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Principal's Report

VCE Results

All students who completed Unit 3/4 studies received their final results last week. Each Unit 3/4 study is assessed on the basis of work completed at school and work completed under exam conditions. Students achieve a study score out of 50 based on their individual performance and their performance relative to all other students who have completed the same study. Students' study scores are then used to calculate an ENTER, Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank.

Brentwood students have achieved excellent results this year and many students have achieved a personal best. Following is a snapshot of our VCE performance for 2006.

ENTER Scores > 90

Bisset	Andrew	99.45
Tak	Hyun ui	99.10
Raditsis	James	98.90
Luc	Darwin	98.55
La	Florence	98.20
Ratnayake	Theuni	98.05
Yan	Kexin	97.70
Chen	Ming yang	97.65
Xu	Yu	97.65
Liang	Vivian	97.50
Bae	Jee hoon	97.35
Wang	Ao	97.15
Mazzarella	Casey	96.70
Tong	Chun kit	96.60
Kuraica	Aleksandar	96.45
Huang	En chi	96.35
Ngo	Minh-van	95.90
Lyon	Charlotte	95.60
Perera	Ashanie	95.10
Akulshin	Oleg	94.55
Luh	Howard	94.15
Muckner	Jackie	93.85
Maunder	Jacqueline	93.70
Choi	Boram	93.40
Hazeltine	Stephanie	93.35
Mugridge	Brett	93.00
Prause	Amy	93.00
Sim	Xin-wei	92.95

Ge	Sheng	92.50
Bisset	Amy	92.30
Fernando	Sellapperumage	92.30
Yap	Kelvin	92.10
Cui	Jun	91.40
Hua	Meng	91.30
Fauvel	Joanna	91.20
Slade	Cassandra	90.90
Tamanian	Naira	90.90
Li	Zhen Yu	90.35

- ENTER > 90 – 23% of cohort
- ENTER > 80 – 42% of cohort
- ENTER > 70 – 60% of cohort

- Study Scores 40 or above – 10%

- Median Study Score – 31

- Perfect Study Scores – 50
Amy Bisset – Health and Human Development
Andrew Bisset – Physics

Our year 12 students and their teachers are to be congratulated for their efforts. This year's performance is an outstanding achievement.

Australian Vocational Prize

This Australian Government prize has been awarded to Michelle Aitken for the top performance in Hospitality.

Staff Farewells

The following members of the teaching staff will be officially leaving at the end of this year. We would like to thank them for their contributions to Brentwood and wish them well for the future.

- John Burge
- Graham Cahill
- Nobuko Kumakawa
- Justine Lucas
- Natalie McQueen
- Judie Mitchell
- Jessica Murray (returning to Canada)
- Robert Noakes

Best wishes are extended to Tony Watts, Head of Junior School, who will be taking long service leave during term one next year.

Congratulations

Steve Cook, Assistant Principal, has been seconded to the Eastern Metropolitan Region for term one next year. Steve was successful in being selected to undertake a short term leadership project with the EMR team.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday.

Vicki Forbes, Principal

Brentwood PBs

Year 8 Girls Softball – State Champions

Dates and Deadlines

19 Dec Activities Program
**Reports and Magazine distributed.
Student dismissed 2.15pm.**

20 Dec Environment Day
21 Dec Environment Day / Staff Luncheon

2007

31 January Term 1 2007 begins for students

A Final Farewell To You All

I will transfer schools at the end of this year to another region. As I prepare to leave Brentwood my thoughts are with the many families that I have had the privilege to know and be involved with over the past few years. Thank you to all the parents whose contributions have helped me to enhance the lives of our students both academically and personally. My hope is that you will continue to work towards healthy and peaceful relationships with your children and in partnership with school staff. You are fortunate to have one of the best student Wellbeing teams which wholeheartedly supports your children's education. They would be pleased for you to take advantage of their services whenever needed throughout your children's schooling. I leave you with a few quotes from the *Joy of Parenthood* by Jan Blaustone:

"Life with a child is like reading a good mystery; it's the element of surprise that makes both so wonderful".

"Your children may forget what you say but they never forget how you make them feel".

"There are no magic answers when it comes to raising children but there are many magic moments".

Warmest wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season with a multitude of magic moments.

With appreciation of our time together.

Justine Lucas, School Psychologist

Enhancement Studies – Monash University 2006

It has been another most successful year for the Year 12 students who elected to study one subject at University this year as part of the final year in their VCE.

Theuni Ratnayake has achieved the top result in her History unit "Jewish Civilizations", receiving a certificate and cash prize of \$500.

Three other students also received High Distinctions in their subjects (Japanese, Australian History & Politics and Mathematics). Two students received a Distinction (Japanese) and two students received a Credit result (Accounting & Chemistry).

All of these students are to be congratulated on their wonderful results.

Margaret Stanley, Head of Senior School

Year 9 Japanese Excursion

On the 28 and 29 November, a luncheon for year 9 students was organized as part of the cultural component of Language learning. The restaurant is Yokohama Teppanyaki Restaurant in Glen Waverley. The restaurant is very popular for its authentic Japanese cuisine.

Students had the opportunity to taste a wide range of Japanese foods and they were encouraged to speak Japanese with each other.

Most students were using chopsticks correctly. The proper usage of chopsticks is the most fundamental element of Japanese table manners so I was very impressed with the students.

If you are interested in Japanese table manners, please try this website:
<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2005.html>

Nobuko Kumakawa, Teacher of Japanese

German Excursion to the Cuckoo Restaurant

On the 28 November the year 9 & 10 German students went to the Cuckoo Restaurant in Olinda, to eat German food, listen and watch German entertainment, and experience the German atmosphere.

As we ate a wide selection of foods, the Black Forest band entertained us with music, stories, and Football songs!!

We all got up and danced the Hokey-Pokey, the Macarena and the Nutbush.

We got involved with cow bells, and even Mr Exton and Miss Le Grove got up and yodelled!

It was a fun filled day and an enjoyable experience for all.

Thank-you to Frau Exton, Mr Exton, Miss Le Grove and Frau Kemp for organising it!! Can't wait for next year!!!

Kathii Fonda, Sarah Clay, Andrew Joyce & Courtney Carland, Year 9 students

Roses Gap - Year 8 Camp, December 2006

What a great week we had!

After the luxury of the air-conditioned coaches and leaving suburbia behind, the students were 'introduced' to the Australian outback. The students were 'weaned off' TV [except for the cricket] and mobile phones [very limited reception], and taught the real meaning of water shortages and restrictions. Kangaroos came up to the cabins, rabbits were in the fields, cockatoos were screeching overhead, the goanna was up the tree, and the family of emus were seen at the lake.

Each day the students laughed and screamed their way through the activities. These were: the full day bush walk up to the top of Mt Difficult [with an alternative walk on Tuesday – it was so hot!], canoeing, abseiling, high ropes and the 'pamper pole', rock climbing and the giant swing. Monday and Tuesday evenings, the students were divided into 2 large groups, 1 doing a night walk and the other doing activities run by Mr Batalha.

Monday night, Ms Nash arrived with the Victorian State School Softball Champions! When they arrived, they were greeted with screams of delight, praise and envy. Pride in our school and in achievements of fellow year 8 students was very evident.

On Wednesday evening, we finished the camp with activity group skits and a disco. Highlights were the glosticks, the amazing range of music and seeing the students dressed up in their best outfits!

A Big Thank You

This camp was a huge success due to the fantastic team of leaders that came with us. We wish to thank Kate Atkins, Joel Batalha, Tom Burton, Nicholas Hender, Fiona O'Connor, Lauren Rogers, and Penny Adams [student teacher] for providing such inspiring leadership for our students. They gave 200% of their time, energy and good humour to make the students' camp experience something they will always fondly remember.

I wish to personally thank the incredible efforts of Tracey Campion, because of whose help, creative flair and organisational skills the camp was so successful and well run. I also want to thank Dennis Rodwell for doing a lot of the 'hard yakka', being the extra person on the day-long bush walk, belaying for the rock climbers, taking photos of everyone and providing support and a friendly face to all – no matter what the situation!

Thanks also goes to all student campers. You were prepared to leave the 'comfort zone' of suburbia, try new sports, make strong [or stronger] friendships, get used to coping with less sleep, and finish off year 8 on a high! May you have a relaxing and rewarding holiday and come back ready to put in as much effort into your studies as you did in your camp activities.

Alda Brangsch, Year 8 Coordinator

House Competition

The challenge at Brentwood Secondary College is to win the inaugural house trophy at the end of the year in our house competition.

This year there have been many events in which to participate in order for students to win points for their house. Each student has had the opportunity to earn points for their house in a variety of events.

Whole School Events

- Swimming carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Fun Run
- Best dressed in house colours at carnivals
- Fashion Parade
- Donut eating

Year Level Events

- A variety of sport and lunchtime activities
- Camp activities
- Activity afternoon – Year 7

The Final points are as follows:

MacPherson	3114
Reardon	2756
Armstrong	2411
Wheeler	2385

Thank you to all students who participated in the house activities run on camp, after school and during lunch time. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the House Captains at all year levels and I look forward to seeing the challenge of house competition continue to grow next year.

Emily Bishop, House Coordinator

Missing Uniforms

Just a reminder to parents and students that if you have a numbered football, athletics, basketball, soccer or hockey Brentwood sports top or school socks at home could they please be returned to the school as soon as possible. We have a couple of incomplete sets.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sport Captains

I would like to thank the 2006 Sport Captains for their contributions to promoting sport at Brentwood Secondary College this year. I have been pleased with their enthusiasm and willingness to help, and their commitment to improving sport at Brentwood. Thank you to Jessica Bond, Lachlan Mann, Debbie Ng, George Lambadaridis, Maddy Hogan & Matthew Sutherland.

If you want to apply to be a Sport Captain in 2007, I have extended the closing date for applications to next Wednesday December 13th. Please see Miss Nash if interested.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Eastern Metro Region Awards Night

Just recently I nominated two of our students to receive an Eastern Metropolitan Region Sporting award and they both won their categories. They were both present at the awards night to receive their awards.

We were also given a really inspiring speech by Eloise Southby-Halbish. Eloise said that she had a goal and worked really hard towards achieving it – she wanted to play in the Australian Netball team. She achieved this and was GS for the Australian Opals winning a Games medal. Eloise also said she was never the best player at school and when growing up she was generally picked last for teams, however with her goal in focus, continuous practise, and her determination she was able to change. So basically if you work hard you can achieve.

Jacob Castricum was awarded the General Excellence sporting award for his involvement in a wide range of sports at a high level, including:

Athletics

District Gold Medals - 100m, 200m, 400m, Javelin, High Jump

Eastern Zone Gold – 100m, 200m, 400m, Javelin, Silver - High Jump

Eastern Zone Age Champion

VSSSA State Championships – Silver 100m, 200m, 400m, Javelin

Brentwood Secondary College Age Champion

VSSSA *Football* – Selected in the VSSSA U/15 State Metro Football team, which placed second, at the tournament.

Football – School team – Intermediates - District Champions, Eastern Zone Champions, State Competitors

Cross Country – District competitor

Swimming – Eastern Zone freestyle relay team

Volleyball - District competitor

Jacob is a fantastic role model to the junior athletes within the school. Jacob is easily approachable and shows a great deal of support and encouragement to other students. Jacob always displays behaviour that demonstrates playing by both the spirit and the rules of the game. He also has a healthy lifestyle that encourages a high performance in all school activities, his studies, as well as his sport and general play.

Joel Yap was awarded the Badminton sporting award for his achievement and ability.

Joel was again seeded 1 in the Intermediate Badminton team, which won District and were Runners Up at Eastern Zone. Joel did not concede a point during his matches at district against any school in the singles and doubles.

Joel is a dedicated Badminton player, who has just competed at the Australian Championships. He won the U/15 boys 'Singles Plate', his team won the Bronze medal behind the Vic team 1 and Singapore, and Joel was Runners-Up in the U/15 boys doubles behind Singapore. Joel is currently ranked 7th in Australia for Singles and ranked number 1 for boy's doubles.

Joel is extremely generous with his time. He uses his personal experience and knowledge of the game to help coach all levels of students with better techniques and tactics of badminton play. Joel demonstrates true sportsmanship during competition and practice. He acknowledges good competition and uses defeat as a building block. Joel also has a good balance between his sport, school activities and studies.

These two students were extremely worthy of these awards. Congratulations and keep up your enthusiasm towards sports.

Charlotte Rowe
Gemma Matchett
Tegan Bisset
Nathalie Leane

Rachael Thomson
Stephanie Ecker
Natalie De Luca

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sports Round Up

Year 8 Girls Softball

State Champions – 2 years in a row!!!

In 2005 the year 7 girls softball team won the State Championships and we were confident of doing well in 2006. After the team won the Eastern Zone Competition, we were excited about competing at the State Championships. This year we had a big decision to make before we even confirmed our entry to the State Championships. We had a clash - year 8 camp began on the Sunday before the Championships on the Monday. We overcame this dilemma with a road trip after the competition to camp on Monday night... phew!!

After warming up and listening to Mrs Smith, the girls were ready to play well and enjoy the experience of the competition.

- Game 1 – Brentwood defeated Western Heights (Barton) 12-3
 - Game 2 – Brentwood defeated Bentleigh 17-2
 - Game 3 – Brentwood defeated Mill Park 11-4
- Being undefeated in our pool of 3 matches, we were really excited to play in the State final against Chaffey (Bendigo).
- Game 4 – **State Final** – Brentwood vs Chaffey

We knew this game would be tough. Chaffey defeated our last year's opponent 9-0. But we were ready and knew what we needed to play well. In an extremely close and low scoring match, we saw the best of Victorian government schools compete. We lost the toss, and were sent in to bat. Within the 60 minute time limit, we were only able to complete 3 innings. With outstanding play from all the girls we won 5-3.

Congratulations on an awesome effort and being the State champions 2 years in a row. An incredible achievement!

A huge thankyou goes to Mrs Smith who was terrific at coaching the girls with Mrs Junor throughout the year. Without Mrs Smith and her experience with the girls on Monday I would have been lost. Thank you also to Mrs Junor who came to score and support her team whilst on her Long Service Leave. Another big thankyou goes to all the parents who came along to support the girls.

Team members

Kate Attwood	Tayla Burns
Madelaine Teeuw-Fraser	
Amelia O'Brien	Caila Hunt
Laura Thompson	Anthea Samargis
Candice Carter	Clare Tomlin

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Year 7 Boys State Cricket Semi-Final

Brentwood vs Frankston

Frankston: 5/186 off 30 overs
Brandon Fredericks 2/43 off 7 overs
Dilan Somaratne 1/16 off 2 overs
Scott Tunnicliffe 1/31 off 7 overs
Josh Williams 1/34 off 7 overs

Brentwood: 10/107 off 28.4 overs
Brandon Fredericks 25 Not Out
Lin Jong 24

On Tuesday 5 December the year 7 boys cricket team travelled out to Croydon to play Frankston in the State Semi-Final. Conditions were quite warm and there was a strong breeze blowing across the pitch.

After winning the toss and electing to have a bowl, our opening bowlers (Craig Dancey and Josh Williams) were immediately on the defensive after they smashed two fours in the first over. The bat continued to dominate the ball and Frankston were 0/60 after the first 10 overs. Dilan Somaratne came on and had an immediate impact clean bowling one batsman and creating another chance which was dropped. Scott Tunnicliffe and Brandon Fredricks then combined to bowl extremely well given the conditions and the situation we were in. Both were very unlucky not to take a wicket in the next 10 overs but they only conceded 39 runs. Josh Williams then got the prized wicket of Cohen Cherinishoff (remember that name for the future), out LBW for 67 very tidy runs. Scott Tunnicliffe and Brandon Fredricks were then rewarded for their hard work earlier taking 3 more wickets including a sensational caught and bowled from Scott. With few overs remaining and several wickets in hand, Frankston's big hitters were able to swing the willow without the pressure of being bowled out. After two hours of play, Frankston made 186 runs off 30 overs. This total should have been so much less, with 18 wides, 8 no balls, 7 byes, numerous overthrows, several dropped catches and a number of missed run out chances! In all our team probably added at least 50 runs to their total.

While chasing a total like this was always going to be tough, I was confident that we had enough depth in our batting to have some sort of chance. However after Craig Dancey ran himself out, our very capable team lost their confidence and we were 4 for 35 after 10 overs. Five overs later we were 7 for 48 and in danger of being completely embarrassed. Thankfully Brandon Fredericks and Lin Jong came to play and combined brilliantly to add 42 runs before Lin was caught off a slog. The last two wickets fell quickly, leaving Brandon

stranded on 25 not out. Although we were comprehensively beaten, we had no luck and I would love the opportunity to play Frankston again next year when the boys are in year 8, as I seriously think we can beat them.

Congratulations to all the boys on making it to the State Finals, which is a fantastic achievement! Thank you to the parents who turned up to support the team and Steve Robson for his help on the day.

David Hose, Coach

Year 8 Boys Volleyball

After winning the District competition in Term 1, the year 8 boys Volleyball team recently competed at the Eastern Zone competition held at Kew High School. The boys had put in that extra effort this term training towards this big competition. The team played 3 matches on the day, defeating Templestowe College 25-23, 25-19.

The boys were defeated by Heathmont College in an extremely close match. Brentwood's last match against Kew High School saw the boy's best game play come out. As this was tougher competition the boys really stepped up to the challenge. Unfortunately we also lost this match 25-21, 25-23.

This team was originally coached by Mr Jamison in term one. Congratulations on making it to Eastern Zone.

Team members

Michael Zhu	Mason Chan
Jarrold Walker	Joshua Isaac
Derrick Qua	Nizar Janzerli
Jaxom Pellow	Phillip Asawa
Goran Torlak	Yan Luo

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Community Announcements

Student Scholarships

Students are now able to apply online for student scholarships. The list of the primary school and secondary scholarships can be found on the following website.

https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/Schools/Circulars/2006/s412-2006_studentscholarships-empl.doc

Canteen News

Carol and Shirley would like to thank everyone who has helped in the canteen this year. This includes all the wonderful parents whose help we could not do without, teachers and students. Well done everyone.

Have a Happy Christmas, see you in 2007.