khallum Cook

15 Year Boys Jake Clarke

Two second place

Girls Snr Multi-Class Shartalee King-Jones

Boys Jnr Multi-Class Jamie Holmes

Six third place getters

12 Year boys Noah Eugard

13 Girls Tyla Klerk, Marlee Radford

13 Boys Will Hensley

Boys Jnr Multi-Class Tirren Shields

Boys Snr Multi-Class Lee Skimmings

Girls Jnr Multi-Class Jataya Bolt

Other top 10 placings (Qualifying for North Coast Championships)

13 year girls Kailee LeCompte

13 Year boys Fynn Watson, Emerson Verdolini,

15 Year girls Kyla Radford

15 Boys Bryce Pettingill, Xaviar McClymont, Sam Patch

16 Girls Makayla McIlwain

16 Boys Ethan Brennan, Callam McDonald

When the BCHS students were not competing, they were supporting their teammates with great team spirit. All students from BCHS represented themselves, their families and our School with pride and should be pleased with their efforts. I apologise in advance if I have missed anyone. We wish the students luck in any further endeavours.

Trixie Donald

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BCHS Athletics Carnival

On Monday the 6th of June we were finally fortunate enough to hold the last of our annual whole school carnivals, the Athletics Carnival. Thankfully after multiple postponements, the weather was kind and provided us with an abundance of sunshine, which set the tone for a spectacular day. All students are to be congratulated for one memorable carnival, the competition was fierce, the morale was high and our school oval was absolutely buzzing with vibe. It was a pleasure for staff to see all the smiles, and enjoyment had by all, especially when the snags and spiders hit the BBQ stall.

Another Congratulations to the following students who received age champions honours.

12 Years: Marley Donald & Kyuss Borich

13 Years: Nakaylie Bolt & Connor Legzdins

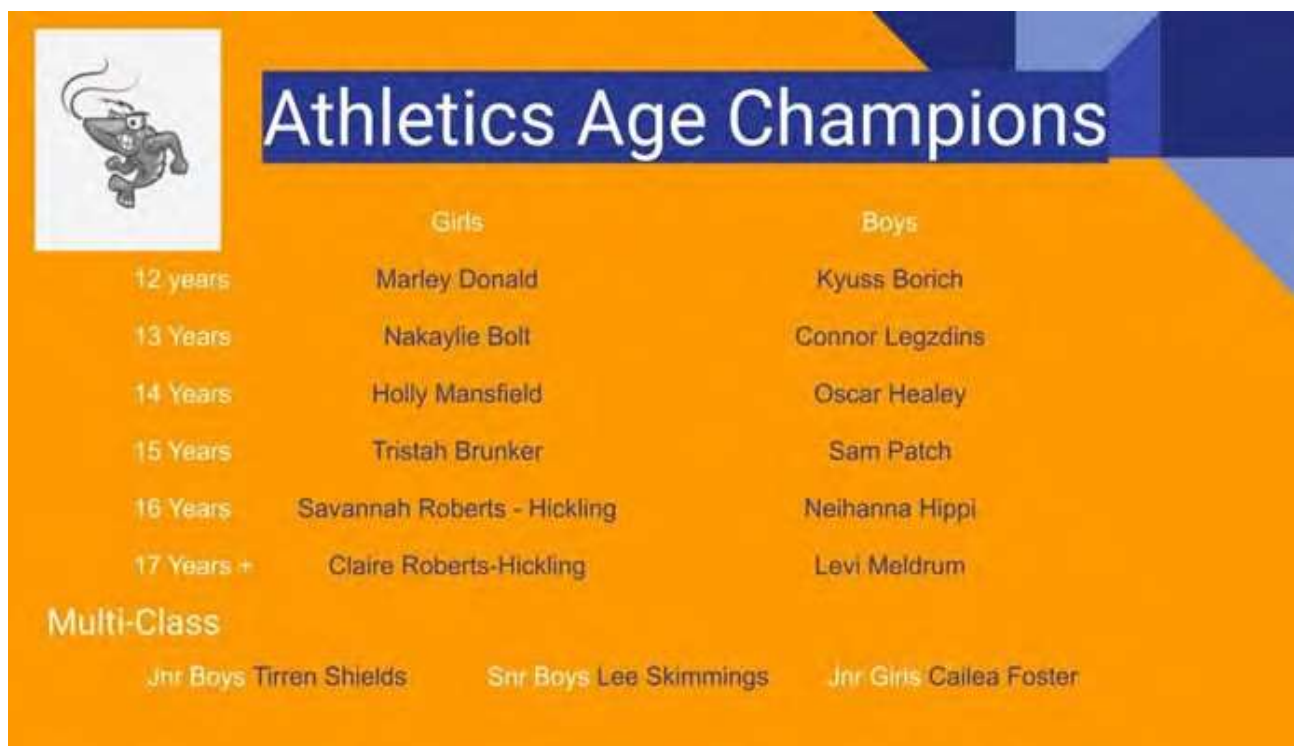
14 Years: Holly Mansfield & Oscar Healey

15 Years: Tristah Bruncker & Sam Patch

16 Years: Savannah Roberts-Hickling & Neihanna Hippi

17 Years: Claire Roberts-Hickling & Levi Meldrum

GO THE PRAWNS



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| 16 Years | Savannah Roberts - Hickling | Neihanna Hippi |
| 17 Years + | Claire Roberts-Hickling | Levi Meldrum |

Multi-Class

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| Jnr Boys Tirren Shields | Snr Boys Lee Skimmings | Jnr Girls Callea Foster |
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Captains say....

Term 2 has been extremely eventful for BCHS. On top of all of our assessments, we have also held our cross country and athletics carnival. A highlight of the term was certainly the madd production; this year was definitely one to remember! Over the course of the rehearsals and the five performances, we had such an incredible time and had the opportunity to make so many new friends.

Thanks, Keira and Ellie

Photo of North & South Wall from Images From Up There : Just a reminder of how lucky we are to live here



Enjoy our local destinations or have a great time exploring elsewhere.

We look forward to seeing you back Term 3, Monday 18 July 2022.

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