

18 FEBRUARY 2022

# IN THE LOOP

## Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



### OVERVIEW

## This week in our BMIS community

And just like that, we are 5 weeks into Term 2, with only 6 weeks to go!

Time really does fly by when you're having fun, and this week was one of those weeks filled with fun, celebration, and joy!

We started the week with STUCO's Valentine's Day event, where we shared the love with our friends, teachers, and colleagues! People were so kind and thoughtful to purchase roses and candy grams, and really brightened up our day!

For the first time in two years we held our parent-student-teacher conferences face-to-face and on campus, and what an incredibly positive event it was! It was so great to be able to connect with families, and work in partnership to support the students' learning!

We also enjoyed celebrating Book Week and want to thank Mrs Blessings Maguire and Mrs Diana Ahuli for all of their work organising a range of activities and events for our students to enjoy! I had a chance to see the Year 11 students work with Kerilee Nickles (who has published a novel and short story), and was energised by their enthusiasm, brainstorming and planning their very own novel. If you are up around school, their excerpts and book covers are on display - so please check them out!

I also loved being in the classroom this week seeing what our students were up to and really enjoyed our discussions about their learning. And what I truly valued is that our students were connected and having fun!

It's so important that there is joy and fun in learning, and it's grounded in connection and relationships. Learning can't happen without this.

I'm excited to share this week's updates with you, so please grab a "cuppa", settle down, and enjoy this week's updates, as you stay "In the Loop!"

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## Interact: Flood Appeal

A reminder that our Interact service club is receiving donations for flood relief. All donations will be given to our community partners who are taking part in flood relief for Malawi, and they will distribute the donations and supplies accordingly.

They are also hosting a Chitenje dress up day next Friday 25th. We encourage students to come dressed in their Chitenje inspired outfits and make a donation towards the flood appeal, which will be forwarded to Round Table Lilongwe.

Let's unite together as a **community**, to help those in need.

**DONATED TO ROUND TABLE**

# FLOOD DONATIONS

**WHAT TO DONATE:**

**Clothing**

**Packaged Food**

- canned food
- rice
- maize flour

**Blankets & towels**

**LEAVE THE DONATIONS AT SECONDARY ENTRANCE**

**Monday the 28th Last Donations**

**THEY ARE COUNTING ON YOU**

## Romeo and Juliet: Exemplar Summative

I popped into Rich Braithwaite and Will Lester's Year 9 English class, where students were closely looking at exemplar writing to help with their summative assessment task. They were working in groups to reflect on work that was in the 3-4; 5-6; and 7-8 bands, and then answering the questions: "What does it do well?" and "What is it missing to get to the next level (band)?" What a great learning experience to help students understand the expectations of the criteria and summative assessment!

**Longman**  
Part of Pearson

**Scene 3, lines 23-28.**

small flower  
medicine power.  
that part cheers each part;  
opposes with the heart.  
opposes encamp them still,  
opposes—grace and rude will.

What does it do well? What is it missing to get to the next level?

*Handwritten feedback:*

...the two...  
...the true...  
...are their...  
...and buried...  
...It shows that...  
...buried their parent...  
...two sides in man...  
...are together play...  
...at be overtake...

## Student Council: Valentine's Day

Our student council held a very successful Valentine's Day on Monday. They committed a lot of time and energy to provide an opportunity for students to share roses and candy grams with those important people in their lives, including their friends and teachers.

Thanks so much for your commitment and energy STUCO! We are looking forward to your next event!



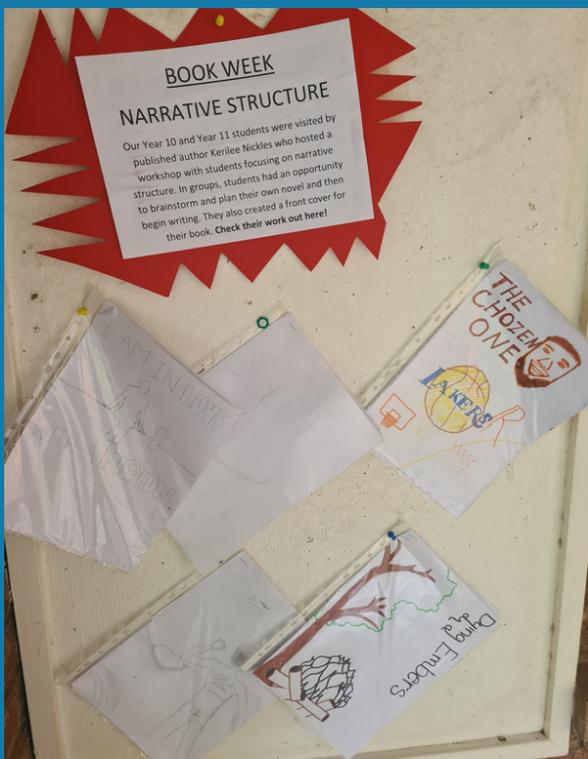
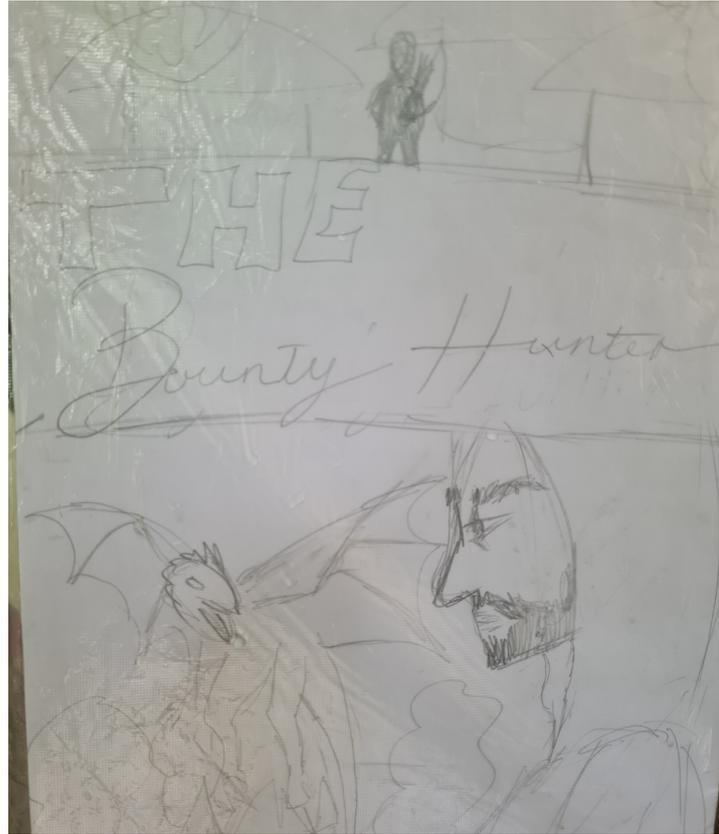
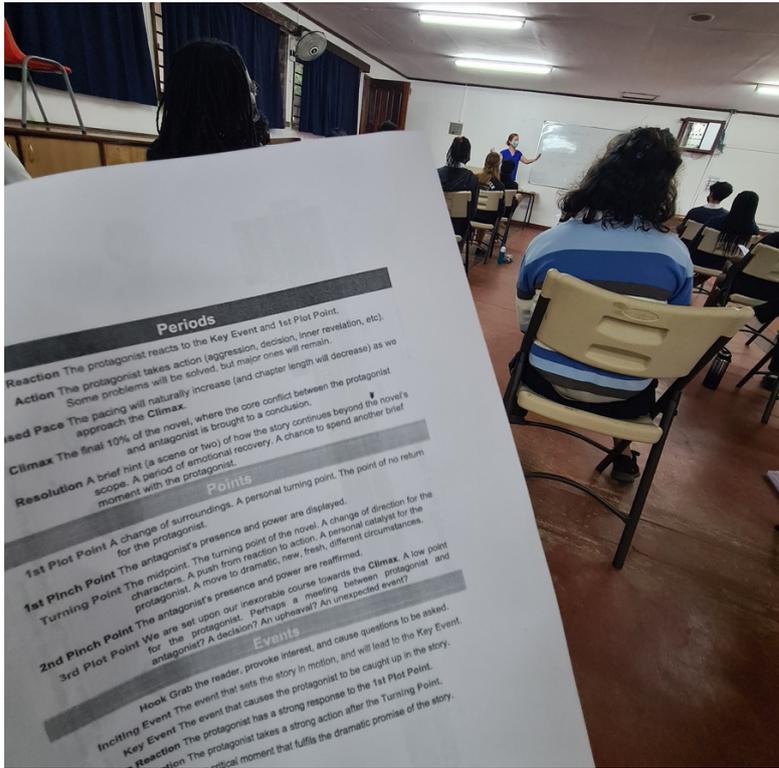
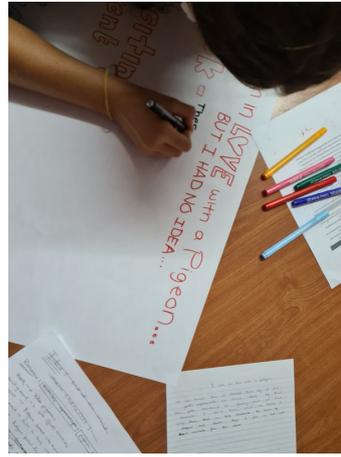
# Book Week Fun!

A HUGE shout out and thank you to Blessings Maguire and Diana Ahuli for helping to arrange our Book Week activities!

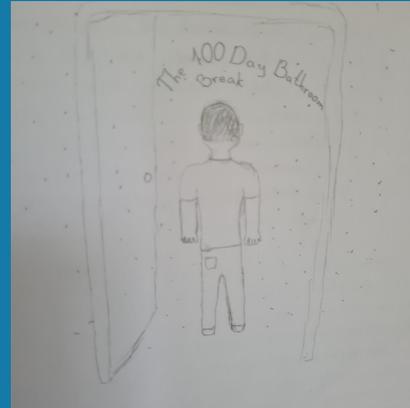
Year 10 and 11 students were visited by published author Kerilee Nickles who ran a workshop on narrative structure. Year 11 student, Gareth Evans shares:

*Within book week, we had a guest speaker come in and teach us about book writing. We looked at the ways a book was composed and we had a go at writing our own small story in a group using the components of how a book is made.*

I had the opportunity to pop into this workshop, and thoroughly enjoyed listening to and watching the children get excited about planning and beginning to write extracts from their very own novel! There were some fun and engaging story lines, including: "I'm in Love with a Pigeon", "The Chozen One", and "The 100 Day Bathroom Break". You can check out some extracts below.



The Chozen One  
 Hook: 3 seconds left on the clock.  
 3, 2, 1. he shoots...  
 Inciting event:  
 "1 Year Earlier -  
 3 seconds left on the clock. 3, 2, 1. He shoots. Amazing shot from Slaggy! The ~~brooks~~ take the win!" "Sick shot man. I love you bro!" shouts Kaka from across the court, arms spread wide, running towards me. He scoops me up in his arms, embracing me in one of the most uncomfortable bony hugs that I've ever felt. All I can manage is a shaky "Thanks!" because of the lack of air left in me. As he lets go, I come up gasping for air. "Great pass to Russell by the way. I couldn't have made the shot if he hadn't got the ball to me." I say, but he knows it's just flattery.



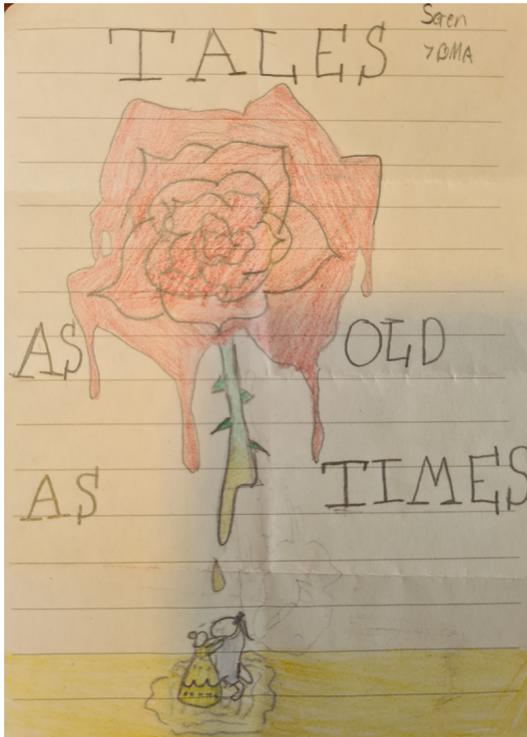
Hook =  
 no one knows how it started. some say it was genetic experiments, fun emock, others say that the Gods abandoned us, fearing what we had become. I dont know what to believe. I only know that in this darkness, this realm of dispare and death, that I fell in love with a monster from the skies.  
 Inciting Event F  
 Trial 375. Today we tried mixing the already finished serum with Human DNA, as we found that the chromosomes were reacting well with the infusion. It has been 839 days since the reporters attracted to victims who were bleeding out through... and ontop of them pigeons

## More Book Week Fun!

On Thursday we hosted a Book Fair in the canteen, where students had an opportunity to browse and purchase new and second hand books.



We also ran a book cover competition, allowing students to get creative and redesign the cover of their favourite book.



## And even more Book Week fun!

Langelihle Nkhoma from Year 12 shares:

For Book Week we had a session with Mr Stanely the director of the plays at MadSoc Theatre. He led us through fun activities such as "Zip, Zap" where we all fell in tune with each other and our surroundings.

Since Book Week 2022 is all about celebrating African literature, we engaged in an activity where we went in a circle each saying one sentence to build an Afrocentric story. The activities pushed us into the mindset of a theatre practitioner and helped in the final activity where we staged and performed a short Afrocentric tale called Lion and the Jackal.



## Y11 Art

I had a chance to observe our students during a skills exploration, using different mediums to explore 21st Art and Identity. Check out some snapshots of our students hard at work, and enjoying their Art!



## An invitation from our Counsellor, Ms Mariella

Dear parents,

Please join me **next Tuesday 22nd February**, for an interactive session where I will be discussing the PERMA Wellbeing Model that I am currently introducing to your children in school.

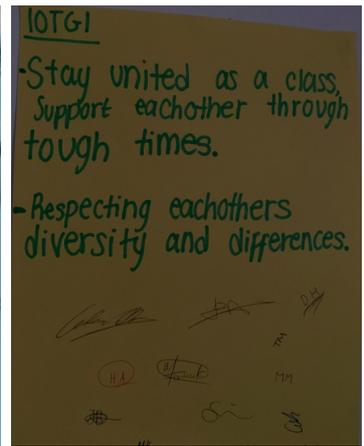
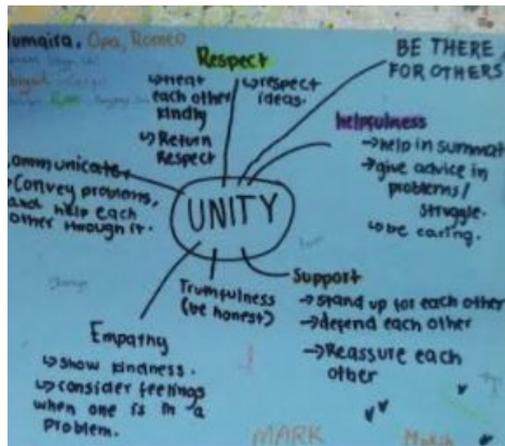
As you know, parent-school partnerships are very important when providing the appropriate support and coping skills our students need to navigate their adolescence.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! We will meet in the **Secondary Library at 7:30am**.

Have a great weekend!  
Mariella

## Year 10 Tutor Group Community Goals

Unity is a strong theme from our Year 10 students!



## Put it in your calendar:

### Tuesday 22nd February

Secondary Library @7.30am. Parent discussion: Wellbeing and the PERMA model. Lead by our counsellor, Mariella Vittetoe Castillo

### Wednesday 23rd February

Year 11 MYP Personal Project Exhibition @BMIS Lower Hall from 6.00-8.00pm (by invitation only)

### Friday 25th February

Interact Chitenje dress up day. Please bring a donation for the Malawi Flood Appeal, which will be given to our service partners, RoundTable Lilongwe

### Thursday 3rd - Sunday 6th March

Martyrs' Day long weekend (no school)

### Monday 7th - Friday 11th March

Y13 DP Mock Examinations

### Tuesday 15th March

Secondary Inter-House Swim Gala

### Thursday 24th March

DP Art Exhibition. More information to follow

### Friday 1st April

Year 13 students' last day; last day of Term 2. School closes @12.15pm