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Benjamin Gabriel Raditsis

24/5/1990 – 15/12/2006

On Friday, 15 December 2006 Ben Raditsis passed away after losing his battle with leukaemia. He was in year 10 last year and is sadly missed by everyone who knew him. Ben was diagnosed with leukaemia at the end of 2005 and over the course of the next thirteen months bravely met each of the challenges that his treatment demanded.

Each year in late November our year 10 students organise a Dinner Dance to mark the end of Middle School. Although very ill, but much to the delight of his friends and teachers, Ben was able to attend the Dinner Dance for a short while. By this stage Ben's immune system was becoming extremely vulnerable.

The day before Ben died many of his friends and teachers were able to visit him at the Royal Children's Hospital. Those who visited Ben were impressed with his capacity to make them feel comfortable and at ease with his illness. Even in the last stages of his life Ben maintained the ability to help others deal with their sadness.

Ben's funeral was held on the Wednesday after his passing and was attended by approximately 150 Brentwood students and staff. It was a Greek Orthodox funeral and a new experience for many of those who attended the service. The students' display of dignity and respect for Ben, and this solemn occasion, was nothing less than what we would expect of Brentwood students. However, to witness this on such a sad occasion was especially moving and I was so incredibly proud of them.

One of Ben's best mates, Daniel Roper, has written the following tribute for this newsletter.

When thinking about all the things I remember about Ben, the first thing that I remember was when Paul introduced me to Ben at the year 7 orientation night. He didn't say hello like a normal, polite grade sixer would have. He just asked: "Is your refrigerator running?"

Without thinking, I replied with a simple: "Yes". Ben then replied to me: "Well you better go catch it." Straight away I knew that we would go on to be the best of mates.

Ben was polite, but he was also cheeky ... to everyone; something we shared together. Over the years, as he got smarter, so did his humour. He could take just about anything anyone did that had the slightest bit of stupidity and make whoever did it or say it laugh at themselves. Ben could cheer up anyone who was having a bad day by showing them his way of looking at life. I love Ben for letting me be a part of it.

Together Ben and I spent most of the junior years at Brentwood terrorizing our teachers. Whether it was sitting up the back of the class trying to get Ms Seyler to tell us what 'ovular' meant or trying to guess Ms Heneberry's first and middle names, we were inseparable. Where one of us went, so did the other.

Benjamin Raditsis – Together we're invincible!

On Wednesday of this week a special service was held in front of Brentwood's Memorial Garden and a plaque was placed in the garden in honour of Ben's memory. On behalf of the whole Brentwood community I would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to Ben's parents and his siblings, Jamie and Corinne, as they learn to adjust to life without him.

Vicki Forbes

Brentwood Swimming Carnival
Wednesday Feb 14

VENUE
Waverley Pool (MARC)

Students meet at pool

Stud Park buses will drop students at the pool
not the school,
and pickup from the pool in the afternoon.
742 Oakleigh bus, and 753 Watsons Rd bus will
only pick up
from the pool in the afternoon.

Principals' Report

School Photos

Photo day is Tuesday 20 February and for the first time all class, portrait and team photos will be taken on the one day. As the portrait photos are used to make students' ID cards, it is very important that students are not absent on this day. There will not be another opportunity to have an ID photo taken until the photo company returns to our campus in July.

Students are asked to wear complete summer uniform on this day and to ensure that they each present themselves in a neat and tidy fashion. Please bring your school jumper and make certain that white shirts and dresses have all buttons sewn on. Hairstyles are to comply with the uniform code and boys are to be clean shaven.

Immunisation Schedule

There will be a series of immunisations offered to students in years 7, 10, 11 & 12 during this year, some of which are single dose and some require follow up vaccinations. It is very important that students receive all doses of the vaccinations and at the correct time interval to ensure their immunity. If a dose is missed due to absence, parents will need to contact the Monash Council to discuss their child's immunisation.

Parents please complete the immunisation card and include your child's Home Group on the front of the card. Please do this even if you do not wish to have your child vaccinated. Completed cards need to be returned to the Home Group teacher promptly.

Year 7 boys and girls:

- Chickenpox for those who have not been previously vaccinated or who have not had the disease. It will be given at the time of the first Hepatitis B vaccination.
- Hepatitis B requires two vaccinations 4-6 months apart.

Year 10 boys and girls:

- Booster vaccination for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). This is recommended for students this age to maintain their immunity against these diseases into adult life.

Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 girls only:

This year the Gardasil vaccination is being made available for girls aged 13 – 18 to provide immunity to the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and therefore lower the risk of cervical cancer. This requires a series of three vaccinations and girls must receive the doses in an exact time interval. Due to the supply of vaccination, girls in years 8 and 9 in 2007 will be offered the vaccination next year.

Year & Gender	Vaccine	When
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Chickenpox	6 March
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Hepatitis B – 1 st dose	6 March
Year 10 Girls & Boys	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	6 March
Year 7, 10, 11 & 12 Girls	Gardasil – 1 st dose	30 April
Year 7, 10, 11 & 12 Girls	Gardasil – 2 nd dose	28 May
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Hepatitis B – 2 nd dose	4 September
Year 7, 10, 11 & 12 Girls	Gardasil – 3 rd dose	4 September

Gardasil will be available for women aged 18 – 25 after July 2007 through their local doctor. The vaccination will be free of charge but the doctor's fees will need to be paid.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Uniform

Boys are to wear black leather lace up school shoes with a heel. Black leather lace up runners (eg Vanns/Globes) will not be accepted. Girls can wear either black leather lace up school shoes with a low heel or black T-bar shoes with a low heel.

All students need to ensure that all footwear is done up as loose footwear is an Occupational Health & Safety issue for the College.

School shoes are to be worn to and from school.

All students who wear short white socks need to ensure that they are unadorned and above the ankle.

Thanking you for your support on these matters.

School Bags

Year 7 and 8 students need to use a Brentwood Secondary College school bag. Any other bags are not acceptable.

The Brentwood Secondary College school bag is considered part of the college uniform and students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to use the Brentwood Secondary College bag.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Student Drop Off/Pickup

Parents wishing to pick up or drop off their children at school are advised to do so in Watsons Road or Cooper Avenue, where there is a supervised pedestrian crossing. Heath Street should be avoided as it is particularly congested (it is the only access between the school and Watson's Road) and there have been a number of complaints from residents. Parking is now available in Watsons Road south of Heath Street. Please take careful note of the parking restrictions.

Parents are advised that the car park at Brentwood is for staff only. Parents SHOULD NOT drive into the staff car park, even if only to turn around or to drop off or pick up students. This also applies to parents involved in Kumon on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We provide this advice in the interests of your children's safety as there have been a number of near accidents.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term (30 January 2007 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2006).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **16 February 2007** for the first payment and **27 July 2007** for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$420 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2007 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 30 January 2007 and prior to 3 August 2007, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Claire Hutchinson, Accounts

School Start Bonus

The School Start Bonus was introduced in 2006 to assist parents/guardians of prep and year 7 students to meet the start-up costs associated with commencing Primary and Secondary schooling.

Every student enrolled for the first time in prep and year 7 in term 1 is eligible for the bonus. The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Eligible parents/guardians do not need to make a claim.

The bonus of \$300 will be paid by cheque in term one. Cheques will be made payable to the first adult listed in the student's enrolment details held by the school and will be posted to that person's nominated mailing address (or home address if no mailing address has been provided).

Information used to generate School Start Bonus cheques is being collected from schools on 5 February 2007. Please contact the school office **as soon as possible** if you need to update your address details or you need to advise the school of your legal name to be used to create the cheque so that you can bank it.

Please contact the school if you have not received payment by 31 March 2007.

The school is your first point of contact for the bonus. Information is also available on the Department of Education website at www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/financialservices.htm. Contact the Department of Education Information and Referral Service on 1800 809 834 if you require additional information.

Barbara Atkinson, Office Manager

Senior School

It was a pleasure to welcome back the year 11 and 12 students for what is sure to be an exciting year. The Senior School team are available to assist students with any questions or concerns. We encourage them to drop in and see us in the Senior Learning Centre office.

Parents of VCE students are invited to a Parent Information evening on February 15 at 7:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre. Parents of year 12 students who didn't attend the Parent Information evening last year are especially encouraged to attend. We will outline the role of the Senior School and Well-being teams, assessment procedures and our tips for a successful VCE. We hope to see you there. Drinks and nibbles provided.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please contact Joel Batalha or Peter Rhodes if your son or daughter is in year 11 or if your son or daughter is in year 12 please contact Fiona Erwich or Fiona O'Connor.

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Peter Rhodes, Head of Senior School

Middle School

The middle school team welcomes all students in year 9 and 10 back for 2007. We look forward to working with all students and helping them to achieve their personal best this year.

The team this year consists of Mr Jarrod Roberts (Acting Head of Middle School), Ms Monique Le Grove and Mr Mark Oudshorn coordinating year 9. Mr Bill Exton and Ms Katrina Katz are coordinating year 10. All coordinators can be found in the middle school office in the East Courtyard.

We have found over recent times that the easiest way to communicate with parents regarding their child can often be via email. If you would like to be contacted via email instead of the telephone, please provide us with your email address by emailing Jarrod Roberts or Bill Exton at:

rob@brentwood.vic.edu.au or

ext@brentwood.vic.edu.au.

Parents and guardians of year 9 and 10 students are invited to attend an information night on Tuesday 20 February from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. This will be held in the Senior Learning Centre and will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's coordinators.

Please RSVP for catering purposes via email (as above) or complete the reply slip below.

Middle School Team

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Middle School Information Evening

Student Name: _____

HG: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Junior School

The Junior School extends a warm welcome to all students and their families in year 7 and 8. I would like to introduce you to the Year Level Coordinators:-

Year 7 Mrs Judy Anderson, Ms Clare Bonning and Mr Dennis Rodwell

Year 8 Mrs Alda Brangsch (Head of Junior School, Term 1), Ms Tracey Champion and Ms Lucy Estate.

Our Head of Junior School, Mr Tony Watts, is on long service leave for term 1.

School Planner

The student planner is available for parents and teachers to communicate with each other. Parents are encouraged to browse and use.

The 'Study Zone' section at the end of the planner has pertinent information to assist with study skills and techniques. Parents are asked to sign the bottom of each current week in the planner to indicate that you have seen all homework, notes and/or teacher comments. Home Group Teachers check the planners for these signatures each week.

Year 7 News

Welcome year 7 parents. On behalf of the year 7 team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents of the year 7 students at Brentwood Secondary College. Whether we are welcoming you to the Brentwood community for the first time or you have already been involved with the College through older siblings, we hope your son or daughter is very happy about joining us in 2007. We think you have made an excellent choice for your child's educational future.

In 2007 the year 7 students will be involved with the **Thinking Learning and Creativity** Program. This is an interdisciplinary subject that combines English, History and Geography. One of its aims is to focus on developing key skills, flexible thinking, creativity and ultimately encouraging students to become confident, independent learners. The TLC team is headed up by Mrs Jo Marveggio who will provide you with further information about the program throughout the coming weeks.

Opportunities for parental involvement in the Brentwood community range from parent representation on the College Council, membership of the Parents and Friends Association, assisting in the canteen, reading the weekly Friday newsletter, and regularly checking the student planner as a means of monitoring homework completion and communication with teachers.

Parents are also very welcome to attend various school events such as the upcoming swimming sports on 14 February, the Year 7 Activities afternoon and BBQ on 22 February, the Athletics Carnival on March 15 and Parent/ Teacher Interview Evenings on March 29 and term 3.

The year 7 group of 2007 have settled in well and are looking forward to the camp at Forest Edge which will run during the week of 26 February to 2 March. Home Groups 7A, B, C, D and E will depart on Monday 26 February and will return Wednesday 28 February, while Home Groups 7F, G, H, I and J will depart Wednesday 28 February and return Friday 2 March. Please ensure you have finalized your camp payment to the College as soon as possible.

We hope your son or daughter has an enjoyable and rewarding first year with us at Brentwood.

Year 7 Home Group Teachers

7A	Ms Ardley
7B	Ms Burrows
7C	Ms Wood
7D	Ms Antoniuk
7E	Ms Atkins
7F	Ms Marveggio
7G	Mr Newcombe
7H	Ms Chisholm
7I	Ms Dawod
7J	Ms Crow

Judy Anderson, Year 7 Coordinator

Year 8

Study skills and learning styles workshop

The college will run the “*Study skills and learning styles*” sessions for year 8 students towards the end of term 1. This program looks at helping students to recognize that each person studies differently, and to give each student a variety of studying and memorizing strategies. A notice with more detailed information will be distributed (with the school’s newsletter) later in the term.

The Might Eight’s Award program

Students will also be involved in “The Mighty Eight’s Award” program that involves staff placing a stamp on the student’s card for any good deeds or terrific work they have done in class. Students who complete a column on their card will obtain a minor prize, while students who have completed the whole card (88 stamps) go in the draw for a major prize.

Essence

This program is designed to help our year 8 girls develop skills to confidently meet the challenges of adolescence. The girls learn to take pride in their own appearance, to assert themselves when faced with ‘put downs’, to help others when they are confronted by spiteful situations, to be confident in themselves and to help build confidence in others.

Year 8 Home Group Teachers

8A	Mrs Stewart
8B	Mrs Exton
8C	Mrs Gotz
8D	Mrs Yeung
8E	Ms Hawley
8F	Ms Heneberry
8G	Mrs Haslett
8H	Ms Pollock
8I	Mrs Soans
8J	Mr Costin
8K	Mrs Fisher

Should you wish to speak with any Brentwood Secondary College staff member, please contact the General Office. Please feel free to contact us regarding any matters relating to your son/daughter’s education or welfare. We look forward to working with both students and parents over the coming year to make your time at Brentwood a most rewarding one.

Any businesses that would also be able to donate a suitable major prize or gift voucher for our year 8 students can contact Mrs Alda Brangsch on 8545 0300.

Year 8 Parents Evening

You are cordially invited to attend the Year 8 Parents evening at 7.00pm on Thursday 22 February. The evening will provide you with the opportunity to meet the coordinators, Mrs Barbara Laidlaw (Assistant Principal), members of our welfare team, other parents and to discuss year 8 issues including Restorative Discipline, Study Strategies to support your children at home, and the upcoming Student Study Skills sessions.

Should you have further questions, please contact any of the year 8 coordinators through the general office on 8545 0300.

If you would like to attend this evening, please have your child return the following tear-off slip by Friday 16 February to the year 8 level coordinators.

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Year 8 Parents Evening

Student’s Name: _____

HG: _____

We will be attending the Parent evening. The number of people attending from our family will be _____ .

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Alda Brangsch, Junior School Manager

Student Welfare

At the beginning of the school year the Brentwood Community takes the well being of every student very seriously. Not only do teachers and year level coordinators provide on going care and support of students but Brentwood also has a Well Being Team which makes a significant contribution to the well being of all students.

I am Leigh Wright, the Well Being Coordinator, the first contact for communication with the Well Being Team. My responsibilities are the communication and organization of the Well Being program in the school, liaising with coordinators and providing for material support such as uniforms and books for families who need this assistance.

Mandy Thayil, our full time Social Worker, provides conversation and programs on a range of area matters. Mandy has a special focus on personal growth for female students.

Rod Dungan is our College Chaplain, who provides conversations and student and family support on a variety of issues. Rod also resources programs for students on conflict resolution, mediation and personal growth.

The team provides coordination for responses to student well being through communication with the year level coordinators. This allows students, parents and teachers, both formal and informal ways of communicating issues of concern or areas that need strengthening.

In addition to the support provided at the school level, there are two community services that provide free support through telephone counselling.

Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800 is Australia's only free, confidential and anonymous, 24-hour telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between five and 18. Counsellors respond to more than 10,000 calls each week about issues ranging from relationship breakdown and bullying to sexual abuse, homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and drug and alcohol usage.

The service aims to empower young people by assisting them to develop options, identify and understand the consequences of a particular course of action, facilitate more productive relationships with family and friends, and provide information on local support services. Kids Help Line counsellors are fully qualified professionals who undergo additional accredited training at Kids Help Line.

Please find enclosed a card to keep on your fridge for future reference.

Parentline 13 22 89

Parentline is a Statewide telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents and carers with children aged from birth to eighteen years. It is a confidential and anonymous service.

Parentline counsellors come from a range of professional backgrounds including Psychology, Social Work and Teaching. Counsellors assist with the development of positive parenting strategies and the provision of skills aimed at empowering parents by promoting and contributing to the confidence, resilience and well being of families.

Parentline counsellors are able to discuss a diverse range of topics from two-year-old tantrums, infants and toddlers with sleep issues, child behavioural issues, school bullying, adolescent issues such as risk taking and depression, separation and divorce, through to domestic violence.

Parentline operates from 8.00am – 12.00am midnight Monday to Friday and 10.00am – 10.00pm Saturday and Sunday.

Leigh Wright, Student Well Being Coordinator

Year 12 Orientation Camp

On 1 February, year 12 students attended an exhilarating two day camp to Ormond College. Teachers and students, who attended, arrived at school, bright and early Thursday morning. Once we arrived at the camp we had a heavy schedule. First up was finding our individual rooms, and then set off with our particular groups to start our activities. Some of the activities that were included in the camp were: Emotional Intelligence, with our lovely principal Ms Forbes; Rod and Mandy taught us some stress reducing and relaxing exercises that will come in handy throughout the year. We attended “The Pathway to success” with Ms Junor, and Mrs Stanley who explained to us all about Pathways as well as how our ENTER score would be calculated.

Late last year the current year 12 students completed the Myers Briggs personality test, Mr David Stanley explained what our results meant and how we could use this information. Also on the first day we had a lecture and tour of Melbourne University which we found very beneficial. Thanks must go to Nick Hammond and Graham Gipps, former Brentwood and current Melbourne Uni students, for also taking the time to speak to us. After a hectic day we came back to Ormond Collage and ate dinner in the hall which looks like Hogwarts.

That night we had the Chief English Assessor, Mr Bob Hillman come speak to us and provide us with some insight into succeeding in year 12 English. Following him, we had comedian, Damian Callinan (the guy from Skithouse and Joker Poker). He entertained us with jokes about our school and Miss Nash which the whole year level and the teachers found hilarious.

On behalf of the whole year level we would like to thank all the teachers who gave up their time to help us achieve our best this year.

Natasha Crow and Jason Stoop, Year 12

Year 10 Student Wins Scholarship To Japan

Min Teo (10I) has been awarded a scholarship to study in Japan for one year. The scholarship, funded by AFS Intercultural Programs, is designed to enable students to become “culturally immersed” in their new surroundings. Min will be staying with a host family in Japan, attending a Japanese school and living like a Japanese teenager.

The scholarship panel was extremely impressed with Min’s application. After a rigorous selection process, Min was chosen for this prestigious scholarship due to her involvement in the school community, dedication to school work, intercultural awareness and “charming” attitude.

Min’s strong commitment to her family, school community and intercultural understanding has demonstrated her sense of discipline and dedication that would undoubtedly be reflected as an AFS exchange student and an ambassador for Australia.

On behalf of the Brentwood school community, I would like to congratulate Min on this fantastic achievement and wish her all the best for this exciting and challenging year ahead.

Bill Exton, Year 10 Coordinator

G’Day USA January 2007

On 2 January 2007, 8 students and 1 teacher from our school went on the G’Day USA program. We flew into L.A, before driving down to San Diego, where we stayed 2 nights in a hotel. While there, we went to Tijuana Mexico and toured the city of San Diego. Tijuana was a very different experience to life in Australia but was enjoyed by everyone.

San Francisco was the main focus of the trip and this was where we spent the majority of our time. Some of the things that we did was to walk along the Golden Gate Bridge, visit Alcatraz, Fisherman’s Wharf, Monterey Aquarium, Pier 39, Jelly Belly Factory and shop in the outlets. (Many of us struggled to carry our suitcases by the end of the trip, they were so full of clothes!)



In Livermore we were hosted by kind families, crazy for some, but overall, it was an experience none of us would trade in. Some of us were lucky enough to experience American basketball games, hockey games, water polo, Yosemite, Berkeley University and many more interesting attractions.

We said goodbye to our hosts and continued on with the amazing, exciting and thrill seeking L.A. We stayed at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel, the home of snoopy, and spent our days at Disneyland, Knott’s Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Santa Monica and Hollywood. The way to describe Disneyland would be the happiest place on earth. Knott’s Berry Farm was for the adrenalin junkies. Universal Studios was a backstage pass to the movies. And finally, Hollywood, where we were lucky enough to see the big named stars. Ben Affleck and Alicia Keys were at the movie premier for Smokin’ Aces on Hollywood Boulevard. Keifer Sutherland was on location at Santa Monica Pier, filming the TV series 24.





To sum it all up, America was a once in a life time experience and will be remembered by everyone. If you would like to participate in the 2009 G'Day USA program, information evenings will be held in early term 2.

Students and staff who attended the trip and who are more than willing to share their experience with you include; Monique Le Grove Jake Remmington, Kellie Jay, Alison Whitby, Danni Kennedy, Courtney Webber, Stephanie Jay, Isabelle Janecki and Gemma Matchett.

Alison Whitby, Danni Kennedy, Courtney Webber, Year 10 and Jake Remmington, Year 11

Music at Brentwood

Welcome back! There is another exciting year of music in store for students and parents.

This year's performances will include:

- Term 1 & 2- Lunchtime music concerts in the East courtyard
- Term 3 - Music Madness & Music Soiree
- Term 4 – Lunchtime music concerts, VCE Performance night, Year 7 Music Night and Presentation Night

We are happy to announce that the computers in the music room have been upgraded to eight new Macs and have some very exciting new music programs for students to use in their music classes.

Students who have applied to be in the Instrumental Music program will be commencing lessons next week. For those students who have not been contacted, there is a complete list on the bulletin board outside A12 near the canteen.

Students who expressed interest in learning an instrument but are not on the list have been placed on a waiting list, and as soon as a position becomes vacant they will be notified.

Katie Yeung, Director of Music

Calculator Requirements and Advice for 2007

Year 7 Students

- Because the emphasis in year 7 mathematics is on improving both mental and manual arithmetic skills, students are not required to have a calculator. Calculators will be provided for students at times when they are required.

Year 8 & 9 Students

- Students in years 8 & 9 are required to have a scientific calculator as advised on the booklists. The recommended model of calculator can be purchased from the college for approximately \$21.

Graphical Calculator Requirements for 2007

Background Information

Due to the introduction of the CAS Maths Methods course in 2006 and the wide range of graphical calculators available, VCAA has published a list of approved graphical calculators for use in 2007. As a consequence, the college graphical calculator recommendation for Brentwood students now depends on the Year Level of the student and their VCE course selection. Students and parents should read the following requirements and recommendations carefully and contact Mr. Chinnock if clarification is needed.

Note:

1. Only certain models of graphical calculator are approved for use in VCE exams.
2. All year 11 & 12 maths students are required to have a graphical calculator except for year 11 Foundation Maths.
3. Staff at the college are trained to teach and support students using Texas Instruments graphical calculators and will not be familiar with the use of other brands of graphical calculator.
4. The TI-89 Titanium (and TI-89) are graphical calculators that also have Computer Algebraic Systems (CAS). Students doing the CAS Maths Methods Units 1 & 2 or Units 3 & 4 in 2007 will be required to have a TI-89 or TI-89 Titanium.
5. The complete documentation on VCAA approved calculators for 2007 can be obtained from the VCAA website (www.vcaa.vic.edu.au).

Advice to Students Studying Year 10 Mathematics in 2007

Students can successfully complete year 10 mathematics with only a scientific calculator, which they should already have, however we would encourage students to move to a graphical calculator as soon as possible. Students will need to decide whether or not they will be doing Maths Methods at VCE before deciding on which model of graphical calculator to purchase.

Students intending to study Maths Methods at VCE should purchase either the:
TI-89 or TI-89 Titanium (approx. cost \$200)
Note: The TI-89 Titanium is recommended for those buying a new calculator.

Students who will only be studying General Maths at year 11, possibly going on to Further Maths at year 12 (ie. will not be studying Maths Methods at VCE) should purchase either the
TI-83, TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus (approx. cost \$180)

Students who are unsure of what their VCE maths subject selections will be should delay their graphical calculator purchase until their year 11 subject choices are finalised.

Advice to Students Studying Year 11 Mathematics in 2007

It is recommended that students studying:

Maths Methods CAS (MMM 1&2)

Use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89), (approx. cost \$200)

General Maths (MGM 1&2 or MGF 1&2)

Students studying only General Maths are recommended to use one of the following calculators:

TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$180)

Note: Students purchasing a new calculator should purchase a TI-84 Plus.

Students studying both General Maths and Maths Methods will use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) for both subjects.

Foundation Maths (11FM)

A scientific calculator. Available from the college – approx. cost \$21.

Advice to Students Studying Year 12 Mathematics in 2007

It is recommended that students studying:

Further Maths (MFM 3&4)

Students studying only Further Maths are recommended to use one of the following calculators:

TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$180)

Note: Students purchasing a new calculator should purchase a TI-84 Plus.

Students studying both Further Maths and Maths Methods will use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) for both subjects.

Maths Methods CAS (MMM 3&4)

TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$200)

Specialist Maths (MSM 3&4)

TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$200)

Where to purchase Graphical Calculators

Texas Instruments calculators can be purchased from Haines Educational

20 Dalgety Street
Oakleigh
Ph. 9568 6966

Denis Chinnock, Maths Coordinator

Mathematics Encouragement Award

In 2006 Number Works again kindly donated a Mathematics Encouragement Award consisting of 9 weeks tuition valued at \$342 to be awarded to a worthy student of our choice.

The recipient of the award was Scott Sebek who is now in year 8. Scott will start his tuition with Number Works this term and I am sure he will benefit from this additional mathematics work. Congratulations Scott.

I would like thank Number Works for their very generous donation to our awards program.

Denis Chinnock, Mathematics Coordinator

Staff vs. Students Cricket Match

The annual staff vs. students cricket match will be held on Friday 23 February from 3.30pm at Brandon Park Reserve (Melways ref page 71, C8).

We will be playing for the “Daniel Draper Shield” and there will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments available.

Students, parents and all members of the Brentwood community are invited to come along and have some fun watching the teachers take on a very strong student team. Last year saw the students win convincingly. Hopefully this year’s game will see the teachers making a come back!

Bill Exton, Year 10 Coordinator

Physical Education and Hot Days

Brentwood Secondary College has a vibrant and sensible Physical Education program. Throughout the year, especially terms 1 and 4, we encourage all students to be Sun Smart. In the early lessons of the year staff explain the necessity of wearing a hat and sunscreen to protect from the harmful effects of UV rays. Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen although sunscreen is available. However, staff accept no responsibility for students with an ongoing allergy.

The PE staff encourage students to take drink breaks to prevent the effects of dehydration. The Brentwood hat, sunscreen and water bottle must be brought to school for every PE class. Please ensure that your child has access to these. After changing for class all students are to take their bags with them to their PE class. Do not leave them in the change rooms. It is also vitally important that no valuables are brought to class.

The PE staff adopt a common sense approach to the type of activities the class will undertake on hot days. The PE program is modified so that students are comfortable in the extreme conditions.

Geoff Rutherford, PE & Health Coordinator

Swimming Sports 2007

The Brentwood Inter house swimming carnival is to be held on Wednesday 14 February at the outdoor Waverley Swimming Pool (Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre). All students are to make their own way to the pool and report to their home group teacher at 8.50am.

In the morning only the 3 Stud Park Ventura buses will drop students at the pool. In the afternoon, the 3 Stud Park buses, one 742 Oakleigh bus, and one 753 Watsons Rd bus will collect students from the pool and take them home on their normal route. Buses will not stop at Brentwood Secondary College at all on this day.

Last year there were long delays for parents on Watsons Rd. Please consider alternative routes to the pool.

After roll call, students will sit on the grass areas and cheer on their house. A roll call will be taken after the final event and clean up at approximately 3.00pm.

All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and there will be the best-dressed competition happening again for both students and teachers. So make sure Ms Bishop notices you on the day. It is also highly recommended that students be aware of the weather conditions on the day. Students should remember to slip, slop, slap and drink plenty of fluids throughout the day.

In the case of the swimming sports concluding early due to inclement weather, all students are reminded to have backup arrangements with their family. If the event is cancelled, the sport coordinator will notify the school office from the venue and students will follow their prearranged backup arrangements regarding getting home. If the weather is inclement parents may ring the general office for information.

The canteen will be open for those students wanting to purchase food but as there will be huge queues, it is suggested that students bring an amply packed lunch with plenty of drinking water.

Brentwood's Interschool swimming team is put together from the results of the swimming carnival. If you would like to be a part of the school swimming team please perform at your best at the carnival and enter your favourite events.

If parents are planning to attend the carnival to cheer on your child, you need to notify me (Miss Nash) by Monday 12 February, at the latest, to organise an entrance pass. On the carnival day you will need to produce the entrance pass to be allowed to enter the grounds – if you cannot produce the pass, you will not be allowed to enter.

Sport - Code of Behaviour

When attending a school sporting event, it is a great chance to support your child and the team who is competing. Parents who have attended our interschool district competitions have been positive role models for their child. Below is the published code of behaviour for spectators and adult officials in the Eastern Zone. The Waverley District is very strict on spectators, officials and teachers to adhere to these guidelines for the smooth running of events and the enjoyable experience of sport for the students and teams.

1. Do not criticise players in front of spectators, but make constructive criticism in private or in the presence of the team.
2. Accept decisions of all umpires or referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
3. Do not criticise the opposing team or supporters by word or gesture.
4. By setting good example in personal appearance.
5. By emphasising that winning of a game is the result of 'team work'.
6. By making every sporting activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. By emphasising that good sportspeople are good students and are both physically and mentally alert.
8. By placing the welfare and development of the individual team, and of the child, above win and loss records.

Students also have guidelines to adhere to –

1. Pupils are aware that all teachers at venues have a supervisory right over the students, both participating and spectating – this includes teachers from other schools.
2. Students should be aware of the 'order off' policy.

ORDER OFF POLICY – The convener, staff members from competing schools and/or the referee may send a player off the field. Student coaches behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner may also be banned from coaching.

Competitors will be sent off for the following reasons and these actions will not be tolerated:

- Striking or unduly rough play.
- Swearing and/or abusive behaviour directed towards members of the opposition, umpires or any other officials.

- Continually disputing of umpiring decisions. Clarification of any umpiring decisions should only be done by the coach or team captain, via the convenor, in a calm and sensible manner at an appropriate time.

Any student sent off will not be permitted to return on that day and cannot be replaced in that match. The student will also be ineligible to play in the next round.

All other Eastern Zone ‘order off’ rules will also apply:

1. If two players are sent off at the same time, for reasons mentioned above, the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.
2. If COACHES dispute an umpiring decision in an unacceptable manner (according to the above) they will be given one warning, and if a second infringement occurs the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.
3. If SPECTATORS supporting a particular team display unacceptable or abusive behaviour towards the umpire or members of the opposition team, the convenor will inform the coach of that team (so to curb the poor behaviour). Should poor behaviour continue, the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sport Announcements

VSSSA Interstate Sporting Teams

For those students interested in trying out for a Victorian Secondary (VSSSA) interstate sports team please check the relevant posters on the sports noticeboard. There are various closing dates for nominations. To be eligible you must be under the age indicated as at 31 December 2007 or otherwise stated.

Baseball – 17 & under (Age as June 1) – March 2
 Basketball – U/19 - May 9
 Cross Country – through Athletics Victoria
 Diving – April 20
 Football – 15 & under - March 30
 Soccer - U/20 girls – March 30
 Soccer – U/20 boys – March 23
 Hockey – U/16 girls and boys – April 13
 Netball – 15 & under – April 13
 Orienteering – TBA (Victorian Orienteering Ph: 03 9459 0853)
 Softball – 17 & under (age as at June 30) – Feb 14
 Surfing – U/16 & Open – TBA (Surfing Victoria Ph: 03 5261 2907)
 Swimming – March 9
 Tennis – U/20 – February 14
 Touch – U/15 – (Touch Victoria Ph: 03 9654 2866)
 Volleyball – U/16 – February 8
 Waterpolo – U/20 TBA (Waterpolo Victoria Ph: 03 9926 1552)

Other than for the VSSSA’s Pizzey Cup Tennis team, students wishing to nominate to trial for VSSSA State Teams will now only be able to register via the VSSSA website. For 2007, nominations for the Pizzey Cup

Tennis team are available via both the website and the forms available from Miss Nash.

As at Sunday, 4 February 2007, students may nominate to trial for the metropolitan Australian Rules Football team, the boys and girls football (soccer) teams, the netball team, the softball team, the Pizzey Cup tennis team and the volleyball team. Baseball, basketball and hockey nominations will also be available soon when trial nomination dates and venues are finalised.

Simply click on the ‘Interstate Competition’ button the website on left of the page, scroll down the page to locate the team you wish to trial for, then click on its link in the ‘Nominations Close’ column. Trial fees are paid at the same time and can only be paid using a credit card.

If Interested please see Miss Nash for more information or visit www.vsssa.org.au.

VPSSA Interstate Sporting Teams

11/12 year old students (as at 31 December 2007) in Secondary schools are now eligible to attend selection trials for the Victorian Primary (VPSSA) 12 years and under teams in various sports. If there are students that are interested in trying out, nominations close on various dates

Tennis – March 2
 Cricket – February 23
 Basketball – March 29
 Diving – March 29
 Football – March 29
 Soccer – March 29
 Softball – March 29
 Hockey – March 29
 Netball – March 29
 Cross Country – March 29
 Rugby League – April 20
 Swimming – March 29
 Track & Field – September 14

If Interested please see Miss Nash for a nomination form or visit www.vpssa.org.au.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Community Announcements

The Daniel Draper Memorial Cricket Match

The Draper family would like to invite all members of the Brentwood community to The Daniel Draper Memorial Cricket match, a 20/20 game between the Rowville Cricket and Football Clubs. The match is played in the memory of Daniel who was a student at Brentwood, as well as a member of both the Rowville cricket and football clubs.

The match will be held this **Sunday, 11 February**, at Seebeck Reserve, Stud Road, Rowville. The match starts at 1.00pm and entry is free. Food and drink will be available throughout the day and sporting identities will be making appearances at the ground.

Waverley Raiders Basketball Club

Registrations are now being accepted for boys and girls of any age to play in the Winter 2007 season at Mount View Primary School Gymnasium (cnr View Mount Road & Shepherds Road), Glen Waverley on Sunday 18 February from 1.30pm. If you would like more information contact Orpheus Polioudakis on 0418 373 518 or visit www.waverleyraiders.org.

E.Beas Junior Basketball Club

Registrations are now being accepted for the Winter 2007 season on Thursday 15 February from 7.00pm – 8.00pm at Highvale Secondary College, Capital Avenue, Glen Waverley. For more information ring 0431 314 503 or visit www.ebees.basketball.net.au

Churchill Park Golf Club

Wednesday Junior Clinic

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Cost \$10 + (Optional, add \$5 for round of golf at end of clinic). Booking essential.

Sundays Junior Clinic

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Cost: \$10 + (Optional, add \$5 for round of golf at end of clinic). Booking essential

More information visit

proshop@churchillparkgolf.com.au

Canteen News

Welcome back to all our Helpers, new rosters will take effect in March and will be distributed shortly. We still need help on several days so please volunteer to help if possible.

Due to Government Legislation we are only allowed to sell diet soft drinks this year.

Week commencing 12 February

Mon: J O'Callaghan, G Feldtman

Tues: S Barber, T Robinson

Wed: Swimming Sports

Thur: C Ryhanen, G Dowling

Fri: R Attwood, S Watts, S Remmington

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

Term Dates 2007 - 2009

2007

Term 1	30 January – 30 March (Easter 6 – 9 April)
Term 2	16 April – 29 June
Term 3	16 July – 21 September
Term 4	8 October – 21 December

2008

Term 1	29 January – 20 March (Easter 21 – 24 March)
Term 2	7 April – 27 June
Term 3	14 July – 19 September
Term 4	6 October – 19 December

2009

Term 1	28 January – 3 April (Easter 10 – 13 April)
Term 2	20 April – 26 June
Term 3	13 July – 18 September
Term 4	5 October – 18 December

Brentwood Secondary College

CALENDAR TERM 1 2006			
Week	Day	Date	College Program
1	Monday	30 January	Beginning of Term 1 2006 (for teachers)
	Tuesday	31 January	Beginning of Term 1 2006 (for students)
	Thursday	1 February	Year 12 camp, Ormond College, The University of Melbourne
	Friday	2 February	Year 12 camp, Ormond College, The University of Melbourne
2	Thursday	8 February	Peer Support, Year 7
3	Monday	12 February	District Sport – Senior
	Wednesday	14 February	Swimming Sports – Whole School
	Thursday	15 February	Senior School Parent Evening
	Friday	16 February	Peer Support, Year 7
4	Monday	19 February	Finance Sub Committee Meeting 5.30pm
	Tuesday	20 February	School Photos Middle School Parent Evening
	Thursday	22 February	Year 7 Activities 3.30pm followed by a BBQ at 5.00pm. Parents 'Meet & Greet' at 4.00pm Year 8 Parent Evening 7.00pm
5	Monday	26 February	Year 7 Camp 1 Begins. 7A,B,C,D & E Monday - Wednesday District Swimming Sports Environment/Education Sub Committee Meetings 6.30pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm
	Wednesday	28 February	Year 7 Camp 2 Begins 7F,G,H,I & J Wednesday - Friday
	Thursday	1 March	Year 9 AIM Test
	Friday	2 March	Year 9 AIM Test
6	Tuesday	6 March	Year 7 Immunisations
	Wednesday	7 March	District Sport – Year 9 & 10
7	Monday	12 March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
	Tuesday	13 March	District Sport – Year 8
	Thursday	15 March	Athletics Sports – Whole School
8	Monday	19 March	District Sport – Year 7 VCE Interim Reports Finance Sub Committee Meeting 5.30pm
	Wednesday	21 March	Peer Support, Year 7
9	Monday	26 March	Environment/Education Sub Committee Meetings 6.30pm Annual Report Council Meeting 7.30pm
	Wednesday	28 March	Thursday's Timetable will run all day
	Thursday	29 March	Senior Golf Parent / Teacher Interviews
	Friday	30 March	VCE Supportive Friends Students Dismissed 2.15pm for School Holidays