



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

#### Open Night - A big success

On Thursday May 10 the College held its annual Open Night celebration. Ostensibly this is a night for parents inquiring about a possible secondary school for future years, however it is also a great opportunity for parents of current students to have a look at the type of programs on offer at the school.

Once again the staff and students were able to showcase our school environment as a vibrant and stimulating educational facility. Visiting parents and students were given an opportunity to move into all the major areas of the school and view first hand what takes place on a daily basis. Staff and students were available to answer any questions our visitors had and this certainly had a very positive effect. A number of prospective parents have written or phoned the school commenting on the outstanding community spirit that Open Night was able to demonstrate. For many families this very positive community spirit shown by our staff and students has been one of the major factors in wanting to send their children to Brentwood.

The message from prospective families about why they wish to choose Brentwood is very clear. Number one is the outstanding academic results our students achieve. Recent data shows that our Literacy and Numeracy levels, as well as our VCE mean study score is well above other 'like schools'. As well parents value our strong approach to an effective discipline and well being program, plus our emphasis on maintaining a non negotiable uniform policy.

Over 700 people visited the school on Open Night, demonstrating that the demand for places at year 7 in 2008 will again be at a premium. Our Eastern Metropolitan Region Office reports that

many parents are ringing them asking "what do I have to do to get into Brentwood?"

Students are of course always the best advertisement for any school. Our Open Night success was largely due to the overwhelming endorsement that our student helpers gave to visiting parents of their school experience. All students volunteered to be helpers on the night. Their positive attitude to their school clearly impressed all who spoke to them. To these student volunteers and the never tiring staff who also gave up their time to run the night, we offer you a big vote of thanks for again making our Open Night such a successful evening.

*Steve Cook, Assistant Principal*

### Dates and Deadlines

22 May	Resource Meeting 6.30pm Education Policy Meeting 7.45pm
23 May	District Sport – Year 9 & 10 Year 12 Seminar Periods 1 & 2 Parents Evening 7.00pm: Succeeding at Year 7
28 May	Year 7, 10-12 Girls Injection – Gardasil – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
29 May	District Cross Country
30 May	Year 11 Study Day
31 May	Unit 1 Exams Commence 6 June District Sport – Year 8
7 June	Year 8 Badminton Unit 1 Exams Finish
8 June	Year 10 Exams Commence

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## Sign-Up For Semester 2, 2007

I would like to introduce myself as the new Sign-Up coordinator at Brentwood, assuming the role from Mrs. Heather Burge. Sign-Up is the process by which students in years 8, 9 and 10 enrol into subjects each semester.

Year 8 and 9 students will be given information in the next week (approximately) about the subjects available and the sign-up process and timeline for Semester 2, 2007.

Year 10 students have already been signed in to their subjects for Semester 2 and they will receive information about the subjects they are in before the end of term.

Feel free to contact me on 8545 0354 or [oud@brentwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:oud@brentwood.vic.edu.au) if you have any questions or concerns about Sign-Up.

*Mark Oudshoorn, Sign Up Co-ordinator.*

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## Model United Nations Assembly

On the 5 and 6 May we took part in a Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) for students from year 10 to 12. It was held in the Victorian Parliament House. 32 teams participated and each team was assigned a country to represent. We were lucky and got Australia.

We were all given the same 11 resolutions to debate on, however over the course of the two days we only got through 6 of them. Each team had to represent the opinion of the country they were assigned and consequently argue for their country.

When we first arrived at Parliament everyone got changed into their costumes, some of which were very extravagant and creative. We were called into the Legislative Assembly Chamber and, needless to say, were all nervous.

We sat in our bloc groups, which are groups of countries categorised by their geographical location or political affiliation. Australia is considered to be in the Western bloc with countries like America, the United Kingdom and Canada, as well as Japan, Turkey and Israel. The proceedings and debates were hosted by the Secretary General who sat where he commanded a full view of all countries and who essentially made sure the debates did not spiral out of control or lose direction. After each resolution was debated a vote would be called, those in favour would stand and be counted then those opposing. The resolution was either passed or not. In the beginning we were fairly anxious but as we got

into it (which didn't take long) we found it was really fun and we enjoyed it a great deal.

We managed to meet everyone from each country and they were all very nice and really funny so we all shared a lot of laughs. For lunch we had the privilege of dining in the Parliament Dining Hall and received a tour of Parliament House that most people are not normally allowed to take.

We learnt a lot from the experience; furthering our knowledge on international issues and the workings of the United Nations. We also improved our public speaking and debating skills. MUNA was a memorable experience and we would like to thank Mr Rhodes and Glen Waverley Rotary for giving us the opportunity to participate in MUNA.

## Debating Update

The year 9 Debating Teams (Brentwood 1 and Brentwood 2) have now participated in three rounds of the DAV Schools Competition, so here are the half time scores...

Our first round saw both teams arguing in the affirmative "that we should greatly increase the price of water" – a very topical debate under the circumstances. Brentwood 1 was victorious over Emmaus College 4, however Brentwood 2 came up against some fierce competition in the form of Glen Waverley Secondary College 4 and were forced to concede defeat. Congratulations go to *Patrizio Briganti* who was awarded Best Speaker for Brentwood 1 in this round.

In our second debate teams argued against the statement "that we should ban all examinations in schools", and once again Brentwood 1 championed over their opposition, Forest Hill College 1. *Stephanie Edwards* garnered the Best Speaker award for Brentwood 1 in this round. Unfortunately Brentwood 2 again came up against some tough opposition and lost to Emmaus College 1.

The most recent debate, held only this week, saw us arguing again in the affirmative "that the Victorian government should not fund major sporting events". Both teams put a lot of effort into their preparation, however, when it came down to it, a mere three or four points meant the difference between victory and defeat: Brentwood 1 losing to Mazenod College 1; and Brentwood 2 to Wheelers Hill Secondary College 2.

From here we move on to the final two rounds of debating where we will be considering the topics

“that we should ban the sale of fur” (Round 4 – 27/6), and “that we should have mandatory imprisonment for people who light bushfires” (Round 5 – 18/7).

*Katharine Seyler, Year 9 Debating Co-ordinator*

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## Sports Round Up

### Senior Girls Netball Report: Off to Zones!!

On Friday 11 May, the two senior girls netball teams headed to Waverley Netball Centre at Jells Park to compete in the annual school district competition.

Both Brentwood teams competed admirably against the following schools: Glen Waverley, Highvale, Mount Waverley, Wellington and Wheelers Hill. I am pleased to report that both our ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams are off to compete in the Zone Competition on 26 July due to their impressive win/loss ratio on the day!

Our ‘A’ team won five out of their six games convincingly and drew on their final match. Our ‘B’ team also played extremely well despite losing some players throughout the course of the day. The ‘B’ team is also to be congratulated, given that their collapsed draw meant that they had to play against all the ‘A’ teams on the day as well as the competing ‘B’ team.

When the two Brentwood teams played off against each other, this made for very entertaining viewing with the girls getting confused as to who was on their team and giving up possession to their opposition!

Our two teams comprised of the following students:

#### Team ‘A’

Siobhan Kircher	Emily Alexander
Kim Roe	Sam Karakinos
Rachel Manning	Kady Howell
Sally-Anne Wills	Jennifer Hazeltine
Amy Vaudeau	

#### Team ‘B’

Sarah Lenehan	Kate Lloyd-Smith
Brodie Giles	Samantha Sauer
Kasey Fredericks	Melissa Hallett
Elise Ludlow	Jaime Burrow

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls very much for their hard work and for their ‘sportswomanship’ on the day. It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated netballers and I look forward to working with them again as we prepare for our competition in July!

*Jessica Oliver- Coach*

### Senior Boys Soccer

The senior boys soccer team ventured out to Gardiners Reserve, Burwood last Thursday 10 May for their annual round-robin matches. This year was much anticipated by our team as we had a number of keen soccer players who play regularly with their club teams.

Our first match was against Glen Waverley Secondary College and with an even start by both teams the first half ended without a goal scored. Soccer sometimes can be played at such a fast pace, teams can go without scoring for a long time, however we were 1-nil down literally within the first 30 seconds, of the second half. This passage of play, I feel, kick started our set play’s, players responded with flair, playing very good soccer. We scored an incredible goal and this gave Brentwood momentum. This set the score for the team and the remaining matches. We went on to hit the post and were unlucky not to register a win.

Our second game was against Wellington ‘A’ and our players responded with determination after just completing our first match. We dominated this match with 2 goals to nil until a very late goal was conceded by our defenders. The match ended in a 2-1 win which turned out to work against Brentwood as Glen Waverley progressed to the final after beating Wellington ‘A’ by 2-0. A huge disappointment was felt by all as we firmly believed we were worthy of being a finalist on the day. We believed that we had a genuine chance in matching it with Mount Waverley Secondary College in a final and going close to winning.

Our play off match did see a number of goals scored with our team scoring 4 great goals and hitting the post a couple of times. All team members were given a run and thoroughly played well and seemed to enjoy themselves in games. Well done on a great win against Highvale Secondary. Congratulations to Wilson for scoring a hat trick of goals.

#### Scores:

Brentwood Vs Glen Waverley 1-1  
(Wilson)

Brentwood Vs Wellington ‘A’ 2-1  
(Rajiv, Wilson)

Brentwood Vs Highvale 4-2  
(Wilson 3, Ayhan 1)

#### Team:

Nick Delithodoris (Co-Captain)	Rajiv Khanna (Co-Captain)
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Wilson Vong	Nikolas Gidis
Richard Lim	Peter Stoiloudis
Matthew Toomer-Smith	Shane Savanah
Jeremiah Lowe	Ayhan Salimusa
Tony Huang	Shoaib Afzali
Arooran Jeyabalasingam	
Izayah Ropata	Omar Sukkar
Chris Thorborg	

### *Jim Davatzis, Coach*

#### **Senior Girls Football**

The senior girls football team competed at Burwood Reserve on Monday 14 May. The girls played very competitively to beat Highvale in our first game, unfortunately Glen Waverley beat us in our second game despite a strong come back late in the second half. Our third match was against Mt Waverley, the eventual competition winners and they proved too strong for us on the day. Our final match against Ashwood was a goal scoring extravaganza – we finally kicked straight and ran out easy winners by 12 goals.

Congratulations to the whole team, particular mention to those team members who ran the Fun Run and qualified for the school cross country team and played senior sport on Friday! A terrific week representing Brentwood in sport.

Thank you also to Ms Nash for convening the tournament and driving the team and Michael Kirwan for goal umpiring.

#### **Team:**

Emily Alexander	Rachel Manning
Kasey Fredericks	Ellie Schouten
Courtney Carland	Rachel Mills
Carlee Mückner	Kim Roe
Siobhan Kircher	Connie Kovos
Jamie Burrow	Jaclyn Cripps
Ashleigh Hendrich	Jane Hart
Taryn McLeod	Dani Lindrea
Kady Howell	Jennifer Hazeltine
Kate Lloyd-Smith	Samantha Yap
Kate White	Clare Jackson
Sarah Lenehan	

#### **Senior Boys and Girls Badminton**

On Thursday 10 May Brentwood students travelled to Kilsyth Badminton stadium to compete in district sport. The students participated in an active and enthusiastic manner. The Brentwood students displayed outstanding sportsmanship and without winning terribly many matches for the day were very competitive against most schools.

#### **Results:**

##### **Boys 'A' – Placing 4th**

Brentwood Vs Wellington	2-4
Brentwood Vs Glen Waverley	1-5

Brentwood Vs Wheelers Hill	5-1
Brentwood Vs Mt Waverley	1-5

##### **Boys 'B' – Placing 5th**

Brentwood Vs Glen Waverley	0-6
Brentwood Vs Mt Waverley	2-4
Brentwood Vs Wellington	0-6
Brentwood Vs Wheelers Hill	0-6

##### **Girls 'A' – Placing 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Brentwood Vs Glen Waverley	0-6
Brentwood Vs Mt Waverley	3-3 (72-69 win)
Brentwood Vs Wellington	3-3 (68-75 loss)
Brentwood Vs Wheelers Hill	6-0

##### **Girls 'B' – Placing 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Brentwood Vs Glen Waverley	1-5
Brentwood Vs Wellington	1-5

Congratulations to all students for your efforts and in the way that you represented Brentwood. The teams are:

##### **Boys 'A'**

Allan Loh	Nelson Chan
Darren Nguyen	Joel Yong

##### **Boys 'B'**

Kevin Quan	Jae-Jin Pi
Thang Nguyen	Aaron Keum

##### **Girls 'A'**

Ling Ma	Natasha Ng
Daphne Dung	Caroline Lobo

##### **Girls 'B'**

Felicia Truong	Lucy Liu
Tania Duong	Kawita Sharma

*Kim Nash, Senior Girls Coach,  
Geoff Rutherford, Senior Boys Coach*

#### **Senior Boys Football – Newsletter Report**

An untrained and somewhat untried group of 19 players took to the fields of Burwood Reserve on Thursday, 10 May, to represent the College in senior boys football.

The first laughs of the day came when Arooran Jeyabalasingam did his best Keanu Reeves impersonation from 'Speed' by trying to board the bus whilst in the middle of Watsons Road. We had our boundary umpire on board and were away!

Our first match was against Mt Waverley who had a number of quality players. Down for much of the first half, the team came out firing early in the

second half but were eventually overrun by around 5 goals.

It was a similar story against the strong Highvale outfit, where the boys remained in touch throughout the match, whilst never really threatening to win the game.

It was time to turn our losing fortunes around and the unlucky opposition happened to be Wellington. Goals rained down from all angles and at full time we had ran out 15 goal victors, an amazing feat in a match that only lasted 40 minutes.

However, it appeared as though we had used up all our petrol tickets in the Wellington massacre. With only one player on the bench throughout the day, tiredness began to take its toll and the Glen Waverley team steamrolled the Brentwood brigade by well over 10 goals, leaving us with a 1-3 win loss record for the day.

We had a core of tireless players in the middle, who rucked, roved and played on the ball for the majority of all matches. Blake Roberts, Jason Stoop, Reyne Harris, Steve Georgiou, James Black and Gavin Cruse won plenty of contested football and played selflessly in a multitude of positions. Martin 'Davey' Deluca was devastating all day on a wing, whilst Michael 'Dyson' Papargiris played either on the ball or in a pocket and kicked one of the goals of the day on the run from a pocket.

Our fearless captain Nick Hallett positioned himself up forward and with Craig Baldwin proved to be the 'Twin Towers'. Nick ended up with 6 goals for the day and provided plenty of sensational celebrations.

Matt Jago was a stalwart in the back half, as was Glen Teremaki, playing his first game of AFL and bringing some of his pile-driving tackles to the game (as well as a notable back-pass). David Bedggood worked hard on a wing, Joe Tye and Danny Wyatt impressed both up forward and down back and Dan Fabrici, Adam Stone, Jarred Cook and Roland White were repeatedly rotated at both ends of the ground and provided excellent contests throughout the day. Thanks to Nick Ahearn and Arooran for their work as goal and boundary umpires.

Most impressive on the day was the boys sportsmanship and good nature. Our players had a great variety of ability and experience playing football and despite the scorelines, our team remained positive and played the game in the right manner. It was a top day out and I congratulate all players on the endeavour they showed.

*Mark Oudshoorn, Coach*

### **Hat Trick for Softball Girls**

The Intermediate Girls Softball team have just recently competed at the Eastern Zone competition to qualify for the State finals. The Intermediate team is a combination of year 9 & 10 students – Brentwood's team had 11 year 9 students and one year 10. At Eastern Zone the girls defeated Lilydale Heights 24-3, Rowville 21-1, and Mullauna 12-3 to then meet Koonung in the Eastern Zone Grand Final. Our Brentwood team won quite convincingly 16-1 to become the Eastern Zone Champions.

### **Victorian Secondary School State Finals**

Tuesday May 15 – Gilbert Park

After arriving at Gilbert Park and receiving our new draw for the State Championships, the girls began to warm up. We had two matches to win as the Northern Country did not send a team to compete.

Game 1 - Brentwood vs Warragul

After learning that Warragul had no competition at their district level or zone level and that they were playing their first match ever together as a team, I was quietly confident in Brentwood's ability to defeat them. It was a good chance for us to put our nerves at ease. Brentwood won 21-1.

Game 2 – Brentwood had a bye

Game 3 – Brentwood vs Pascoe Vale Girls

Brentwood needed to win this match to qualify for the State Grand final. The game was extremely close in the early innings with both schools tied until the 4<sup>th</sup> innings. Our girls are very consistent throughout a long match and this helped them through the 75min long match. Brentwood won 8-4.

Grand Final - Brentwood vs Epping

I was so excited that the girls had made the Grand final for the third year in a row, and with both teams in the same colour shirts we began the match. It soon developed into an extremely close match within the first few innings. As the 75mins ticked away we were in the lead and eventually won the match 6-1. Awesome achievement girls!

### **Team Members**

Rachel Thompson	Tegan Bisset
Kate Attwood	Tayla Burns
Gemma Matchett	Micha Ropata
Anthea Samargis	Clare Tomlin
Natalie De Luca	Charlotte Rowe

Candice Carter

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Thank you also to Jessie Matchett and Shanara Seymour for their coaching and inspiration to the girls on the days of competition. We are extremely proud of your achievements girls.

Congratulations.

*Kim Nash, Team Manager*

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## **Community Corner**

### **Whealers Hill Thunders Netball Club**

Looking for new players for the Spring Season 2007 competition at Jells Park on Saturday mornings. If you have never played netball or would like to join or make up a new team with some friends in U/13's or U/15's call 9511 6009.

### **A Message From The Victoria Police**

On Saturday night 12 May, 2007, several motor cars parked in the Glen Waverley area were damaged by offenders throwing rocks through windows.

This is not an isolated incident and Glen Waverley Police are investigating this series of offences.

Police believe these offences were committed by young offenders who are not yet car owners themselves. This type of behaviour is considered criminal and shows a severe lack of respect for other peoples property.

These actions may be seen as harmless and perhaps even fun. The truth is that it is a pointless crime that has both financial and emotional effects on the owners.

The public have a right to feel safe and secure and be able to park their cars without fear of them being damaged. Because of these incidents several members in our community have lost that feeling of safety.

As a result of these actions police have increased visible and covert patrols. Police are clear that this is not a crime to be looked at with any pride. The offenders do not deserve respect from their peers for this behaviour.

Police are asking that people who have information about the crimes to contact them.

Persons with information can contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**. They can remain anonymous if they wish. Alternatively they can contact the Glen Waverley Police or Crime Investigation Unit on **9566 1532**.

We praise those students who are out there doing the right thing day after day and encourage them to continue with their responsible behaviour. However to those few who willingly flaunt the law, their disorderly behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.

*Ian Marr, Detective Senior Constable  
Glen Waverley Crime Investigation Unit.*

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith-Borsboom,  
V Mason

Tues: D Lawless, S Du Bois

Wed: S Tighello, V Bourdakis

Thur: C Williams, L Bult, C Prosser

Fri: A Pygall

Thank you everyone.

*Shirley & Carol*

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