



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

On Tuesday this week, over 240 staff from Brentwood Secondary College and Mulgrave, Glen Waverley South, Jells Park, Amsleigh Park and Pinewood Primary Schools came together at the Hemisphere Centre in Moorabbin, under the banner of the Innovation and Excellence Cluster to learn and share experiences focused on thinking, learning and creativity.

We were encouraged to consider the way in which we communicate – the formal communication and learning that occurs amongst teachers and between teachers and students as well as the more informal communication and learning that takes place where conversation and passion about learning takes over.

There was a broad range of workshops provided for the diverse range of interests of staff from the schools involved in the program. I had the privilege of participating in a workshop led by Clinton Golding from the University of Melbourne looking at the teaching of thinking. We considered what makes a good thinker and concluded that good thinkers:

- have thinking skills,
- value thinking,
- have a disposition toward quality thinking, and
- behave as thinkers - questioning and researching

He suggested that listening deeply and carefully is the key to good thinking and in a thinking classroom we must listen to the ideas of others as if they are as important as our own.

In the next workshop I attended, we considered the 16 Habits of Mind developed by Professor Art Costa who says in his texts that a Habit of Mind is knowing how to behave intelligently, when you don't know the answer.

These are skills and behaviours that learners can use to become better learners and form a common language that teachers and students can use to approach learning.

All participants in the conference attended a workshop during the day presented by Jason Clark of Minds at Work, considering the question of what is creativity, can we teach it and if so, how do we teach it.

Our thanks go to Cathy Price, our Innovations & Excellence Cluster Coordinator for the efforts she put into making the conference happen from its conception mid way through 2006. She has worked with the I&E coordinators in each of the schools since August 2006 developing and shaping the structure and content of the Conference. It was a very successful day with teachers from across the schools leaving with new ideas and approaches to learning.

### Thinking, Learning and Creativity at Brentwood

The College Council this week decided to allocate \$240,000 (in addition to the \$600,000 grant under the Leading Schools Fund program) for the construction of the TLC environment at Brentwood. The successful tenderer has been determined and we hope to commence construction as soon as possible.

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## Dates and Deadlines

8 May	Footy Fun Run
9 May	Year 12 English SAC
10 May	District Sport – Senior Science Competition <b>Open Night 7.00pm</b>
11 May	Year 9 AIM – Maths Senior Girls Netball
14 May	Senior Girls Football Inter/Senior Boys Football
15 May	Year 9 AIM – English Central Australia Camp Information Night
16 May	TIS Event Year 12 Periods 1 – 3 Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm Keys Please – Year 10 Parents 7.00pm
17 May	Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm VCAA Chemistry Seminar
18 May	Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm

## Senior School

Term 2 is a busy time for senior school. Students should already have begun preparation for mid-year exams in Unit 1 and 3 subjects.

All students who are currently enrolled in any Unit 3 subject are required to sit the GAT on June 14.

Year 12 students began their pathways counselling at the Ormond college camp. They have all been given a timetable of sessions which will lead them through the process of applying for courses in 2008. Part of this process involves students attending a Tertiary Information Service (TIS) session at Monash University on 16 May.

Parents and Guardians of current year 12 students should have received an invitation to the 2007 Valedictory dinner to be held on 24 October following the students' final assembly.

In year 11, preparations for the Central Australia/Kakadu trip are well underway. A few reminders to parents are that the trip is from 23 June to 7 July. Final payments need to be made by Friday 11 May. There is a parent information session to be held on Tuesday 15 May at 7:30pm. All students attending this camp and their parents must be in attendance. During this camp period, students NOT attending the camp are required to

attend school, as there will be a normal program running.

If parents have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school.

## Senior School Team

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## Junior School

The Junior School Coordinators have seen the return of Mr Watts to the year 8 level for the remainder of 2007 after long service leave in term one. I will be working with Alda Brangsch and Tracey Campion, while the Year 7 Coordinators are Judy Anderson and Dennis Rodwell.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce the Junior School Captains for this year. They are Gadheer El khub, 8C and David Michalowsky, 8G with Vice Captains being Jordan Peach, 8H and Daniel Boulton, 8A. We look forward to working with these terrific students on the many ideas and activities planned for the Junior School.

A notice for the year 8 Camp to Roses Gap in the Grampians will be distributed next week. The camp will be held from Sunday 2 - Thursday 6 December at a cost of approximately \$300 based on numbers and an increase in camp cost. So keep an eye open for this one as this is a great way to finish off the year.

*Tony Watts, Junior School Manager*



## Year 7 Window

Firstly, well done to all year 7 students for completing their first term of secondary schooling at Brentwood. It has been another great start to this term, with students settling in well.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that the school planner is an important means of communication between teachers, students and parents. Thank you to those students who have used their planners in an appropriate manner, making it easier for teachers to communicate with parents.

As a new initiative for term 2, we have created a homework calendar which has been placed in all of the home group rooms. Home group captains

will record all homework for each week in these calendars so that students are able to keep track of due dates and prioritise.

Homework is an important tool for enhancing learning and retention. It is not intended that students spend any more than one hour per night in total. If this is an issue, please see the subject teacher.

As your child comes home with their work, there are many ways in which parents can assist in this process. Some examples include listening to them as they read their English books to you, asking random Mathematics questions when at the shops, or even helping them to create memory cards for revision of a topic/s.

The abovementioned homework ideas will be explored during our Succeeding at Year 7 evening. This will be held in C Block on Wednesday 23 May at 7.00pm and finish at around 8.30pm.

Throughout this term, Peer Support Leaders will also be visiting all year 7 home groups from next week to assist with students' organisation, use of lockers, planner checking and social issues.

Finally, congratulations to all those students who applied for Year Level Captaincy. After reviewing all the submissions, I would like to announce that our two Year Level Captains for 2007 are Cassie Rowe and Benjamin Drinkwater. Well done guys!

*Dennis Rodwell, Year 7 Coordinator*

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## **Future Leaders**

On Tuesday 1 May, we attended a Future Leaders Forum at Balwyn High School. The Guest speaker was five time Olympic representative Andrew Gaze, along with members of the OakTree Foundation. Andrew gave an inspirational speech on his past experiences with leadership. He shared with us some of his most humiliating stories and the leadership roles that he has undertaken. He left us with a quote from one of his idols, "Great things come from a great atmosphere and ordinary people, can achieve extraordinary things."

We then attended three workshops which included group discussions and tasks.

Our first workshop was titled 'Turning Goals/Ideas into action'. In this, we depicted

some of our heroes and people we admire and then shared ideas on how to turn our ideas into actions. We discussed some of the committees that each school organises and shared some of the programs that the committees run.

Our second workshop was run by three members of the OakTree Foundation. They shared with us, what the foundation is about, what their goals are, how they achieve them and how we can get involved either as individuals, schools, or communities.

They told us some stories of their journey around the world, and how lucky we are to live in a country that provides education for all.

Our third and final workshop was titled 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'. In this workshop we had a group discussion and brainstormed some ideas on how to get more involved at school and in the community. Dream, Believe and Achieve were the three main steps that are needed to achieve your goal. We shared some of the things that we do in our schools to get the students to be more hands on. One program that is common amongst most of the high schools is a 'Peer Support' Program run for the transition from year 6 to 7 easier.

Overall it was a great day and a good experience. We learnt a lot and are now motivated to stay focused on our dreams, because anything is possible.

*Karla Morton and Sarah Clay, Year 10 Captains*

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## **Year 12 Theatre Studies**

### **Two Families. One House. One Story.**

Cloudstreet begins with the struggles of two families coming to terms with the trials life has dealt them. Forced together by hardship and loss, they overcome their demons in this epic story of betrayal, love, lust, murder and missing limbs.

Rendezvous Productions cordially invites you to experience these families journeys in this momentous production by the Brentwood Secondary College, Year 12 Theatre Studies Class.

For more information, please see our poster in this newsletter Remember there is no cost for tickets but bookings are necessary.

*Cloudstreet Publicity and Promotions Team*

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## MS Readathon 07

### Reading is Rewarding

During the month of June, children at our school will be participating in the MS Readathon, and discovering that 'Reading is Rewarding', because:

- The MS Society is Rewarded with funds to support people living with Multiple Sclerosis.
- Students are Rewarded with all the benefits of reading, plus thank-you gifts.
- Schools receive Rewards for student completion rates.

### What is Multiple Sclerosis?

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a disease that damages nerves so the brain can't communicate properly with muscles and organs. It can happen to people even in their twenties and there is no cure.

### How does the MS Readathon work?

Children register with the help for their parents, by mail or online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au). For the month of June, children are challenged to read as much as they can. They can count the books they finish. And new in 2007, is 'Timed Reading', where children can choose instead to count their reading in blocks of time. Friends and family sponsor the children per book or timed block, to raise funds for the MS Society.

For further information browse through the registration booklet available from school, or phone the MS Readathon team on 1300 677 323 or visit the website above.

*Fern Brisbane, English & Literacy Coordinator*

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## An opportunity of a lifetime

**Year 10 student George Lambadaridis is currently in Argentina. As part of his continued studies he is keeping a journal.**

It's an opportunity of a lifetime. An opportunity that is a stepping stone towards something I have dreamt of from kicking my first ball - something that I dream about every day, and work my socks off for every night at training. This is playing professional football at the highest level.

The next few months of my life are put in place to help me achieve my dream. I will be training day in day out with boys from all over Argentina and South America who could one day be playing for their country, or lining up in the first team at River Plate with 65,000 fans at the El Monumental Stadium cheering them on. I will train with the Under 15 River Plate team five times a week, twice a day and play matches on a Saturday. Every second week I will also have the opportunity to watch the first team play at El Monumental Stadium, which in itself is an experience that will never be forgotten

River Plate Training Field



Apr 8 - ...The level of poverty in Buenos Aires is very high and seeing people live in such run down houses was hard to take in. On the road from the airport not one car followed the speed limit, and motorbikes seemed a very popular way of transport. From the moment of leaving the airport I instantly understand how big football (soccer) is in Argentina, with a pitch located around every corner around the city, with many people playing in the streets.

Apr 9 - ...As I walked into the changing room with the other boys, all of the River Plate youth teams were there, getting changed and as I walked in I must admit I received many stares from the players, almost as if I was intruding on them. Football is a dog eat dog business, and the slightest hint that someone is coming in to take your position can cause envy.

Apr 12 - ...Today was the day I officially became accepted by the rest of the players in the team. During training they properly introduced themselves to me, and I made close friends with around five of them. On the way home from our training I sat with them on the bus, and they kept asking me questions about Australia in Spanish and luckily I understood what they were saying. I complimented them for their high standard of football, and the good looking women in Argentina.

Apr 14 - ... Today we watched many games with players aged from 6 to 13 years old at River Plate futsal (indoor soccer) academy. For the six year olds playing futsal it is their first time playing a style of football, and throughout the game the referee stops the game to teach them how to take a correct throw in, or to even tie the kids shoe laces as they were still so young. Another thing I noticed is that if a team scored more than two goals in a minute the referee would call a time out so the coach could discuss to the losing team why they have conceded these goals, and how they can improve. I believe this is a fantastic method, and little things like these are why junior

development is so much better in South America than Australia.

### *George Lambadaridis, Year 10*

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## **Riversdale Cup Caddyng**

In term 1 five students were given the opportunity to caddy for amateur golfers from all over the world in the prestigious Riversdale Cup, at the magnificent Riversdale Golf Club. On the first day I was introduced to Andrew Green from New Zealand whom I would be caddyng for over the 4 days of the tournament. Not knowing a lot about golf myself I was a bit lost but after the first day I had it down pat.

I struggled up the many hills and ran for shade wherever I could. I saw some fabulous birdies and many a tantrum but luckily no broken clubs. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> day I was well prepared with sunscreen and lots of Gatorade, Andrew and I hit the course once again for a final day before the cut. Unfortunately Andrew didn't make the cut but I still had a fantastic few days and it was an invaluable experience that everyone should try and I will never forget.

### *Jordan Lee-Fraser 9E*

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## **Eastern Zone Swimming**

The Eastern Zone Swimming was held on February 24 at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, and 99% of the team won a medal which is an awesome achievement!

### **Results**

#### **Diving**

U/14	Georgia Corbett	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
U/14	Brandon Fredericks	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>

#### **Freestyle**

U/21 200m	Debbie Ng	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
U/17 100m	Natascha Amend	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
U/13 50m	Samuel Kim	<b>Silver</b>
U/14 50m	Michael Ilett	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
U/16 50m	Max McAra	<b>Silver</b>
U/17 50m	Kristen Moore	<b>Silver</b>

#### **Breastroke**

U/13 50m	Samuel Kim	<b>GOLD</b>
U/16 50m	Max McAra	<b>Silver</b>
U/17 100m	Kristen Moore	<b>Silver</b>

#### **Butterfly**

U/13	Samuel Kim	<b>Silver</b>
U/16	Max McAra	<b>Bronze</b>
U/17	Kristen Moore	<b>Silver</b>

#### **Backstroke**

U/17 100m	Kristen Moore	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
U/21 100m	Emma Corbett	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>

#### **Medley Relays**

U/14 Boys	<b>Bronze</b>
Shaun Webber, Patrizio Briganti, Michael Ilett, Samuel Kim	

U/21 Girls	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
Natascha Amend, Kristen Moore, Stephanie Mourad, Emma Corbett	

#### **Freestyle Relays**

U/14 Girls	<b>Silver</b>
Jordan Peach, Jacqueline Feinberg, Georgia Corbett, Jacinta Dyson	

U/14 Boys	<b>Bronze</b>
Michael Ilett, Jack Roper, Brandon Fredericks, Shaun Webber	

U/16 Girls	<b>Bronze</b>
Debbie Ng, Rebecca Corbett, Carly Ioannidis, Kathii Fonda	

U/16 Boys	<b>Silver</b>
Max McAra, Robert Ilett, Jayden Kelaart, Daniel Riddiford-Lajoie	

U/21 Girls	<b>Bronze</b>
Stephanie Mourad, Emma Corbett, Georgia Byron, Danielle Baldwin	

Eastern Zone Team Photo

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## **State Swimming**

Samuel Kim competed at the State finals on Wednesday in the 50m Breastroke. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State and was extremely pleased with his new personal best time of 40.93 sec. Congratulations Samuel.

*Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator*

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## Footy Fun Run

Brentwood's Footy Fun Run (Tuesday May 8) is the House Cross Country event and the selection trials into Brentwood's Cross Country Team. Students are allowed to wear casual dress on this day, and it is highly recommended that students be properly attired (ie wear runners) for the fun run. Students are encouraged to wear their football team colours. Please ensure your child has appropriate protection for all types of weather conditions, from a sun hat and sunscreen to warm clothes if cold. Students will attend periods 1 and 2 as normal classes, and then be bussed to Napier Park and from Jells Park for the Footy Fun Run.

All Girls and the U/13, U/14, & U/15 boys complete the 3km course. The U/16, U/17 & U/21 boys complete the 5km course. At the end of the event students have a sausage sizzle lunch and a kick of the footy before heading back to school to be dismissed.

Brentwood enters the top 12 students in each age group to compete at the Waverley District Competition (May 29). In 2006, the Juniors won, Intermediate students placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Seniors placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and overall Brentwood came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district. Let's improve in 2007!

*Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator*

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Available Soon

Mon: I Wilmott, S Ramalingam, M Yeogrian  
Tues: School Fun Run  
Wed: C Huebner, W Zhang, A Schaefer  
Thur: H Yoon, S Remmington  
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams (L)

Thank you everyone.

*Shirley & Carol*

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## Community Corner

### Monash University Education

### Centre for Multicultural Counselling

Free Counselling embracing cultural diversity.

The service is confidential. Mandarin speaking counsellors are available. Free parking can be arranged.

Location: Krongold Centre  
Building 5, Monash University  
Wellington Road, Clayton  
(Melways Reference: Map 475/6)

Telephone: (03) 9905 4393

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Operation hours: Monday & Wednesday 10.00am  
– 5.00pm.

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## Canteen News

Dim Sims & Spring Rolls