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Principal's Report

Recent visits to Brentwood

The Thinking, Learning and Creativity project in year 7 is being funded through the Leading Schools Fund by Department of Education. A case study audit of the project was carried out recently. It was managed by Peter Newland, the Principal of Galvin Park SC, who is undertaking audits on behalf of the Central Office. He met with members of the principal team, TLC team, non-TLC teachers and year seven students. Helen Fotheringham, from the Eastern Metropolitan Region, was in attendance for the morning session. Both Helen and Peter were taken on a tour of TLC classes and were extremely impressed with the program. We will receive a written report on his observations and any recommendations he may have, later this term.

On the same day as the TLC audit, the Philippines Minister for Education, members of his senior staff, principals and delegates from AUSAID visited Brentwood. The delegation totalled 12 in number with two officials from the Department of Education also in attendance. The purpose of their visit was to investigate the relationship between the principal and the school council in the Victorian government school system. The management model in place in Victoria is probably the most devolved model in Australia. As well as a formal presentation given by Vicki Forbes, our guests were taken on a school tour by Kristen Moore, David Tegui and Aldwin Eugeno.

Interim Reports and Parent-teacher Day

The teachers have completed Interim Reports on every student and parents should receive these reports in today's mail. The Interim Reports are designed to give parents and students an indication of the progress that is being made at this

point in the semester so that parents have this information prior to Parent-Teacher interviews on Thursday 6 September. Parent-Teacher Day runs in two sessions from 12:00 – 5:00 and 6:00 – 8:30 with staff having a meal break between the sessions. Parents are warmly encouraged to take this opportunity to speak with their child's teachers and to attend the interviews with their child. Parent-Teacher Day is not a punitive occasion! It is equally important for students who are working well to have this chance to have their efforts acknowledged, as it is for those students who are underperforming to have explained to them the ways in which they can improve.

Immunisations

Next Tuesday morning 4 September is the last session of the immunisation program for 2007. The immunisations that will be administered are:

- Hepatitis B booster: Year 7 girls and boys
- Gardasil final dose: Year 7, 10, 11 and 12 girls.

Parents are asked to please ensure that their child attends school that day so that they receive the full course of immunisations.

In 2008 the girls who are currently in years 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to receive the Gardasil immunisation, together with the new year 7 girls. This will then mean that all girls of secondary school age throughout Australia, will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and thereafter Gardasil will be administered to girls in year 7.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

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

Brentwood Art Exhibition



(Natalie Ear Year 11)

Learning, Thinking and Creativity: A Journey Through the Visual Arts

A sample of Brentwood student's work from years 7 to 12 have been selected to be displayed at the Thinking, Learning and Creativity: A Journey Through the Visual Arts exhibition. In addition, 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. On display will be dynamic and diverse works of student's from Prep through to Year 12.

The exhibition will be formally opened by Mayor Morrissey from the City of Monash on August 31st. We warmly extend an invitation to all members of the Brentwood community to visit the Thinking, Learning and Creativity Exhibition which will be open to the general public from September 1 – 13, 2007 at the Highway Gallery (14 The Highway, Mount Waverley). The Highway Gallery is open Tues – Sat from 11am-5pm and on Sunday from 1-5pm.

Ultimate Design Graphics have supplied the school with the quality materials and technology

that have enabled us to produce many of the students' works. We thank them for their support.

We congratulate the students' involved and thank Cathy Price, Cluster Educator and James McKenzie, Head of Art who have been instrumental in offering them this forum in which to celebrate their achievements.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

From the Senior School Team

Parent Teacher Interviews

Senior School students are encouraged to attend Parent Teacher Interviews with their parents. This will be the last opportunity for our year 12 students and their parents to discuss their progress. It will also be an excellent opportunity for current year 11 students to discuss their progress with a focus on course selection for 2008.

2008 Subject preferences (current year 10 and year 11 students)

Year 10 and year 11 students have been given a copy of their subject preferences for 2008. It is important that these are checked for accuracy and that Senior School Coordinators are notified of any changes by **Friday 7 September**.

Special Entry and Scholarships

Year 12 students are advised that the VTAC website also gives them access to SEAS applications (Special Entry and Scholarships).

There are a large number of scholarships available for the various tertiary institutions and we would recommend that students take advantage of the opportunity to apply.

Special Entry to tertiary institutions is available on a number of grounds (eg family issues, long term illness). Students are encouraged to explore the website to determine their eligibility. The school will generally be required to provide supporting evidence for these applications and we would therefore request that all students intending to apply contact Mrs Stanley the Careers and Pathways Coordinator, the Well Being Team or the Senior School Coordinators as soon as possible to enable applications to be completed by the end of this term.

Senior School Team

Billet Families Urgently Required.

Is your family interested in billeting one of Australia's best up and coming Touch players? The VSSSA is hosting the School Sport Australia Touch Championship at Monash University this year from Sunday 21 October to Friday 26 October 2007. The event will involve 14 and 15 year old secondary school boys and girls from state teams around Australia, and will take place at the Monash University Sport Fields.

As a host family you will be required to:

- Provide family hospitality and make your new friend feel at home
- Meet your billet on arrival and assist with daily transport to and from Monash University or a central meeting point.
- Provide breakfast and an evening meal.

If you are interested in hosting a player/s, please contact: Gayle Anderson, 9488 9486 / 0448 250 562, anderson.gayle.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sports Round Up

Brentwood Squashes the Opposition

On Tuesday 21 August 2007, four senior girls from Brentwood became the Victorian Squash State Champions.

After arriving at MSAC, the team had a bye for the first game, and this gave the girls a chance to warm up properly and hone in on their skills.

The first team the senior girls played was Rosebud. All members of the team won their games easily, (4 – 0). Next, Brentwood had to play Sunbury, who also defeated Rosebud easily. All the games against Sunbury were all very close, but the determination of the team saw Brentwood winning, (3 – 1).

Finishing on top of pool A, Brentwood needed to play Epping, the team that finished second in pool B, to qualify for the final. The games against Epping were a tougher affair, but again the determination and drive of the girls saw Brentwood winning by 12 points.

In the final for state honours, Brentwood was to play Mentone Girls. Michelle Grant and Carly Mückner were scheduled to play first. The games were close with each team winning a rubber, and with the teams equal on points after the first two games. Now, it was left to Jasmine Chan and Selena Shaikh. Both played outstanding squash, the best you would see anywhere in the world for students at this level. Again, it was a tough affair,

but the Brentwood girls were the eventual winners on points, 5 points to be exact.

The standard of squash was high throughout the tournament and the four girls:

Jasmine Chan Michelle Grant
Carly Mückner Selena Shaikh
are to be commended on their dedication and winning form.

David Newcombe & Frank Attard, Coaches

Year 8 Girls 'Zones' Netball Report:

After successfully qualifying to compete in the annual school zone competition, on Friday 24 August, our year 8 girls 'A' netball team, accompanied with our wonderful year 9 student coaches, Caila Hunt and Tayla Burns and cheerperson, Danielle Colosimo, headed to Waverley Netball Centre at Jells Park to compete against schools such as: Wantirna, Lilydale High and Vermont.

The girls competed admirably against our competition, winning the first game against Lilydale convincingly, then narrowly being defeated by Wantirna. Vermont however proved too strong on the day, therefore eliminating our chance of qualifying for the Semi finals. However, it was pleasing to see the girls train so hard in the lead up to the competition, and create some exciting passages of play on the day.

Our team comprised of the following students:

Brentwood Team 'A':

Georgia Taylor Georgia Corbett
Rebecca Gray Tammy Dang Le
Mary Papazoglou Beth Alexander
Lauren Boulton Cecilia Faalili
Madaleine Vantarakis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls very much for their hard work, enthusiastic cheering and for their '*sportswomanship*' on the day.



Special mention and thanks again to Caila and Tayla, who provided both teams with great coaching tips and mentoring, both in lead-up training sessions and on the day. It was also great to see the parents who came and supported their girls on the day. I know it meant a lot to them to have your support, so thank you! Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Danielle Colosimo, who was unable to compete due to injury, but was a great scorer and cheer-person! We all wish Dani the best for her recovery.

It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated netballers and I hope to work with them again next year when they compete at the Intermediate level!

Jessica Oliver- Coach.

Intermediate Girls Basketball

On 21 August the Intermediate girls headed to Dandenong Basketball stadium for the District Interschool competition.

The 'A' team got off to an outstanding start thrashing Wheelers Hill 26- 4 and Ashwood 30-3. The 'B' team had a tough start to the day being defeated by Highvale and Mt Waverley and drawing with Wellington. The 'B' team then went on to win an impressive match against Glen Waverley by 1 point.

The 'A' team had a tough second half of the draw having a draw against Glen Waverley and winning by 1 point against Mount Waverley. The teamwork and skills of the 'A' side played off in the end winning the competition by 0.2 percent. We will be playing in the zone competition on Tuesday 16 October.

A big thank you to our four year 11 coaches Aaron, Ben, Nuru and Rachel. You were all very helpful during training and on the day, the girls appreciated all your help.

Good luck to the 'A' side in the next round.

A Team

Brianna Smith
Ashley Rhind
Micha Ropata
Evelyn Tsiambouris

Georgia Byron
Anthea Samargis
Gabby Tarabolsi

B Team

Erin Selleck
Vanessa Joyce
Ashley Bell
Carly Ioannidis
Ellena Orologas

Paula Mann
Gabi Broadfoot
Chrissi Tsakiris
Lucy Hague

Coaches

Rachel Manning
Ben Bult

Aaron Conlon
Nuru Jammeh

Emily Bishop, Coach

Debutante and Formal Dresses

If you're interested in either selling or buying a debutante or formal dress, you can contact either The Affordable Debutante at hm_plumb@hotmail.com or contact Helen on 0413 871 246; or Formally Yours at www.formallyyours.com.au.

Narelle Wood, Presentation Ball Co-ordinator

Community Corner

Knox Junior Squash Program

Dates: Every Wednesday & Thursday to 20 September 2007
Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Cost: \$5.00 per session
Where: Knox Bayswater Squash Club
3 James Street, Bayswater

All activities conducted by a professional squash coach and equipment provided. For more details please call 9729 7322.

Canteen News

Mon: I Wilmott, M Yegorian
Tues: J Hovenden
Wed: S Williams, C Kurz
Thur: Pupil Free Day
Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

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