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Principal
Ms Vicki Forbes
Assistant Principals
Mrs Barbara Laidlaw
Mr Leon Lilly
Mr David Shelton

Principal's Report

What musical talent we have at Brentwood Secondary College! Last Friday, the school was treated to the wonderful sounds and lighting of Music Madness. Each year the quality of the performance continues to improve. All students who participated in the show need to be congratulated for both their dedication to their craft and their courage. The ability to perform confidently in front of one's peers cannot be underestimated. A big thank you must go to the Sound and Lighting crew, ably lead by Mr Hunt and the SRC for their fine organisation of this major event.

Also on Friday, the official opening of "Thinking, Learning and Creativity: A Journey through the Visual Arts" show was attended by Mr Shelton, Mrs Laidlaw and Ms Hawley. They were all overwhelmed by the quality of the artwork and the depth of thought put into each piece of work by our Brentwood artists, of whom they were justifiably very proud. The quality of the art work produced by our Cluster primary students was equally impressive. A huge thank you to Cathy Price, our Cluster Educator, and Mr McKenzie, Mr Cooper and the Art staff for making the show possible.

The Year 11 students attended a "Success Without Stress" seminar on Wednesday. The seminar, delivered by Darren Pereira, was designed to motivate and inspire the students to achieve their personal best by developing a positive self image. Well done to the Senior School team for their planning of such a timely and productive event.

On Wednesday I was privileged to attend the District Athletics in which Brentwood students excelled, not just on the athletics track but also off the track as confident sportspeople whose sportsmanship is inspirational.

Finally, Thursday was our Parent Teacher Interviews. It was very pleasing to see so many parents throughout the day. I am sure that all students will take on board what was discussed and will continue to work hard and produce personal bests in Semester Two.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

31 Aug – 13 Sept	Brentwood Innovation & Excellence Cluster Art Exhibition
18 Sept	District Sport – Year 7
21 Sept	Students dismissed 2.15pm for school holidays
8 Oct	Students return for term 4
10 Oct	VCE Music Night
12 Oct	Curriculum Day

Parents Victoria Online Conference 10-16 September

The Office for Government School Education has sponsored the first Parents Victoria online conference, which will feature seven daily online discussions via the internet.

This free conference will provide all parents with children in Victorian government schools with the opportunity to discuss various key parent issues including student report cards, school uniforms, literacy and numeracy standards.

Registration on the conference website:

www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

Further information at:

<http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/>

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Australian Mathematics Competition

On July 25, 245 Brentwood students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition attracts over 500,000 entries including many overseas entries. As always some of the questions were difficult, however, it was very pleasing to see the concentration and effort applied to the questions by our students.

Our competitors achieved excellent results including 1 Prize, 5 High Distinctions, 64 Distinctions and 109 Credit awards.

Congratulations to all of our competitors, they will all receive a certificate.

Year 7

Prize Winner

Brandon Lam

High Distinctions

Gary Guo	Oscar Viengkhou
Samuel Deng	Leslie Leong

Distinctions

Deepika Gunda	William Jiang
Sarah Luu	Vi Dang-Le
Callum Pygall	Georgina Chiam
Cheuk Heng Lau	Michelle Xu
Dileep Yogasingham	Miranda Topcu
Naomi Semercioglu	Min-Seok Kim

Year 8

High Distinctions

Ninoslav Petrovic

Distinctions

Hilton Hua	Calvin Lin
Omar El-Khub	Lucy Yang
Lisa Panigrahi	Anthony Martin
Jihye Ha	Justin Williams
Michael Ilett	Linda Tieu
Sharon Tay	Erick Bakhaazi
Eun-Sub Hong	Jacky Tu
Aarushi Kansal	Timothy McAllister
Achuthan Ranganathan	Kenneth Li
Rebecca Liu	Sean Gregory
Tiarne Ecker	Alan Leigh-Lancaster
Alec Farragher	Jessica Robinson
Anna Zhang	Moohambika Srinivasan
Rico Kobelt	Simon Ma
Ro-Wern Ong	Zhao Zhou
Chris Barber	Emily Sciacca
Chelsea Ung	Morris Tang
Ryan Sutherland	

Year 9

Distinctions

Gordan Torlak	Lewis Ferguson
Jared Dougheney-Earle	Victoria Tang
Melinda Chung	Nathania Tay
Andrew Li	Teresa Viengkhou
Sahana Ganesh	Sophie Smith
Chethana Yakupitiyage	

Year 10

Distinctions

Wayne Sandlant	Jeremy Cole
Danielle Kennedy	Josh Seracino
David Ho	Ulyana Khrustal

Denis Chinnock, Maths Coordinator

AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS

Markus Zusak and Year 9 students

The Book Week celebrations continued with Simon Higgins speaking to the Year 10 Students on Thursday 23rd August. The students were fascinated by Simon's stories. His interview with a serial killer during his time as a police detective and his expertise in Iaido, a form of ken-jutsu (art of the sword) were of particular interest. [Iaido may also be called iai or iai-jutsu] Simon spoke about competing this year in Kyoto, Japan, in the World Iaido Championships as a member of the Australian team. Simon also spoke about scenarios he had created several years ago having a connection to present day events. Two of the books he mentioned were Under No Flag which is about a submarine crew whose mission is to defend whales against illegal whalers in the international waters of the Pacific and Thunderfish which is about modern day pirates. Simon was thanked by Ella Ung of 10I on behalf of the Year 10 audience.

Simon Higgins, Ella Ung 10I and Mark McConnell 10F

Here are some examples of student feedback about Simon's presentation:

The presentation by Simon Higgins was a unique experience and was an interesting look into both crime and the martial art of Iaido. It gave an interesting glance at the life of the honour bound Samurai, and the presentation was funny and informative. S.F.

He was cool. D.M.

Simon Higgins, Ruttanunt Funchien 10C and Jason Chew 10B

The Year 8 students and the lucky staff who were part of Barry Jonsberg's audience on Friday August 24th were captivated by his stories. When Barry asked for a volunteer, Jessica Robinson of 8H was chosen to fill the position. Jess was seated in front of the audience and was surprised to be given a red wig to wear and a small football to juggle. The reason for these props became clear when Barry did a reading from his book *The Whole Business with Kiffo and the Pitbull*. A further surprise was an eye mask, a prop that was linked to his story about lucid dreaming and his book *Dreamrider*. As a reward for volunteering, Jess received a signed copy of one of Barry's novels. Barry was thanked by Jess Robinson of 8H on behalf of the Year 8 audience.

Barry Jonsberg and Jess Robinson 8H

Here are some examples of student feedback about Barry's presentation:

Dear Mr Jonsberg, Your presentation was fantastic. I liked how your props were used on a student instead of a teacher. Your books are very funny. Tiffany

Mr Jonsberg was a great guest and his books sounded cool. Jon

Barry Jonsberg's visit was certainly memorable. Although I was mortally embarrassed by the wig he had me wear, you couldn't keep the smile off my face. He was by far one of the funniest authors I think I will ever meet. Jess

The celebrations concluded on Wednesday August 29th with Markus Zusak giving two presentations to the Year 9 Students. Markus entertained his audiences with stories about his life and writing. The egg story, a tale of revenge on his older brother, got many laughs from his audiences. The saga of the wooden spoon was also well received. Markus did a brief reading from his book *The Messenger* and had everyone amused at the idea of someone choosing a 15 minute park when they were going to the bank, getting cross with the gunman who was robbing the bank and yelling "Hurry up then" to him. Markus was thanked by Danielle Baldwin of 9A on behalf of the Session 1 audience and Elena Vukanovic of 9J on behalf of the Session 2 audience.

Here are some examples of student feedback about the presentations that Markus gave:

Markus Zusak was excellent and I loved his presentation. It was really funny and awesome. It made me want to read his other books. Peter

A great experience. Throughout the presentation not at any time did I get bored. He is an amazing person. Kyra

Markus was really funny and good to listen to because he made it exciting with the stories he told like the wooden spoon and the break in. Tom

He was funny and really connected with us kids. It was more fun than going to class. It wasn't boring at all. Mel

Markus Zusak and Elena Vukanovic of 9J

All of the author presentations were very successful and well received by their audiences. Thanks to the students who supported this program. I appreciate the fact that Ella, Jess, Danielle and Elena were willing to accept the responsibility for thanking their visiting author at short notice. All of these students spoke well and were very good representatives for their year level.

Markus Zusak, Elizabeth Hall 9C and Danielle Baldwin 9A

All of the author presentations were very successful and well received by their audiences. Thanks to the students who supported this program. Many thanks to all of the Brentwood staff who assisted with the organisation of the Year 8, 9 and 10 Author presentations and encouraged the students to attend. Special thanks to the members of the Library team – especially Mrs Clark and Mrs Sanders, the Year 8, 9 and 10 Home Group teachers, the Daily Organizer and the Office staff for all of the work they did. Thanks to Mrs Ryan for taking photos at each session.

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS - THE VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge for 2007 closed on August 31st. Brentwood was one of more than 1,300 schools across the state which took part in the Challenge. More than 200,000 students registered to participate in the Challenge and more than 110,000 met it.

Congratulations to Gunda Deepika 7D, Muhammed Hussain 8E, Sohaib Ishtiaq 8E, Aishwarya Kirubasankar 8E, Justin Nguyen 8G and Jason Zhou 8K for completing the Challenge.

Premier John Brumby will send a signed certificate to all students who met the challenge of reading 15 books [10 or more of the books from the recommended booklist].

Ms Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

Year 10 Magistrates' Court Excursion Report

On Tuesday 28 August, students from the year 10 commerce class "You and the Law" participated in an excursion to the Ringwood Magistrates' Court.

Firstly, we were given an introduction to the Magistrates' Court, how it works and what it does, as well as the set-up, sentencing options in criminal law and an overview of the court hierarchy. We split into groups to observe the different kinds of cases that are held there, and to develop a better understanding of the legal system of Victoria.

Learning about court from textbooks was nothing compared to actually being there in the courtrooms, watching the prosecution and the defendant present their cases to the magistrate.

We all gained a lot of understanding from the visit, and it helped us gain a better grasp on how the legal and court system works. Some students were even lucky enough to sit in on an animal cruelty case that made the six o'clock news that night.

We'd all like to thank everyone at the Ringwood Magistrates' Court for allowing us an opportunity to learn about the legal system, as well as Mrs Oliver and Mr Davatzis for supervising us on the day.

Jennifer Stephens & Sarah Pilmore, Year 10

Sports Round Up

District Athletics

Congratulations to all members of Brentwood's Athletics team who competed on Wednesday. We had some outstanding results. Full details in next week's newsletter.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Yr 7 Badminton

The year 7 girl's badminton team have recently competed at the Eastern Zone competition held at Kilsyth Stadium. Their dedication and enjoyment of playing badminton was shown with the many training sessions they did.

The girls played four singles matches and two doubles matches against each school in their section and the Brentwood team did really well winning their pool.

Brentwood had a bye for their first match with Lilydale Heights not showing up. They then

defeated Wantirna 6-0, and Blackburn 6-0 to qualify for the semi finals.

Brentwood played Balwyn High in the Semi finals and tied on sets 3-3. The winner of this match was to play off in the grand final and unfortunately it came down to points, and Brentwood lost 105-110 points. A fantastic effort to make it to the Eastern Zone level, well done girls!

Thank you also to Ye Lang Kan and Annie Sim who trained with the girls to improve their skills.

Team members:

Amanda Duong	Catherine Sim
Rachel Kong	Jenny Xu
Jocelyn Chang	

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Intermediate Boys Badminton

On the 9 August the Intermediate Boys team travelled to Kilsyth Badminton centre highly optimistic that they would win the day and qualify for the state finals.

The boy's optimism was not misplaced as they charged through the qualifying rounds without dropping a match. The standard of the badminton was very high and it was clear that it was going to take an outstanding team to halt the boys progress to state finals.

Qualifying scores: Pembroke/Mt Evelyn

Singles

Joel Yap	21-8	Luke Chung	21-8
Andrew Lee	21-9	Derrick Qua	21-6

Doubles A

Andrew/Jason	21/10
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Doubles B

Luke/Stan	21-3
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Wantirna Singles

Joel	21-7	Luke	21-12
Jason	21-7	Stan Kwan	21-7

Doubles A

Joel/Jason	21-9
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Doubles B

Andrew/Luke	21-6
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Vermont Singles

Joel	21-12	Luke	21-4
Jason	21-6	Stan	21-8

Doubles A

Jason/Joel	21-9
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Doubles B

Andrew/Derrick	21-12
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Brentwood headed off to the semi-finals to play arch rival Doncaster East, the team that defeated Brentwood last year. This year this was not to be as Brentwood produced a strong performance to dispose of Doncaster East 6 rubbers to 0.

Scores:

Doncaster East Singles

Joel	21-8	Luke	21-14
Jason	21-13	Andrew	21-12

Doubles A

Luke/Stan	21-13
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Doubles B

Derrick/Andrew	21-18
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The Final

This was why we had come today and we were up against a strong eastern zone school in Balwyn. Our biggest worry was going to be if we took them too easily. Joel was against his toughest opponent for the day and he was at his sparkling best in accounting for his opponent 21-7. Any chance of slacking off was gone and all the boys proceeded to demolish their opponents.

Scores:

Balwyn Singles

Joel	21-7	Luke	21-10
Jason	21-12	Andrew	21-11

Doubles A

Jason/Joel	21-16	Stan/Derrick	18-21
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Doubles B

So, project state final had been accomplished and we were off to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on 21 August. The boys were all very excited and proud of their achievement. Congratulations to the team on the way they played, represented Brentwood and on their outstanding sportsmanship. Good luck at the state finals.

Geoff Rutherford, Coach

Community Corner

Softball Camp

Join in all the fun these school holidays at one of USC's sports camps. Check out the website for all the dates & venues near you for September/October. Girls & Boys Ages 7 to 17. Register online at our website: www.unitedsportscoaching.com.au or Phone: 0423 045 121 / 0404 840 399 for more information

Parties – Safety Tips for Parents

Are your children partying safely?
Do you know your legal responsibilities when hosting an underage party?

Parents, teachers, community service providers and young people are invited to attend an information evening run by Manningham City Council.

When: 18 September 2007
6.30 – 9.00pm
Where: Function Room 1
Manningham City Council
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Admission: Free
Bookings essential:
RSVP to Belinda on 9840 9315

Get Active Melbourne

Free family sports expo, showcasing over 20 different sports and activities for kids and adults to try for FREE.

When: Sunday 28 October
10am – 3pm
Where: Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne
For more information go to:
www.getactivemelbourne.com.au

Canteen News

Mon: M. Kocsis, L. Shaw
Tues: S. Barber, T. Robinson, J. Harris
Wed: C. Huebner, W. Zhang
Thur: H. Yoon, S. Remmington
Fri: L. Smith, M. Tyler, M. Williams (L)

Thank you everyone.
Shirley & Carol

Thank you to Ultimate Design Graphics for their support of our students' artwork.

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