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# IN THE LOOP

## Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



### OVERVIEW

### This week in our BMIS **community**

And so the first half of our term comes to an end...

The first or pre-rains visited us this week, and I stopped to take stock of its symbolic meaning.

Rains often signify change and growth and this couldn't be more true for our school **community** right now.

As you would have seen in our Director, Adrian Moody's update, the school continues to open up, and move ahead "living with covid". We are so excited for the opportunity for our children to move out of their year level bubbles and start safely working and socialising with students from across the school. We are thrilled that we are able to host our first **community** event, "Music Under the Stars", and come together to enjoy some incredible musical performances and dancing together. And our students continue to change and grown and learn and evolve...as do our teachers, and our school. We're all moving in the right direction.

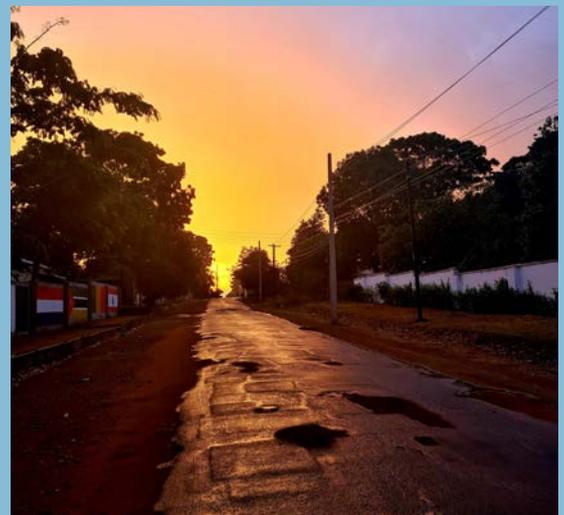
As I was leaving school this week I took a moment to stop and marvel and the sunset, observe the glisten of water on the tarmac, and appreciate the cleansing beauty of the rains.

So as you enter the mid-term break, please take the time to recharge and also reflect on all of the incredible opportunities for change and growth that have happened so far this year, and all that we have to look forward to.

Being a short school week, this week's update is shorter too, but there's still an opportunity to grab a "cuppa", and stay "In the Loop!" - so please enjoy!

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# STUCO class representatives

Now that our STUCO core have been elected, the next step is for our class representatives to be elected, so that the student voice is well represented across Secondary. The teacher STUCO advisors have shared some more information below:

**Student Council Class Representative Elections for Years 7-11 will be held on Thursday, October 28th, during Tutor.**

**Each tutor group will elect a Class Representative (Class Rep) that will represent their class in the Secondary Student Council. Students are encouraged to come up with a short speech that includes:**

- **Their vision**
- **What qualities they bring to the role**
- **Why their class mates should vote for them**

**After speeches, the class participates in an anonymous voting process.**

**Below is STUCO's Purpose and description of the Class Rep's duties.**

## STUCO Purpose:

**The purpose of the Student Council shall be to serve the student body of Bishop Mackenzie International Secondary School, voice student opinions to the administration and school board, to raise funds for various student body and campus needs, and to aid in student awareness of youth, community and world concerns.**

## Class Representatives:

- **Represents and advocates for their tutor group**
- **Regularly attends and contributes to Student Council meetings**
- **Communicates frequently, information from the Student Council to their class**
- **Assists in the planning and carrying out of Student Council events and fundraisers**

Please do speak with your child about whether this is a role that interests them. We really are looking forward to these elections after the break and forming our complete STUCO!



## What's been happening this week...?

### GIRL UP DRIVE AND CHITENGE DRESS UP

Last Friday our week long Girl Up drive concluded. It was really wonderful to see all of the donations that were brought in, including clothing items, flour, oil, salt, and sugar. We also had our chitenge dress up on Friday, which was a truly incredible sight to see! Our students looked fabulous in their chitenge and chitenge inspired outfits. Hopefully we'll have a chance to do this again soon!



# Biology! Biology! Biology!

As you know, last week we celebrated all things biology during Biology Week. Year 11 student, Victoria Nakhumwa shares her experience of an infectious diseases talk that she attended during this event:

**"During Bio Week, Dr. Melissa Reimer-McAtee came and spoke to Y11 about all aspects of infectious disease including some of the most important discoveries and developments in this field such as Robert Koch's identification of bacteria under a microscope and Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin. During this discussion we learned more about the history of HIV/AIDS treatment and how it has developed over the years as well as some of the less recognized infections and diseases globally such as a mosquito transmitted disease called Filariasis and numerous parasitic infections. This discussion helped us better appreciate treatment and prevention methods used, and allowed us to be more aware of the less recognized and funded diseases that can be just as debilitating as the more known diseases and infections."**



# Inclusion

Over the last two weeks our teachers in Secondary (and Primary) have been meeting with Dr Belinda Karge, who is leading our inclusion audit.

MYP and DP teachers, as well as our student support teams, each met with Belinda to share what we are doing well, and reflect on areas for growth and improvement.

These discussions were stimulating, thought provoking, and we're excited to read Dr Karge's report so that we can take steps to become an even more inclusive **community!**

Belinda  
Karge



Belinda Karge is a **Professor of Doctoral Studies** in the Educational Leadership Program at Concordia University Irvine and a Professor Emeritus from California State University, Fullerton. She received her Ph.D.

# Student spotlight: Muhammad Ali Moosa

We're super excited that Year 11 student, Muhammad Ali Moosa, is currently in Ghana competing at the African Swimming Confederation's CANA swim event. Check out the article that was shared in "The Daily Times" this week! Good luck Ali! The BMIS **community** is cheering for you and we can't wait to hear about your experiences!



## Music Under the Stars...



The poster features a dark blue background with stars and musical instruments like a saxophone and a xylophone. It includes three circular photos of performers: a band, two women singing, and a dance group. Text on the poster includes the event title, dates, time, location, and a list of performers.

**Music Under the Stars**

**28th October 2021**  
5:45pm to 7:30pm

**FREE ENTRY!!**  
Bring your own chairs, blankets, cooler boxes, food and drinks

**BMIS Lower Hall Field**

**Lazarus & Esau**  
**Carmen Hwarari & Blessing Bled Chimanga**  
**Salama Dance Group**

★ MASKS WILL BE WORN UNLESS SEATED AND PHYSICALLY DISTANT ★

## Our updated covid guidelines

A reminder that our Director, Adrian Moody, shared with you all the updated covid guidelines this afternoon. Please check your emails in case you missed these!

We're excited to return after the break "opening up" that little bit more, and I'm particularly excited about the fact that there is increased interaction between year levels throughout the day!

Please can you take the time to carefully review and discuss these guidelines with your family. We will also be having a brief assembly on Monday morning (25th October) to review these guidelines together too.



## Classroom displays

I'm loving 8GWO's classroom display!

**"This year imagine we are all jellyfish; no touching and keep your distance."**

What a fun way to promote safe physical distancing indoors so that we are keeping each other safe!



## Put it in your calendar:

### Friday 15th October

"Mother's Day" - no school

### Monday 18th - Friday 22nd October

"Mid-Term Break" - no school

### Tuesday 26th October

PSAT for our Year 11 and 12 students (lessons 1-4)

### Thursday 28th October

"Music Under the Stars" @BMIS Lower Hall Field from 5:45pm - 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of live music and dance. Bring along your picnic blankets or chairs, cooler box with food and drink, and your smiles and dancing feet as we enjoy our first community event together!

### Friday 29th October

"Fancy Dress Costume Dress Up Day"

Students are invited to come along to school dressed up in their favourite fancy dress costumes.