

# BANNOCKBURN HIGH SCHOOL



## Newsletter

**MAY 2008**

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Music and PE departments have now moved into the extension and pupils are able to benefit from the new facilities available.

By early June our History Team will have been resited on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the main building where the Music department previously existed.

Stirling Council has committed fully to the refurbishment of the main building. The main work will start next April. The refurbishment will take almost 2 years to complete.

Over the next few months work will start on the installation of our new 'All Weather' Sports Facility on the site of the existing red-blaes ash pitches. Also the total replacement of all windows will be undertaken throughout the school.

If you would like to visit the school to see around the facilities in the new extension it will be open for viewing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May between 5 - 7pm. Please come along if you can. Car Parking is plentiful.

J D McAlpine  
**Headteacher**

### **M+ Positive Motivation Scheme**

During week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 those pupils who had achieved the highest standards in school through M+ (covering Attendance, Behaviour, Dress, Punctuality and Preparedness) were able to participate in the M+ Trips to M & D's.

Third Year trips took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May; Second Year Trips on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and First Year on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The weather, although cold, was pleasant and dry which helped to ensure that all involved had enjoyable rewards for their efforts and commitment.

### **Alton Towers Trip**

This year's trip for S2/S3 pupils to Alton Towers will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

### **Extension Open Event**

Parents are reminded, as indicated in my introduction to this newsletter, that there is an Open Invitation to come and see around the new extension on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008 between 5 and 7pm. This invitation is also extended to parents of pupils in Primary 7 who will be coming to the High School next session.

### **Drug Proof Your Kids**

The Parent Council are hosting a series of meetings called 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids'. This is an education, prevention and intervention programme developed by the national charity "Care for the Family" and will be run by a qualified trainer. There is a first meeting for parents who want to find out more on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the school. After that, we are planning six sessions after the summer break. Please come along and invite anyone else you think might be interested. This meeting is open to all adults who are interested; you don't have to be a Bannockburn High parent.

### **News from the Parent Council**

The constitution of the Parent Council states "The Annual Meeting will be held in April of each year". Having discussed the timing of the General Meeting, the Parent Council would like to change this to "The Annual Meeting will be held between the start of the school session and the October holiday each year". We feel that this is a more appropriate time for the annual meeting since it allows parents of the new S1 pupils to become involved. If anyone would like to comment on this change, please attend the next meeting of the Parent Council (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room) or contact either Mr McAlpine or the chairperson (Alan Kimmitt 01786 817014) before the meeting on 9th June 2008).

### **Senior Awards Ceremony**

It is one of the most significant events on the school calendar, marking as it does the culmination of the efforts of pupils and staff together, to strive to achieve further and higher goals. This year's ceremony took place on Wednesday 23 April and was indeed a memorable occasion.

Guest speaker Bruce Crawford JP, MSP, provided an excellent address, thought provoking yet highly entertaining, outlining the opportunities and advantages provided by Bannockburn High and by Stirling Council and the wider community. He encouraged the pupils to make use of their school and community in the years ahead as they move on from school and into the wider world and stressed the importance of achieving their full potential. Mr Crawford presented the awards to the senior pupils and finally the Dux medal was presented to Craig Innes.

### **Scottish Youth Parliament**

Zoe Taylor, our present Head Girl is standing as a candidate in the elections to the Scottish Youth Parliament. Stirling has never elected anyone to the Scottish Parliament before so it would be a great opportunity for the young people of Stirling to have their voices heard.

### **'Little Shop of Horrors'**

Rehearsals for this year's school show 'Little Shop of Horrors' are progressing well. A cast of around 40 pupils in S1 - S6 are working extremely hard under the direction of Mr Millar, Ms Henry and Miss Allardyce. Performances of the hit musical will take place on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Sports News**

#### **Girls' Health Club**

Congratulations to the Girls Health Club who completed a sponsor walk up to Wallace Monument to raise money for Brionni Trust. The girls have managed to raise over £100 for an exceptionally good cause. Next session the girls will participate in and train for the Race for Life to raise money for breast cancer.

### **Summer Term Calendar**

26 <sup>th</sup> May	5 - 7PM	Extension Viewing Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Parent-Staff Association Meeting. Staffroom
4 <sup>th</sup> June		Start of New Timetable for Pupils
5 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Parent Council "Drug Proof Your Kids" Information session
9 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Parent Council Meeting. Staffroom
13 <sup>th</sup> June		S6 Prom
17 - 19 <sup>th</sup> June		School Show. The Little House of Horrors
18 - 20 <sup>th</sup> June		Primary 7 3 - Day Visit
25 <sup>th</sup> June		S1 - S3 Awards Ceremony 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm	End of Term

## **Session 2008 - 2009 Calendar**

Staff Development Day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2008
Autumn Term Starts for Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2008
Local Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2008
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
October Holiday Starts	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
October Holiday Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
Winter Term Starts	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
Staff Development Day	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Winter Term Ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2008
Christmas Holiday starts	Monday 22 December 2008
Christmas Holiday ends	Friday 2 January 2009
Spring Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
Staff Development Day	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Local Holiday	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Local Holiday	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Local Holiday	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Spring Term Ends	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2009
Spring Holiday Starts	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2009
Spring Holiday Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2009
Summer Term Starts	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2009
Local Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
Summer Term Ends	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2009