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Principal's Report

Time and Place

Whole school assemblies form an integral part of the annual calendar of events and take place at the beginning of each term. They provide the whole school with an opportunity to formally celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our students across a range of endeavours. Formal assemblies also provide an opportunity to introduce students to the notion of 'time and place'.

'Time and place' is about learning how to behave at different times and in different places. It is about knowing what is appropriate in the way one communicates and the way one behaves. One example that I have often used when discussing this concept with students relates to the behaviours that are acceptable at the MCG, say on grand final day when your team is playing, compared to the behaviours that are acceptable at a formal school assembly. Each occasion has a different set of protocols and it is important to know, understand and behave according to those protocols.

It is also important to develop an understanding of 'time and place' when communicating with others. For example, the language we might use with our friends would be quite different from the language we would use in a job interview. Similarly, the language used in a formal letter, regardless of whether it is electronic or not, will be different from the language used in a text message; and the language used to communicate with others online may often be different from the language used in a face to face conversation.

Understanding 'time and place' has become more complex in the digital age. Prior to the internet the practice of journaling was traditionally a very private activity, whereas journaling in an online

world is a very, very public activity – should the same language protocols apply? What are the rules regarding 'time and place'? The opportunity to 'play' anonymously in a virtual world also adds to the complexity of 'time and place.'

Understanding and behaving according to the correct protocols for 'time and place' can be tricky. The best rule for getting 'time and place' right is to demonstrate courtesy and respect for yourself and for others in all situations – then you can never get it wrong!

Vicki Forbes, Principal

Gardasil Vaccination #2

Monday 28 May

A reminder that girls in years 7, 10, 11 & 12 will have the second of the three Gardasil vaccinations on Monday 28 May.

The third and final dose will be given in Term 3 on Tuesday 4 September.

Girls need to have all three vaccinations at the correct time interval to have immunity. If a girl is away on the vaccination day, then parents need to contact the Monash City Council (9518 3555) to attend another session.

If parents have any concerns of a medical nature regarding the up-coming vaccinations I would encourage them to discuss these with their local GP or contact the DHS immunisation program on 1300 882 008.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

28 May	Year 7, 10-12 Girls Injection – Gardasil – 2 nd dose
29 May	District Cross Country
30 May	Year 11 Study Day
31 May	Unit 1 Exams Commence Cyber Bullying Information evening for parents. Bookings recommended.
6 June	District Sport – Year 8
7 June	Year 8 Badminton Unit 1 Exams Finish
8 June	Year 10 Exams Commence
11 June	Queens Birthday- Public Holiday
12 June	Unit 3 Exams Commence Year 10 Exams
13 June	Year 10 Exams Finish
14 June	GAT – Unit 3/4 students
15 June	Year 7 Badminton Report Writing Day – Student Free Day
19 June	English Competition Periods 1 & 2 Education Policy Meeting 6.30pm Resources Meeting 7.45pm
22 June	District Sport – Year 7
25 June	Year 11 Central/Kakadu Camp departs School Council 7.00pm
27 June	Year 12 English Excursion District Sport – Junior
28 June	Year 10 VCE Intro Periods 1 & 2 Last day of term, Reports distributed at 2.15pm.

Senior School

Enrol To Vote Week (May 28 to June 1)

Due to changes made to the Commonwealth Electoral Act, the Australian Electoral Commission is encouraging secondary schools to participate in the Enrol to Vote Week activities. The changes (made in June 2006) to the Act relate to the deadlines for enrolment once the writs for a Federal election are issued and providing proof of identity when enrolling to vote.

Brentwood has decided to take up the challenge of enrolling all the 17 and 18 year old students in year 12 to vote. This challenge will take place on Wednesday 30 May and Thursday 31 May. Students will need to provide their Australian driver's licence number (whether it is a Learner or Probationary licence) as proof of identity. If a student does not have their driver's licence, they will need to provide one other form of identity such as a passport, birth certificate, Medicare card or concession card.

We hope we achieve our goal and would appreciate your support.

Eligible year 11 students can collect an enrol to vote application form from the Senior Learning Centre on Monday 28 May and these need to be returned by Friday 1 June.

Exams

The mid year exams for some Unit 3 subjects are fast approaching. Accounting, Biology and Physics exams are on the 12 June, Chemistry and Psychology exams are on the 13 June. All students who are currently studying a year 12 subject are required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Task) on 14 June.

Students are reminded that they require photo identification for all exams. Food, liquid paper, dictionaries, mobile phones, ipods and all other electronic communication devices are prohibited. Watches are not to be worn in the exam room but can be placed on the table in front of the students. Students are permitted to take water into their exams as long as it does not exceed 1.5 litres and is contained in a clear, label free bottle.

In the mid year Accounting, Chemistry and Physics exams, students are only allowed a scientific calculator.

Year 11 exams are from 31 May to 7 June, Wednesday 30 May is a study day for all year 11 students. Students are required to wear full school uniform at all times during the exam period. Year 11 students are to attend Unit 3 classes where possible. Students are not required to be at school if they don't have an exam. Mobile phones need to be locked in their lockers during exams. Unit 2 classes will start on Friday 8 June.

Senior School Team

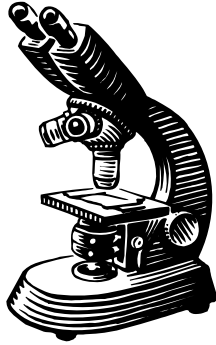
Year 8 Camp Grampians

Sunday 2 - Thursday 6 December, Cost \$320

Parents are reminded that the \$100 deposit for the year 8 camp is due by Friday, 1 June in order for the college to determine student numbers for this very enjoyable experience. Notices have been distributed with a previous parent newsletter and copies can be obtained from Mr Watts.

Tony Watts, Head of Junior School

Science Opportunity for Year 9



The Siemens Science Experience, a three-day hands-on science, engineering and technology program, will be conducted in Australian universities in 2007/2008 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2008. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, together with interesting presentations by leading scientists and engineers.

Further information and application forms are available from the Science Department.

Peter Andrewartha, Science Coordinator

Sewing

Help is needed! We need your help! We are looking for people to help cut out and sew costumes for the Rock Eisteddfod on Wednesday afternoons between 3.00pm to 5.00pm. If you can help please contact Ms Binaisse on 8545 0300 or at bn@brentwood.vic.edu.au.

Danielle Binaisse, Performing Arts Coordinator

Cyber Bullying

The College will be running two workshops in June for parents to build their knowledge and understanding of 'Cyber Bullying'.

It will be a 'hands on' experience on computers, exploring what's on the net and what students can access or be involved in.

You do need to register for either event as there are only 26 places for each evening so we would suggest you get in early!

The sessions will run on June 7 and 21 at 7.00pm. Please ring Mrs Wright to register for a workshop on 8545 0300 or contact her on wri@brentwood.vic.edu.au.

Leigh Wright, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Australian Language Certificates

The Assessment of Language Competence Certificates is a program designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of Languages in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. The program is an initiative of the Australian Multicultural Foundation, in collaboration with ACER. The skills testing program includes reading and listening comprehension tasks in a multiple choice format designed to give all students experience of success, and also to offer more able students some challenge. The materials are designed to take into account current research in the assessment of languages as well as the experience of practising teachers.

By participating in the testing program each student receives a certificate which describes the skills they have demonstrated in reading and listening. The school also receives a report which provides information about their students' performance and a summary statement of their school's results relative to all schools that have taken part.

The year 11 students who are learning Japanese are encouraged to participate at Intermediate Level. Most of the students have received excellent results when they participated at Beginners Level in year 9. The test will be held on Thursday 9 August 2007 at the school for 1 hour. This is an opportunity for the students to receive a well deserved recognition for their Japanese language learning.

*Lakshmi Weeraratne, Japanese Teacher/
Overseas Student Coordinator*

Congratulations

Hayley Kurz of year 9 has been selected to represent Victoria in the State Gymnastics team, to compete at the National Competition in Brisbane in early July. Hayley will also compete at Victorian Championships at the State Netball & Hockey Centre over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Community Corner

Free Tennis Fun Day

Sunday 27 May between 11.00am and 3.00pm at the Lum Reserve Tennis Club of Lum Road (Melway 71 F10). Call or email Michael to reserve your position on 0403 131 096 or madathletes@yahoo.com.au.

Sports Round Up

Junior Golf

The Brentwood team comprising:

Nathan Thiele Blaire Hutchison
Daniel Armstrong Sam Tyrrell

were successful in winning at the recent Waverley District Junior Golf competition held at Tirhatuan Park golf course.

Congratulations to all players, who will now go on to compete at the Eastern Zone day at Churchill Park Golf Course in September.

Ashley Cooper, Team Manager

Intermediate Boys Football

On Wednesday 23 May the Intermediate boys football team competed in the Waverley District round robin at Burwood Reserve. Our first game was against Wellington and after a short warm up Alex Nichol dominated early, clearing the ball from the centre to our forward line on a number of occasions. Within a matter of minutes Brentwood had established a healthy lead and never looked back, winning convincingly by 56 points.

Game 1 verses Wellington SC

Brentwood: 11 . 6 . 72 defeated
Wellington: 2 . 4 . 16

Goal Kickers: Jake Pappon 3
Chris Toth 3
Aaron Johns 2
Dave Mathers 2
Mustafa Ozak 1

After resting a number of our good players in the first game, we played close to our best side against Glen Waverley. Brentwood's use of the ball was sensational. Dave Mathers and Nathan Canning constantly hit targets and provided our forwards with plenty of goal scoring opportunities, whilst our forwards were unselfish and centred the ball on a number of occasions. Jake Pappon and Aaron Johns were the major beneficiaries of what was brilliant team play, kicking 8 goals between them.

Game 2 verses Glen Waverley SC

Brentwood: 14 . 8 . 92 defeated
Glen Waverley: 4 . 2 . 26

Goal Kickers: Jake Pappon 5
Aaron Johns 3
Max McAra 2
Chris Toth 1
Nathan Canning 1
Dylan Whitfield 1
Cohen Howell 1

After winning our pool we earned the right to play Mt Waverley in the district final. Our captain, Jack Tyrrell, won the toss and elected to kick with the breeze and our players played to the coaches instructions kicking the ball quick, long and direct. Mt Waverley was under constant pressure down in their backline and when they did manage to work the ball forward Cohen Howell constantly repelled. If not for our inaccuracy when shooting for goal, the margin at the break would have been much more. In the second half the game was more even and to Mt Waverley's credit, they outscored us in the second half. However the lead that we established in the first half was large enough to ensure that we won comfortably.

Final verses Mt Waverley SC

Brentwood: 9 . 12 . 66 defeated
Mt Waverley: 3 . 2 . 21

Goal Kickers: Jake Pappon 3
Aaron Johns 2
Dave Mathers 1
Nathan Canning 1
Sam Tyrrell 1
Alex Nichol 1

Best players throughout the day were Jake Pappon, Dave Mathers, Seb Henderson, Nathan Canning and Alex Nichol.

Congratulations to all members of the team and thank you to Gavin Cruise and Nuru Jammeh for assisting with coaching, scoring and running. I look forward to writing about the next set of games the intermediate boys play in the Eastern Zone Competition, early in term 3.

David Hose, Coach

Canteen News

Hot Noodles now available \$3.00.

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Crieghton
I Yan
Tues: D Lawless, R Sumner, G Sitnikow
Wed: J Rawlins
Thur: L Gardner
Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
