



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

This week is National Recognition Week for School Support Staff. In appreciation of our support staff I would like to publicly acknowledge and congratulate them on the roles they perform at Brentwood. Working alongside teachers their contributions are sometimes taken for granted. However, they make a significant and greatly valued contribution to our College community. Their names and roles are listed below – a very big thank to each of you.

Mrs Shirley Aldington  
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College Chaplain  
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Business Manager  
Library Technician  
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Integration Aide  
Integration Aide  
Gardening  
Finance/Accounts  
Computer Technician  
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Maintenance  
Office Admin/Careers Admin  
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Office/Attendance Admin  
Social Worker  
Integration Aide  
Psychologist  
Canteen Manager  
Senior School Admin/VASS  
Cleaning Contractor

*Vicki Forbes, Principal*

Brentwood Innovation and Excellence Cluster Art Exhibition  
**“Thinking, Learning and Creativity: A Visual Arts Journey”**

Dates: August 31 – September 13, 2007  
Venue: The Highway Gallery, 13 The Highway, Mount Waverley 3149

## Dates and Deadlines

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
1 Sept	Visual Arts Exhibition
3 Sept	VCE Interim Reports
4 Sept	Year 7, 10, 12 Injections
5 Sept	Thursday's Timetable District Athletics
6 Sept	Parent Teacher Interviews 12.00 noon – 8.30pm – No formal classes. Students to attend interviews
7 Sept	Year 12 VTAC Choices Due

## Interim Reports

This semester all students in years 7-12 will receive an interim report. This gives parents and students an indication regarding the progress that is being made up until the sixth week of term 3. It is anticipated that the reports will be mailed home on Friday 31 August so that parents receive the interim report prior to Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday 6 September.

*Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal*

## Parent Teacher Interviews

This week all students received information about our second round of parent teacher interviews. The day/night interviews will take place on Thursday 6 September with two sessions running:

Session 1:	12.00pm – 5.00pm
Session 2:	6.00pm – 8.30pm

There will be a tea break for staff from 2.48pm – 3.00pm.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make sure appointments are made with all teachers as feedback at this time of the year is invaluable.

Students should also be in attendance at these interviews.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

## Interview Skills and Role Play

James Lynch, an expert in interview skills and selection of candidates, will be running an information session for year 12 students who are

considering applying for courses or jobs where an interview is an integral part of the application process. This is part of our preparation in the transition from school to tertiary studies and or employment.

Examples of these types of courses are Human Movement, Medicine, Interior Design, Journalism, Digital Film & Television Production and Landscape Architecture

Where: Senior Learning Centre  
When: Wednesday 29 August  
from 6.30 – 8 pm

*Margaret Stanley, Careers Coordinator*

## Debating

As you may be aware, this year a number of year 9 students have been participating in the Debating Association of Victoria School's Competition. This year, we entered two teams at the D grade level, both of whom worked hard to participate effectively in each debate. Students took turns in participating in the debates and also acting in the role of Chairperson.

### Brentwood 1

Stephanie Edwards (Captain)	Jordan Lee-Fraser
Jessica Bond	Patrizio Briganti
Chantelle Sanford	Nathania Tay
Teresa Viengkhou	Sebastian Purcell

### Brentwood 2

Danielle Baldwin (Captain)	Megan Butterworth
Janie Cahill	Tayla Burns
Patrick Axford	Teresa Liew
Brittany Sanford	Melinda Chung

I would particularly like to recognise the work of the two team captains, Stephanie Edwards and Danielle Baldwin, in always being enthusiastic and setting a great example for the rest of their team. I would also like to congratulate Patrizio Briganti, Stephanie Edwards and Jordan Lee-Fraser for receiving the best speaker awards in their winning debates.

We achieved outstanding results, with Brentwood 1 finishing equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in our division. Unfortunately the region only took the top team to compete in the finals. All the debaters deserve to be congratulated for their dedication and participation in this event, and the great result considering that this has been our first year of competition.

Next year we hope to expand Debating at Brentwood to participate across a number of year levels, so if you're interested, keep an eye out on the student bulletin in early 2008.

***Katharine Seyler, Year 9 Debating Co-ordinator***

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## **Author Presentations**

Book Week celebrations began on Wednesday 15 August with two entertaining presentations by Archie Fusillo. The year 7 students and the lucky staff who were part of the audience in each session, enjoyed listening to Archie's stories. Archie surprised some students when he linked overseas travel and red Ferrari cars to story writing.

Aaron & Archie

Archie was thanked by Blake Randall and Alison Knight of 7H on behalf of the 7F to 7J audience and by Aaron Quick of 7A on behalf of the 7A to 7E audience. Blake, Alison and Aaron spoke well and were very good representatives for their year level. Well done.

Blake, Archie & Alison

Here are some examples of student feedback about Archie's presentations:-

"Archie's presentation was soooooo funny!!! He's really cool..." Amirtha

"Yes I can relate to what he said, especially when you fight with your sis or bro in the back seat." Allanah

"He had a lot of trouble at school like me. And his grandmother was like my grandad." Jamie

"When I was young I couldn't even look at myself when doing a presentation. I didn't have any courage at all. What you've said really helped me and I thank you for it." Daniel

"I thought that an author would be boring and serious person but he was not." Jessica S

"I think it was funny, interesting and it is definitely going to encourage us to read more." Jenny 7G

"I'm not good at English... but I will try to be like him and I'll be good at English." Taylor 7G

"Archie's presentation was great! He was funny and cool! It was really funny and gave everyone

the thought that if you read a lot, your English will improve." Monica

Some shy students said:-

"He inspired people who couldn't spell or punctuate well."

"It was amazing. It was funny and easy to relate to. I was never bored and I was really inspired."

Archie & Elisha

Many thanks to all the Brentwood staff who assisted with the organisation of the year 7 author presentations and encouraged the students to attend. Special thanks must go to the Library team, the year 7 home group teachers, the daily organiser and the office staff.

***Margaret Brudenel, Teacher/Librarian***

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## **Literacy and Numeracy Week**

### **September 3 -9**

To celebrate national Literacy and Numeracy Week all Brentwood English classes in years 7 to 9 will be playing scrabble during their English period on Monday 3 September in recognition of the important role that words play in our lives. The capacity to spell correctly and the ability to comprehend words are critical factors in developing the communication skills that we need to operate effectively in the world around us. We encourage students to bring scrabble boards on the day, which are clearly labelled with their names.

We will also have our annual Passage Reading Competition, to be held in the library at lunchtime on Monday 3 September. Students are invited to bring along a favourite book and read a self selected passage to the audience present. There will be prizes for all participants.

Have fun and enjoy!

***Fern Brisbane, Head of English and Literacy***

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## **Rock Eisteddfod**

Now that the dust has settled, it's time to reflect on what was another outstanding Rock Eisteddfod. At the end of 2006 we began thinking about the theme for this year's performance. 'What a Year' highlights a year in the life of a typical teenager; school, part-time job, leisure, sport, the stress of exams, end of year build up and of course, falling in love. The music for the 8 different scenes was selected (a mixture of The

Jackson Five, Dolly Parton, John Farnham and Daft Punk to name a few) and we were ready to roll. The audition process began in February this year. More than 160 students auditioned to be a part of the 2007 Rock Eisteddfod and 80 performers were lucky enough to be selected. A big thank-you to all students who auditioned as their enthusiasm was commendable.

Rehearsals started at the end of Term 1 and students worked very hard to learn the dances and polish their stylish moves in lunchtime, after school, weekend and holiday rehearsals. As time went by, the dancing got stronger and stronger and it became clear the performance was going to be great. Set and costuming are essential elements for an effective Rock Eisteddfod performance also and the design and construction of both was a mammoth task. Sets reached heights of 4.5 metres and included cube designs which flipped and rotated to create school desks and supermarket scanners, also acting as structures for the dancers to perform on. The making of the set was one thing the painting was another. The set crew showed devotion and worked very hard to build, paint and make sure they knew where the set was meant to be and when. They did a fabulous job. Costume design and construction proved quite the challenge this year given our limited knowledge of sewing but the teamwork, persistence, organisation and enthusiasm of the costume team proved to be the necessary ingredient for success. With each performer having at least 2 different outfits, there was a total of around 200 costumes constructed and decorated, not a small task to say the least. This was a huge learning experience for those involved and I'm sure the sewing of tulle, the sticking on of glitter and the cutting out of coloured polka dots will be embedded in the brains of many for years to come.

Our heat date started at 6.30am and was filled with excitement, butterflies and lots of chocolate. Students represented the college with exemplary behaviour throughout the day and obvious pride as we belted out our Brentwood chant. They performed with precision and energy and couldn't have done any better. Although we did not qualify to be in the finals, we couldn't be more proud of the team and their sensational efforts.

On the evening, Brentwood received six Awards of Excellence, these were for Drama, Choreography, Performance Skill, Visual Enhancement, Concept and Costume.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the fabulous people who made this happen. We have an amazing Performing Arts team consisting of both staff and students and I'd like to thank them

for their endless amount of effort and dedication to making this experience a memorable one.

I would like to sincerely thank parents Gary Sanford, Sandra Edwards and Linda Farragher, ex Brentwood students Stacey Cumming, Dale and Mark Woodford, Chris Neads, Phil Grant, Kasia Zieba and Kirra May for their commitment to helping make this experience possible, all parents and family of the cast and crew, and Brentwood Staff and students for their constant support and encouragement.

A heartfelt thank-you to the devoted staff who gave up their time to involve themselves in the 2007 Rock Eisteddfod: Katrina Katz, Joel Batalha, Melissa Antoniuk, Emily Bishop, Sarah Burrows, Sarah Hatley, Jessica Oliver, Lauren Rogers, Jo Marveggio, Daniel Mackay, Jarrod Roberts, Mark Oudshoorn, Shane Hunt, David Wright, David Shelton and Mandy Thayil. Without them this would not have been possible.

We look forward to participating in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge again in 2009 but for now, we will focus on our 2008 musical, 'The Wiz.' Go Brentwood!

*Danielle Binaisse, Performing Arts Coordinator*

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## **Brentwood Innovation and Excellence Cluster Art Exhibition**

**“Thinking, Learning and Creativity: A Visual Arts Journey”**

Dates: August 31 – Sept 13, 2007

Opening: Friday, August 31  
7 – 8pm (official opening at 7.30pm)

Venue:  
The Highway Gallery  
13 The Highway  
Mount Waverley  
3149

This exhibition will showcase the visual arts across the schools in the Brentwood Innovations and Excellence Cluster. The Cluster schools include Amsleigh Park Primary School, Brentwood Secondary College, Glen Waverley South Primary School, Jells Park Primary School, Mulgrave Primary School and Pinewood Primary School.

The Brentwood I & E Cluster has been operating since the beginning of 2005. The Victorian Government began this initiative to encourage primary and secondary schools to work closely together to deliver innovation and excellence in

Victorian education. The Brentwood I & E Cluster's **vision is** to establish a productive and sustainable Cluster learning community that enhances student engagement in learning by catering innovatively for both student and teacher learning. The Cluster envisages that their learning communities will share a common language of learning and that all members will be engaged in working towards becoming sustainable, lifelong learners.

The aims of this exhibition *“Thinking, Learning and Creativity: A Visual Arts Journey”*

- To showcase the visual arts in schools across the Brentwood Cluster.
- To strengthen links between cluster schools.
- To provide a greater awareness to teachers, students, parents and the local community regarding the Visual Arts in the Primary and Secondary Level.

The Arts are unique, expressive, creative and communicative forms that engage students in critical and creative thinking and help them understand themselves and the world around them. In every society the Arts play a pivotal role socially, economically and culturally. The Arts encourage the development of skills and the exploration of technologies, forms and processes.

This exciting exhibition will contain a broad selection of levels, themes and techniques from Prep to VCE. The viewers of the exhibition will enter a visual journey through art education that starts when the student first begins school and continues, for many students, right through their secondary education.

*Cathy Price, Cluster Educator*

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## **Wanted - Missing Uniforms**

**Please Check** - your school bags, lockers, under your bed, in your cupboards or in the wash at home for school uniforms you may have accidentally taken home.

**I need** - school socks, soccer/hockey tops, basketball singlets, football jumpers, basketball shorts, netball skirts, shin guards.

If you have any of these please return to Miss Nash ASAP

*Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator*

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## **State Cross Country**

Brentwood has done extremely well at cross country this year. We have had a high

participation rate at school level, district level, eastern zone level and now state level. The state championships were held last Friday at Bundoora Park and we had 8 students who qualified, which was fantastic!

Beth Alexander began the day in a large competitive field of 84 runners in the U/15 event. Beth placed 8<sup>th</sup> in a time of 11.59min.

The U/15 boy's team were all fired up to place in the top 3 or better after winning bronze in 2006 and achieved this goal by winning the gold medal and are now the state champions. Lachlan Mann placed 14<sup>th</sup> with a time of 10.10min. Chris Birthisel placed 27<sup>th</sup> in a time of 10.38min. Hayden Denbesten placed 55<sup>th</sup> with a time of 11.09min. Shaun White placed 75<sup>th</sup> with a time of 11.41min. Sam Tyrrell placed 79<sup>th</sup> with a time of 12.02min. The U/15 boys competed against 85 other runners.

Emily Alexander competed in the U/21 event and placed 20<sup>th</sup> in a field of 81 with a time of 12.12min.

This was Nick Richards first state championships and he competed in the U/16 5km event and placed 25<sup>th</sup> in a field of 76 with a time of 18.25min.

Congratulations all on fantastic achievements.

*Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator*

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## **Sports Round Up**

### **Year 8 Interschool Squash Report**

On Thursday 9 August, the boys and girls teams played extremely well at the interschool squash competition. I am pleased to say that the girls team has won through to play at the next round of the Eastern Zone finals to be held next term.

Overall, the girls won ten out of the 12 sets played and they showed great improvement with their match play, encouragement for each other and terrific participation throughout the day. The girls beat teams from Glen Waverley 3-1, and Highvale 7-8.

Congratulations to the girls.

### **Team**

India Donaldson  
Katrina Stoop

Jordan Peach  
Amelia Thompson

The boys 'A' team came second to Mt Waverley and although our students were the better overall tactical players, they unfortunately lost the

advantage by some very big serving Mt Waverley players. On a pleasing note John Angus was tenacious to beat a larger Mt Waverley player. Overall the boys beat Glen Waverley 3-1, Ashwood 4-0, and Highvale 4-0. Well done to boys.

### **A Team**

Tala Bampfield	John Angus
Sam Kassianou	Beau Howard

Lastly, the boys 'B' team came second overall in their division by one point to Glen Waverley. The matches were long and hard fought but in the end, the "golden point" went Glen Waverley's way in the final set. Well done boys.

### **B Team**

Rico Kobelt	Joseph Sun
Dilan Somaratne	Sean Newton

All students showed great team spirit, sportsmanship and had a great time learning the fundamentals of this exciting game.

### ***Tony Watts, Coach***

### **Intermediate Boys Hockey**

On Tuesday, 21 August the Intermediate Boys Hockey Team ventured to Waverley Hockey Centre to compete in the Waverley District Round Robin Competition.

In our first game, we played Wheelers Hill 'B.' From the outset, Brentwood took control of the game and Chris Toth eventually put the ball in the back of the net after having his first three attempts blocked! Lachlan Mann ran hard to put himself in a good position to hit the ball high into the goals and although the keeper managed to get behind the shot, he was standing behind the goal line and so Lachlan was awarded the goal. Our boys managed to convert off a short-corner with the first hit from Dave Mathers finding Chris Toth who sealed the win for Brentwood 3 – nil.

We played our second game just twenty minutes later against Glen Waverley 'A'. We knew they would be a very tough side, but the dangerous Chris Toth intercepted the ball on centre wing and sprinted with the ball into the goal circle, where he smashed the ball past the keeper into the left hand corner of the goals. Our keeper, Josh Allwright, who was very quite in the first game, made some fantastic saves. However, one shot that he blocked stayed close to his feet and with little support, Glen Waverley scored to level the match. With their tails up, Glen Waverley went on the attack but were denied on several occasions. Eventually Glen Waverley's centre weaved his way round three defenders to score. After Brentwood made several attempts to score and

with only seconds remaining, Dave Mathers smashed the ball off a free hit from the centre of the field. His hit struck the goal keeper on the pads, but with the ball lying at his feet, Chris Toth flicked it into the goals. The result was a two-all draw.

We then had a two hour break to our next game, where we watched Glen Waverley demolish Wheelers Hill 'B' team 4 - nil. That result meant that we needed beat Highvale by at least 2 goals to be a chance to play in the district final.

Brentwood did all the attacking and a cross from Chris Toth found Dave Mathers, who was good enough to put the ball past the keeper. With 15 minutes remaining we needed one more goal to make the final. However, despite the boys best efforts Highvale's keeper would not concede. He saved the ball on countless occasions with his feet, legs, hands and even an outstretched stick! The final result 1 – nil was not enough to get Brentwood into the final.

Our players can hold their heads high as they did not loose a game on the day Members of the team were: Chris Toth, Dave Mathers, James Lomax, James Grant, Josh Allwright, Thomas Drewett, Rory Neate, Chris Sutherland, Sam Kloet, Jack Tyrrell, Sam Tyrrell and Lachlan Mann.

### ***Mr. Hose, Coach***

### **Eastern Zone Intermediate Boys Football**

On Wednesday 17 August the Intermediate boys football team ventured to Lewis Park to compete in Pool A of the Eastern Zone. Last year, our intermediate's made it through to the state finals and eight players from that team were playing again this year.

We arrived at the ground just after 9:00am and with our first game not until 10:15am we had plenty of time to prepare for our match against Lilydale. However our numbers were somewhat depleted, with three players not turning up for the game and another out injured. Furthermore, around a dozen of our players were playing in grand finals for various local clubs on Sunday . . . just two days later!

Despite some good ruck work in the middle by Chris Toth we could not manage to win the clearances. Lilydale was able to create the loose player and managed to kick accurately for goal. Brentwood on the other hand was playing "lazy" football and kicked very inaccurately. At half time it was Lilydale four goals two behinds to Brentwood four straight points. James Lomax (ruck) and Dave Mathers (centre) flicked a switch and combined brilliantly to clear the ball consistently and send Brentwood into attack.

Their efforts brought other players such as Seb Henderson, Jake Pappon and Nick Richards into the game. Brentwood kicked four goals to one and got within eight points before Lilydale managed to steady, kicking another goal before the siren sounded. Despite a spirited second half fight back, Lilydale won by 16 points.

### **Game 1 verses Lilydale SC**

Brentwood: 4 . 6 . 30 defeated by

Lilydale: 7 . 4 . 46

Goal Kickers:

Dave Mathers 1                      Tom Drewett 1

Jake Pappon 1                        James Lomax 1

There was only a short 10 minute break before our next game against Wantirna, who had won their first game. Having little to play for, our team started poorly, but Jake Pappon and Dave Mathers determination and ability to win the hard ball brought Brentwood back into the game. Unfortunately inaccurate kicking meant that going into half time we were 17 points down at half time. The good work continued at the start of the second half with Aaron Johns and Jake Pappon tackling hard and kicking goals. Wantirna then hit back kicking two goals to run out victors by 19 points.

### **Game 2 verses Wantirna SC**

Brentwood: 3 . 4 . 22 defeated

Norwood: 6 . 5 . 41

Goal Kickers:

Aaron Johns 2                        Jake Pappon 1

With an hour and a half break to our final game the boys could finally rest and have a bite to eat. For our final game against Vermont I let Max McAra and James Lomax coach, while I acted as runner. The change proved successful as the boys managed to keep in front of their opponents for almost the entire game. Although Vermont never gave up it was Brentwood by the narrowest of margins, 1 point!

### **Game 3 verses Vermont SC**

Brentwood: 5 . 4 . 34 drew with

Camberwell: 5 . 3 . 33

Goal Kickers:

Seb Henderson 2                      Chris Toth 1

Cohen Howell 1                        Jack Tyrrell 1

Well done to all the boys on making the Eastern Zone Competition and hopefully all the boys that play in grand finals for their club on Sunday have a win! Thank you very much to James Black and Reyne Harris for their assistance on the day.

## ***Mr. Hose, Coach***

### **Year 8 Girls Table Tennis**

On Thursday 9 August, the girls grade A and grade B table tennis teams represented Brentwood at the Dandenong Oasis Table Tennis Centre. The 'A' team put in a fantastic effort and won all of their rounds convincingly in the round robin. This superb performance saw them reach the final against Mount Waverley, who had also played very well. Unfortunately, despite their valiant efforts the girls were finally beaten. A special mention must go to Melanie Murray who until the final, had gone through undefeated! Great effort!

The 'B' team also fared well, recording wins in some of their games too. Despite the losses, the girls were not only competitive but also gracious in defeat, displaying great sportsmanship. Overall, the teams gave Brentwood S.C. something to be proud of and really enjoyed competing. Well done guys and congratulations on your efforts. I would also like to thank Nathan Canning and Phil Murray who were instrumental in the girls' great performance on the day.

### **The team**

Melanie Murray                      Lucy Yang

Nicola Cochrane                      Moohambika Srinivasam

Lisa Panigrahi                        Emily Cross

Madaleine Vantakarisi              Anita Louis

## ***Mr. Rodwell, Coach***

### **Intermediate Girls Hockey**

On Tuesday 21 August the intermediate girls hockey team met outside the front of the gym for an action packed day of competitive hockey.

### **Team**

Natalie De Luca                      Tegan Bisset

Clare Tomlin                         Laura Thompson

Kate Attwood                        Nathalie Leane

Georgia Delithodoris              Jessica Simpson

Fiona Jong                            Natascha Amend

Rachael Grant                        Joanne Borg

Suzie Elphinstone                  Sam Russo

Vicky Chhen

Upon arrival we smeared army face paint on our cheeks and were ready for battle. Our first game was against Mt. Waverley and our fighting spirit came through in the first 5 minutes. The magnificent team work of our attacking half resulted in a goal! Our fantastic defence kept Mt. Waverley scoreless and we were able to come off the battlefield with a win, 1 – 0.

Our second game against Wheelers Hill 'A' looked to be a nil-all draw, however, in the last 3

minutes of the game they were able to get 2 shots into goal to win, 0 – 2.

Cross over finals gave us hope, we could still experience victory – it wasn't over yet! Our opposition – Glen Waverley. The battle commenced and at half time it was 0 – 0, the second half was action packed, the ball was down our end, we missed, it went up their end, they missed, back up our end, we missed back up their end and.... they scored.... 3 minutes left on the clock, there was still time, the girls did not give up, they persisted right up until the buzzer. Final score 0 – 1.

We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, a great achievement! I was really impressed with the sportsmanship and behaviour of all the girls that came along on the day! Thanks!

*Sarah Hately, Coach*

### **Intermediate Girls Table tennis**

#### **A Team**

Rebecca Huang (Captain)	Christina Leong
Shivangi Johari	Vivian Yu
Aimee Chen	

#### **B Team**

Christina (Captain)	Maniatakis	Fiona Lac
Ella Ung		Amanda lee
Jenny Lam		Joyce Luc
Emily Xu		

Just in case anyone doesn't know, table tennis is a game similar to lawn tennis, played on a table with wooden paddles and a small hollow plastic ball.

After numerous training sessions, involving marathon practise games and 10 kilometre runs, the girls were ready for their competition at the renowned and stylish Table tennis centre in the highly regarded suburb of "Dandenong".

The 'B' team girls got into action straight away and were up against a school that most of our girls did not know existed. Glen Waverley put up a brave fight, but eventually lost 6 matches to nil.

Christina Maniatakis and the other girls in the B team continued to annihilate their opposition throughout the day. Mount Waverley were the next victims, also losing 6 matches to nil.

The final match for the 'B' team was against Wellington. No prizes for guessing the result! Christina, Ella, Fiona, Amanda and Jenny were just too strong for their opponents. Undefeated and unchallenged. Awesome effort girls!

The 'A' team girls played against Ashwood in their first pool match. It was all over in a matter of minutes (six – nil). Next up we were pitted against a strong Glen Waverley side. The girls managed to hold their nerve by convincingly beating them 5 matches to one. Some outstanding play by Rebecca Huang and debutante youngster Vivian Yu, ensured that the spectators had plenty to talk about before the final.

The final saw us up against a Wellington side that had narrowly beaten us in 2006. As the games started I was biting my nails and nervously pacing up and down the corridor between the courts. It was going to be another close one. I told the girls to "keep a lid on it" and "just take it one game at a time" but they just laughed at me and relaxed while they waited to play.

The girls played excellently, using spin and swerve on the ball to such an extent that had never been witnessed before at the Dandenong Table Tennis centre. Shivangi Johari and Vivien Yu won their singles matches, which left the final tied at 2 matches apiece. The final was going down to the wire and it was the 2 doubles encounters that were going to decide who was going to be victorious.

Shivangi and Aimee Chen won their doubles match, leaving Rebecca and Christina with the unenviable task of winning their match to give Brentwood overall victory. If they lost, it would leave the final tied at 3 matches each and a count back of points would be used to split the two teams. It was the closest and most exciting doubles table tennis match that I have ever had the privilege of witnessing. Unfortunately, the girls just lost out, losing by 2 points in their final game. The points count back revealed that Wellington had amassed 248 points out of the 6 matches in the final. Brentwood had 236 points. Despite rumours of performance enhancing substances being used by Wellington (namely Gatorade which clearly gives an athlete an unfair advantage) our girls accepted the 12 point defeat with grace and honour.

Congratulations to all the girls who came along for the day. A true "Smorgasbord" of Table Tennis excellence! Well done!

*Bill Exton, Coach*

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## **Community Corner**

### **2007-08 Season – Junior Cricketers**

#### **Registration Day**

Glen Waverley Cricket Club is celebrating its 48<sup>th</sup> year in the Waverley area. They cater for all levels of ability with a strong commitment to the juniors and coaching of players in the skills and spirit of the game. 7 Junior teams fielded last season. Level 1 VCE Accredited Coaches. Under 17, 15, 13 & 11. Registration day: Saturday 1 September at Brentwood Reserve Club Rooms, Maylands Crescent, Glen Waverley 10.00am – 11.00am. Proof of age eg birth certificate or passport required. More information ring 5971 4502.

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton,  
I Yan  
Tues: J Harris  
Wed: HELP NEEDED  
Thur: C Williams  
Fri: D Cragg, M Hayes

Thank you everyone.

*Shirley & Carol*

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