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Principal's Report

Week five this term has, like all of the others, been packed with extra curricular activities which extend and stimulate students in their learning journey at Brentwood Secondary College.

The celebrations for BOOK WEEK have begun early at Brentwood with Archie Fusillo entertaining the year 7 students and staff on Wednesday.

Students in years 8-10 will be given the opportunity to spend time with the following leading authors.

- Year 8 - Barry Jonsberg – 24 August
- Year 9 – Markus Zusak – 29 August
- Year 10 – Simon Higgins – 23 August

Archie Fusillo's presentation this week was both lively and engaging. He had the year seven's eating out of his hands. Hopefully, this will inspire them to become better writers. Many thanks to Ms Brudenell and the library staff for organising these events.

During the week the year 8 and 9 drama classes have had the opportunity to perform as actors in the "TEENS" program sponsored by the MFB at Caulfield Racecourse. Students studying "Rethinking Drinking" also attended the day, where our drama students performed scripts designed to send the message about the horrors of road trauma. A big thank you to Mr Batalha and Mr Exton for their organisation of this activity.

The year 9 students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh program have begun the first of two overnight hikes into the Kirth Kiln State Park. The hikes are designed to be learning experiences where our students are physically and mentally challenged in order to develop both leadership skills and teamwork. Well done to Ms Dickenson and Ms Hawley for their organisation.

All of these diverse activities are fantastic learning opportunities for our students, showing yet again that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted in the week of 27 August – 31 August. The DoE software CASES21 randomly selects families to be surveyed. It can happen that families receive a survey two years in a row. Families who receive a survey are asked to complete it within that week and return it to school in the envelope supplied. The tear off slip on the envelope, which respondents complete, is there to ensure that privacy is maintained. If surveys are returned after the due date we are unable to include them in the data that is forwarded to the DoE for analysis.

The feedback on the survey is used as part of our Annual Report to the school community and informs us about parents' views on their child's education and our college. If your family receives a survey we would like to encourage you to complete it ASAP, as your feedback is a valuable source of information for the college.

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Dates and Deadlines

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
3 Sept	VCE Interim Reports
4 Sept	Year 7, 10, 12 Injections
5 Sept	Thursday's Timetable District Athletics
6 Sept	Parent Teacher Interviews 1.00 noon – 8.30pm – No formal classes. Students to attend interviews
7 Sept	Year 12 VTAC Choices Due

International Competition for English

Unfortunately last week we made an error with one of our participants in this competition. Caryn Ling in year 8 received a Distinction not a Credit.

Congratulations Caryn.

Fern Brisbane, Head of English and Literacy

Senior School News

Congratulations on their outstanding semester one results to our year 12 students who are currently completing a University Enhancement study at Monash University. All of our students achieved a High Distinction in their area of study. The students are studying a diverse range of subjects including Australian History, Chemistry, Japanese, Mathematics and Philosophy. Year 11 students who are currently completing a year 12 subject and expect to achieve a study score above 40 should consider applying for an extension study at Monash or Melbourne University in 2008. Information on how to apply can be obtained from the Senior School Coordinators or Mrs Stanley the Careers and Pathways Coordinator.

We would also like to congratulate David Danaci and Stefanie Hammond of year 12, who have been

selected to be a part of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program at Melbourne University. You may have read about this program in *The Age*. David and Stefanie have already had the opportunity to attend workshops at the University. They will be able to continue to take advantage of special workshops and events designed for students who have demonstrated a combination of leadership skills and high academic achievement if they enrol at Melbourne University next year.

Parents are reminded that students are expected to be in attendance at all times during the school day if students are to achieve their best from their time in Senior School. VCAA requires that students meet minimum attendance requirements to satisfy outcomes for VCE subjects. It is of great concern that some students are at risk of failing to satisfy the outcomes in subjects due to poor attendance. Students who have medically documented reasons for their absences will be considered for special provision.

Last week those students who completed a mid-year exam for their year 12 subject (Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology) or completed Unit 3 Studio Arts received their results from VCAA. Students and the teachers who worked so hard to prepare them are to be congratulated on their results. Virtually all classes achieved class mean results above the state mean.

There are only 11 weeks now until the final exams for our year 12 students. Across the state some students will be struggling to maintain their commitment to year 12 whilst others will wisely continue to complete ongoing revision and use their time effectively. The students who manage to continue to work well at this point in the year can give themselves a considerable advantage before the final exams arrive. Senior School Coordinators will continue to encourage the effective use of study periods.

Parents are invited to attend an Information Evening on 22 August at 7:30 in the SLC when our Careers and Pathways Coordinator, Mrs Margaret Stanley, will be in attendance to explain the process for applying for tertiary places and SEAS (Special Entry and Scholarships) through VTAC.

Preparation for the functions that are both a celebration of the end of our year 12 students' successes and a farewell from Brentwood are now well under way. Parents and Guardians are asked to ensure that they have indicated their intention to attend the Valedictory Dinner with their son/daughter before the end of August. Payment

for tickets can be made at the school office until 3 September.

Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School

Sports Round Up

Year 8 Boys Football

On Tuesday last week the year 8 boys football team competed in the Eastern Zone. In their first game they came up against strong opposition from Lilydale High and despite some courageous and determined efforts from the boys we were soundly beaten.

Our second game saw us up against Rowville in an entertaining battle that came down to the wire and a big goal from Scott Tunnicliffe saw Brentwood win the game. Our third game was a real test of character for the side, up against a slick Vermont side that controlled the game. Despite Vermont's 'rough' tactics, the Brentwood boys remained focussed on playing football.

The whole team is to be congratulated on their conduct on the day, both on and off the field.

Lin Jong was a solid contributor in the ruck, displaying his athleticism all over the ground. He was well supported by David Wicks, Sam Kassianou, Jack Roper, Brandon Fredericks and Nathan Thiele. Chris Renwick was a dominating player in defence before an unfortunate injury ended his day. Special thanks also to Steve Georgiou, Brody Hodic and Michael Papargiris for their coaching and support on the day.

Jarrold Roberts, Coach

Year 7 Girls Soccer

After a successful Round Robin on Friday 22 June, the year 7 girls soccer team had the opportunity to play Eastern Zone on Monday 30 July. After several training sessions the girls were more than ready for this competition.

The morning of 30 July was a bit hectic and it took a while before we were all on the bus that would take us to the Terrara Reserve in Vermont. However, we were the second team to arrive. The District Champions were divided into two pools. Heathmont, Kew, Upwey and Warrandyte were in Pool One, and our opponents in Pool Two would be Vermont, Lilydale and Wantirna. The winner of each pool would be playing the final to win Eastern Zone.

The first match in our pool was Vermont vs Wantirna. Both teams played very well and at the end they drew. Then it was our turn Brentwood was playing Lilydale High first. Our team was

organised and outplayed their opponents. It was no surprise when Kristy scored a goal after only a few minutes. Even though the Brentwood girls controlled the game and had many chances to score, the end result was 1:0.

After a ten minute break we were up against Wantirna. Again the girls were giving their best from the first to the last minute of the game. The victory of the first match was uplifting and this time it did not take long before Jan scored a goal for Brentwood. The half time score was 1:0 for Brentwood. At the start of the second half, however, Wantirna was able to score a goal against us. They managed to bypass our defence which was caught in the moment of not paying enough attention. The girls were shocked for a second, but recovered quickly and played again with full team spirit. Only a few minutes later Cassie scored another goal, leading to the 2:1 victory of the Brentwood team.

The last pool match was Brentwood vs. Vermont. This team was probably the greatest challenge for us and we had to draw at least to win our pool. The girls were focussed and fighting for every ball. Hayley, our super sweeper, was doing a fabulous job by organising our defence and giving 110% of herself to the team. Then, however something terrible happened. A penalty kick was given to Vermont! Apparently one of our players touched the ball somehow with their hand.... Our girls were shocked at first. However, they knew that Sophie was our goalie and they were confident that she would save the goal. And Sophie did save the penalty kick! A remarkable job Sophie! This incident seemed to have given the Brentwood girls another boost and shortly afterwards Mary kicked a well deserved goal. Our team won this game 2:0. Cassie scored the second goal of the match.

At the end of the pool games, our girls were the only team that was unbeaten! We came first in our pool and faced Warrandyte in the final of the day. The game started off well. Neither of the team wanted to give the other the advantage. The half time score was Warrandyte 0, Brentwood 0.

During the break our girls were very confident, saying that they could win this game and were encouraging each other to give their best during the next 15 minutes. I could see the girls were tired after playing several games that day. Jessica and Georgia gave some last instructions and off they went. It seemed as if the girls had had a day's rest. Our midfielders Sarah, Jessica, Kristy and Mary were all over the field, passing the ball quickly to each other and our strikers Cassie and Jan, thus confusing their opponents. It did not take long until Jan scored her second goal of the

day! Shortly after that Cassie scored her third goal! Brentwood won the final 2:0!

The team's hard work paid off and the girls truly deserved to win the Eastern Zone competition. Brentwood was the only team unbeaten on the day of the tournament. What a fantastic achievement!

Girls, you should be proud of each other! Again you played great soccer as a team and I am sure you will continue to do so on Tuesday 18 September which is the day of the State Final! Thank you girls.

A big thank you also goes to Jessica and Georgia who have given up a lot of their time to coach this incredible team.

Team members

Cassie Rowe (Captain)	Jovana Vukanovic (Vice Captain)
Mary Papastergiou	Jessica Amend
Sarah Bigg	Kristy Bourdakis
Leila Durrant	Hayley Fowler
Jacinta Gray	Christina Huang
Sarah Luu	Jan Mustac
Sophie Tarabolsi	Elle Tiganis
Victoria Vukelic	

Student coaches:

Georgia Delithodoris and Jessica Simpson (both year 10)

Tina Exton, Manager

Year 8 Boys Basketball

The year 8 boys Brentwood basketball teams have had a very successful start to the season in the interschool competition. The 'A' team showed great speed, skill and composure to cruise through the competition undefeated and ultimately untested. After six matches, they had a combined score against all opposition of 150-27. Most impressive was the way they dismantled then dominated archrival Mt Waverley (21-8). All members contributed strongly throughout the day.

Lin Jong was a standout player, symbolizing the teams overall commitment and tenacity at both ends of the court. The boys go through to compete in the Eastern Zone competition later in the year.

The 'B' team were also impressive, compiling three wins and a draw, and were unlucky not to finish the day undefeated. After drawing with Mt Waverley, they won their final three matches by a combined score of 58-17 and also progress through to Zone.

Tim Rowe was a stalwart in defence and a catalyst in offence. All players represented their school

proudly, and they were a pleasure to coach. Both teams were well drilled by Patrick and Jesse – it was almost as if they were on the court directing offensive plays themselves!

'A' Team

John Creighton	Alec Farragher
Lin Jong	Andrew Owen
Nino Petrovic	Chris Robson
Scott Rojo	Nathan Thiele

'B' Team

Garen Altinkaya	Lucas Dickson
Michael Ilett	Dasith Nanayakkara
Tim Rowe	Jayden Seracino
Brett Tyler	David Wicks
Josh Williams	

Student Coaches

Patrick Owen	Jess Van der Ende
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Robin Gamble, Coach

Year 7 Netball

Well done to all members of the year 7 netball team! After winning Waverley District last term, we competed at Eastern Zone at Waverley Netball Centre on Wednesday August 15.

We began in terrific fashion defeating Lilydale 13-10. Our passing through the mid court and into our attacking circle was great and our defenders picked up every loose pass and rebound.

Our second game was the complete opposite everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Sometimes you just have games like that! We went down to Wantirna 26-4.

It was wonderful to see the girls put that bad experience behind them and play much better netball in the final match. We fought this game out strongly going down to the eventual pool winner Vermont 20-12.

Thank you to Sam Karakinos for all the coaching tips you gave to the girls and well done to all team members.

Team

Alysha Bond	Sarah Delang
Lauren Cruse	Lisa Thomas
Vi Dang-Le	Amy Jewell
Tessa Leigh-Lancaster	Kate Tyrell
Lauren Chanter	Ashleigh Hunt

Suzanne Plant, Coach

Community Corner

United Sports Coaching & Camps (USC)

Looking to play ball or hit a home run these holidays. Join USC and their elite coaches these holidays At Waverley Softball Club, Jells Park on 27 & 28 September. Compete in batting & fielding competitions and show your skills as you compete in live action games. For more information call USC 0423 045 121 or 0404 840 399 or go to www.unitedsportscoaching.com.au and register online.

Canteen News

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith-Borsboom,
V Mason
Tues: L Mossenton (L), A Schaefer, R King
Wed: V Bourdakis, S Tighello
Thur: C Williams, L Bult, C Prosser
Fri: A Pygall, R Attwood

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
