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Principal's Report

It has been an action packed week at Brentwood with two major performing arts events having taken place.

On Monday night, 110 students from Years 7 to 12 performed at the Vodafone Arena as part of the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge for 2007 in on-stage and back stage roles. The eight minute performance was the culmination of over six months of planning, designing, building, dancing and training. It has been a journey of discovery, creativity and learning for the students, staff, parents and former students involved in the program. The students put in a fantastic performance on stage and while it is disappointing that we were not successful in progressing to the final, we understand that there was a very high standard of performance across the heats. We came away with numerous awards including awards for choreography, concept and set design.

On behalf of the College community I would like to recognise the work put in by the staff, parents and former students to give this year's group of students the opportunity to compete. Teachers, Danielle Binaisse and Katrina Katz, together with a former student Stacey Cumming, choreographed the dancing and trained the dancers over the last six months. Gary Sanford, a parent on School Council and Joel Batahla, our Drama teacher designed the set. Many former students lent their time to work with Joel, Gary and Daniel McKay in constructing the set. Many other teachers and parents worked on costumes and the overall organization of the event. A huge thank you and well done to all of those involved.

Continuing the big week, on Wednesday, our Principal Ms Vicki Forbes hosted an international delegation from the Philippines including the Minister of Education for the Philippines showcasing

Brentwood as an example of high a performing secondary school.

On Wednesday evening, the talent of many of our instrumental music students was presented to the school community in the Music Soiree. Ms Katie Yeung, Brentwood's Director of Music ran this very successful evening which was conducted in the hall for the first time. It was combined with an Art Show presenting the artwork of many of our current and former students in digital format on 'antique' Apple computers lent for the evening by Mr James McKenzie, the Head of Art. Thank you to Katie, James, the art staff and music students for making this wonderful event happen. Thanks also to Pinewood Nursery for lending the significant number of plants to the College for the evening.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

A reminder to all parents that in the interests of your children's collective safety, you must report to the College Office if you wish to see a staff member or a student.

In further interest of your children's safety we ask that you DO NOT send your child to school if they are ill as this can lead to illness in other children and staff.

Dates and Deadlines

15 Aug	Year 7 Author Visit VCE Alternate Pathways Information Night 6.30pm-7.30pm in SLC
21 Aug	District Sport Year 9 & 10 Presentation Ball Information Night 7.00pm Education Policy Meeting 6.30pm Resources Meeting 7.45pm
22 Aug	Year 12 English SAC Periods 3 & 4 Year 12 Parent VTAC Information Meeting 7.30pm in SLC
23 Aug	Year 10 Author Visit
24 Aug	Year 8 Author Visit
27 Aug	School Council 7.00pm
29 Aug	Year 9 Author Visit Interview Skills for Senior Students 6.30pm – 8.00pm in SLC
31 Aug	Music Madness

Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion Report

Last Thursday 2 August, the year 11 Legal Studies class visited the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and the Supreme Court of Victoria in Melbourne. The purpose of this excursion was for the students to compare the differences between alternative dispute resolution methods (ADR) to formal court processes. This directly reinforces content covered in the Unit 2 course and relates directly to a SAC we are about to complete in class.

Before the students got to “sit in” on “real-life” VCAT cases, they completed a role-play scenario of a typical residential tenancy dispute, which gave them greater insight into the ADR process. Our “adjudicator” Natalie even had to give a judgment!

Similarly, after lunch when we went to the Supreme Court, the students got to experience first-hand a “jury empanelling” exercise. Some students were also given the opportunity to sit in the Judge’s chair!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Attard for accompanying us on the excursion and to thank the year 11 Legal Studies students for their participation on the day. As can be seen from the photos below, it was a great day out!

Jessica Oliver- Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher.

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

Earlier this year I selected a group of 42 students from years 7 to 9 to compete in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. The Mathematics Challenge is quite rigorous and students are competing against the very best mathematics students throughout Australia.

Each student is required to attempt to solve, and write-up solutions to 6 challenging problems within a three week period. Just to attempt all of the set tasks is a major achievement in itself – well done to our competitors.

Our 42 students all performed exceptionally well and Brentwood should be very proud of their achievements.

Each student will receive a certificate.

The students who participated were:

Year 7

Nicholas Burridge	Vi Dang-Le
Ariel Garijian	Sarah Luu
Gary Guo	Angus Leung
Jacky Tu	Zac Pellow
Sammuel Deng	William Jiango

Year 8

Tiarne Ecker	Jina Ha
Hilton Hua	Aarushi Kansal
Kenneth Li	Ben Richards
Ranshi Samandra	Lisa Panigrahi
Lucy Yang	Thuy Hoang
Nino Petrovic	Kevin Taing
Hee-Won Ham	Simon Ma

Year 9

Jada Ching	Emily Woon
Carisse Yap	Kav Jayawickrema
Jenny Lam	Wayne Lee
Andrew Li	Teresa Lieu
Lisa Luu	Michiko Suhara
Nathania Tay	Teresa Viengkhou
Ricky Wong	Chethana Yakupitiyage
Leehern Lim	Vicky Tang
Mary Luu	Emily Xu

Denis Chinnock, Mathematics Co-ordinator

International Competition for English

Next week students will receive their results for the English competition, which was held on June 19. This year, for the first time, all students in

years 7 to 10 who attended school on that day, were participants.

Improving literacy is a major focus at Brentwood and this initiative is designed to provide teaching staff with an additional diagnostic tool for improving learning outcomes at our College.

Listed below are the names of students who performed at a very high level.

Year 10

High Distinction

Paul McIntosh Hui-Lin Ng

Distinction

Ruttanunt Funchien Kristin Sangalli
Courteney France David Ho
Jennifer Stephens

Credit

Tahlia Farragher Andrew Michalowsky
Brendan Whittaker Brianna Smith
Alison Whitby Kate White
Terence Avadiar Lawrence Kong
Sanja Malenic Mathew Stone
Lachlan Axford Eden Henry
Matt Illman Ulyana Khrustal
Lilian Koh Jun-Wen Lim
Aymee Chen Kevin Chong
Brenton Guthrie Karla-Lee Morton

Year 9

Distinction

Tegan Bisset Jessica Bond
Patrizio Briganti Sophie Smith
Victoria Tang Teresa Viengkhou

Credit

Melinda Chung Matthew Julius
Patrick Axford Kamilah Curtis
Sean Egan Elena Vukanovic
Jarrod Barbour Tayla Burns
James Chanter Danny Duong
Kirsten Savage William Amend
Mitchell Bateman Sasha Gonzalez
Jordan Lee-Fraser Matthew Low
Mary Luu Elly Moore
Emma Mossenton Bradley Antoine
Mara Jefimovs Scott McPhail
Emily Woon Christopher Andara
Debbie Ha Bing Chong
Taryn Cumming Sahana Ganesh
Panta jasevski Anurag Kumar
Nathan Mok Amy Nolidin
Brittany Sanford Elise Vaudeau

Year 8

High Distinction

Jessica Blake

Distinction

Melanie Brown Chris Barber
Damian Katsigiannis Anthony Martin
Lisa Panigrahi Erandhi Mendis
Sharon Tay Jacky Tu
Joshua Wan Jacinta Dyson
Shalit Millawitiya Nicole Tay

Credit

Samantha Winnicki Ryan Chan
Tiarne Ecker Caryn Ling
Christopher Robinson Madaleine Vantarakis
Justin Williams Alin Coop
Vignesh Sankaran Tiarne Butler
Henry Chhen Simon Ma
David Michalowsky Justin Nguyen
Ninoslav Petrovic Joshua Sheppard
Lucy Yang Tala Bampfield
Andison Blanche Kane Salter
Laura Simon Aarushi Kansal
Dasith Nanayakkara Joel Ooi
Benjamin Richards Matthew Scott
Alexander Sheppard Nicky Smith
Moohambika Jasn Wang
Srinivasan
Sarah Cook Mathew Grant
Hilton Hua Alan Leigh-Lancaster
Nghy Nguyen Alistair Yap
Alexandra Huebner Liam Jenkin
Kenneth Li Morris Tang
Scott Tunncliffe Katarzyna Zongolowicz
Timothy McAllister Jessica Robinson
Chelsea Ung Nicholas Yeo
Stephanie Pearson Linda Tieu

Year 7

High Distinction

Gary Guo

Distinction

Hayley Fowler Jonathan Tay
Angus Leung Damien Chung
Deepika Gunda Samuel Kim
Luke Whitfield Lucius Lim
Elisha Yong Demi Lazos
Annie Banks Christie Harris
Jaco Van Der Spuy Oscar Viengkhou
Jovana Vukanovic Chloe Nanscawen
Jess Powers Jenny Xu

Credits

Georgina Chiam Rob Sumner
Michelle Xu Ben Aartsen
Mia Piljevic Jazmin Kocsis
Vi Dang-Le Peter He
Alysha Bond Brandon Lam
Sian McDonald Stephanie Quan

Luke Ludorf
 Jessica Amend
 Zachary Pellow
 Damon Radford
 Maya Wiszniewski
 Vassil Andreev
 Leslie Leong
 Christoph Papachristos
 Alysha Taggart
 Kristy Bourdakis
 Melanie Consolino
 Sarah Luu
 Alison Knight
 Adele Fox

Emily Bray
 Allison Ramselaar
 David Williamson
 Travis Silvester
 Lewis Zhou-Chen
 Jamie Tran
 Rainer Deitenbach
 Miranda Topcu
 Peter Khurstal
 Emma Paolucci
 Benjamin Drinkwater
 Matthew Alexander
 Christos Liouzas

Fern Brisbane, Head of English and Literacy

Minimising Triggers

Knowing about triggers is an essential part of understanding and living with asthma. Triggers cause inflammation or swelling in the airways and make asthma symptoms worse. Although it is unlikely for students to be able to avoid all their asthma triggers all of the time it is helpful if they are aware of what their triggers are and reduce exposure to them when possible.

People with asthma have extra sensitive airways that react when exposed to certain things. Asthma is very individual and personal triggers differ from one person to another. Some triggers can set off attacks suddenly, causing the muscles around the airways to twitch and tighten.

This is the time of year when colds and flu are widespread. These are common triggers for many people with asthma, particularly, school age children. To help your child minimize asthma symptoms over winter, ensure that they are closely following their Asthma Action Plan and have sufficient supplies of their asthma medication.

Exercise is the one trigger that people with asthma should not avoid. Exercise induced asthma affects 50-60% of people but with the correct management students with asthma can enjoy participating in all sport. It is recommended that they warm up and take a couple of puffs of their blue reliever medication before activity and cool down efficiently afterwards. It is also beneficial if their day-to-day asthma is under control.

For further information on triggers please see The Asthma Foundation of Victoria website: www.asthma.org.au or call the Helpline on 1800 645 130.

Kerie Small, First Aid Officer

Eastern Zone Cross Country

Brentwood has continued its success in Cross Country by sending another large cross country team to the Eastern zone competition this year. 40 students qualified as individual athletes and 5 teams. Eastern Zone is extremely tough competition and of those 40 students 8 qualified for the State finals, including U/15 Boys team who were the Eastern Zone Champions. Well done.

Name	Placing
Callan Burns	12 th
Chris Brunton	64 th
Patrick Gardner-Brunton	61 st
Matthew Alexander	58 th
Erick Bakhaazi	13 th
Brandon Fredericks	Injured
Leonard De Beer	19 th
Lin Jong	87 th
Ben Huang	54 th
Josiah Sargent	Injured
Ben Richards	88 th
Lachlan Mann	5th
Chris Birthisel	13th
Hayden Denbesten	14th
Shaun White	31st
Sam Tyrrell	63rd
James Ke	69 th
Nick Richards	10th
Aaron Johns	Injured
Matthew Soawyer	41 st
Daniel Riddiford-Lajoie	Absent
Jeremy Cole	57 th
George Lambadaridis	12 th
Rory Neate	Injured
Mustafa Ozak	51 st
Nicholas Ahearn	Absent
Martin De Luca	31 st
Nuru Jammeh	69 th
Steven Georgiou	74 th
Blake Roberts	61 st
Lesina Lalotoa	72 nd
Em Paolucci	87 th
Isabelle Legg	32 nd
Tiarne Butler	77 th
Simone Sierg	46 th
Jacqueline Feinberg	76 th
Beth Alexander	6th
Tayla Burns	52 nd
Bec Corbett	Injured
Ella Ung	41 st
Emily Alexander	5th
Natascha Amend	Injured

Well done

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Canteen News

Mon: M Kocsis, G Feldtmann, L Shaw
Tues: S Barber, T Robinson, J Harris
Wed: L Lindrea, C Brown
Thur: C Ryhanen, S Remmington
Fri: S Watts, J Knight

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
