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Principal's Report

Yamamura International High School

Earlier this year Brentwood Secondary College was approached by the International Division of the Department of Education to host a high school from Japan for a day. A delegation from Yamamura International High School came on a pre-visit in May to discuss arrangements for the day. On Monday of this week we hosted 250 students aged 15-17 years and 25 staff and guides for the morning.

It was a whirlwind visit. The tour group arrived in Melbourne from Japan on Saturday morning and flew out of Sydney to return home on Tuesday. Yamamura's visit to Brentwood on Monday was the highlight of their very brief visit to Australia and the students had been looking forward to the day with great anticipation. It would seem that there are some marked cultural differences in what our two school systems would define as a school excursion!

Our whole year 9 level of 250 students, acted as hosts for the Yamamura students. Miss Le Grove did a fabulous job of co-ordinating the event. We started the day with an assembly to welcome our visitors. Ling Ma of year 11 sang a popular Japanese song titled "Everlasting" and she was accompanied by David Ho from year 10. The Principals of each school addressed the assembly. They were followed by Stephanie Edwards and Matthew Julius of year 9 who had both just returned from Brentwood's recent visit to our sister school in Japan, Ono Senior High School, so they were well practised at speaking Japanese. They warmly welcomed our guests in both Japanese and English and one of their students responded. A group of 20 Yamamura students then sang a traditional song while performing a 'fan dance' for our students.

This seemed to be as entertaining to their school as it was for Brentwood's students!

For the remainder of the morning the 500 students were organised into 20 groups and each of these groups participated in a wide variety of activities. These activities included cricket, Aussie Rules, soccer, Aboriginal dot painting, music, English, science, computing and the Yamamura teachers ran sessions on calligraphy and origami. Our year 9s are to be congratulated on the wonderful way in which they hosted our guests and acted as ambassadors for our college and as representatives of our country. We also want to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Wright and the SRC who served lamingtons and Tim Tams at recess and cooked a BBQ lunch. They catered for the hungry hoards in record time. Our visitors left at 12:30 for Melbourne Airport to then fly to Sydney. In the afternoon the year 9s attended a play performed by Brainstorm Productions titled 'Wired'. This was organised for the year level by the Wellbeing Team.

The Yamamura visit provided the year 8 YLCs with an opportune day to organise their 'Celebrate Year 8 Day'. The whole year 8 level went on an excursion to the Geelong Adventure Park and by all reports they had a fabulous time despite the intermittent spring showers. Ms Campion did a terrific job in organising the trip and all of the teachers who went commented on how wonderfully the year 8s behaved, which makes such outings a pleasure for both students and teachers.

The feedback about the whole day has been overwhelmingly positive from both our staff and students. It took a lot of organisation particularly as the rest of the school continued to run as normal.

The Yamamura Principal, teachers and students were delighted to have this opportunity to visit a secondary school and to be hosted by such friendly, positive students. As they left, the Principal said that he hoped that they would be able to return to Brentwood and to spend a day with us on an annual basis. We could have had no higher praise!

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

29 Oct	School Council 7.00pm
02 Nov	Unit 4 VCE exams begin
05 Nov	Curriculum Day
06 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day
14 Nov	Year 11 Study Day Year 7 Music Night
15 Nov	Unit 4 VCE exams end Unit 2 Exams begin
19 Nov	Unit 2 Exams continue Year 10 Exams begin Education Policy Sub-committee meeting 6.30pm Resources Sub-committee meeting 7.45pm
22 Nov	Year 10 to 11 Orientation
23 Nov	Year 10 to 11 Orientation Year 10 Graduation Dinner

Japan Trip 2007

On Saturday, 15 September 2007, 16 students and two teachers met at Melbourne Airport at 4:30am. We boarded the Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong at 7:30am. It was a very long flight, it took 9 hours. We had a brief stop at Hong Kong airport. We boarded a flight to Osaka at 5:30pm. It was a 4 hour flight. One of the students was not well and had to stay in Hong Kong over night with Mrs Laidlaw. Mrs Weeraratne did an awesome job of getting all 15 students to Japan on her own. We finally arrived at Osaka airport at about 9:30pm. The weather was really hot and humid so we were all complaining. We got on a bus to the Ramada Airport Hotel. We stayed in groups of two to four people at the hotel.

The next morning we met for breakfast and a teacher from Ono Senior High School greeted us. We then travelled to Ono Senior High School by bus to meet our new families. Joel gave an opening speech and each of us then gave a brief self introduction. The next day was a public holiday in Japan so we had free time with our host families. A lot of people visited Kobe city.

On Tuesday 18 we met at school and everyone was relieved to be able to speak to people in English. We had a Japanese class and then we had a kendo class. We got to whack dummies with the kendo stick which was a lot of fun. We also got to scream a lot. Later in the afternoon we practised for the sports day performance.

The next day was sports day of Ono Senior High School. It was a massive sports festival. All the students participated in events such as running, skipping, marching and various other sports. Mrs Laidlaw and Georgia both gave speeches. We got to participate in the skipping which was 14 of us jumping while Kane and Brianna were turning the rope. It was very difficult. The winning team had 267. We had 18 jumps. It's a new Brentwood Record! We also had to perform a one minute dance and we chose to do an Aboriginal dance. Everyone enjoyed it. We were also interviewed and appeared in the local newspaper.

On 19 September, we visited Himeji Castle. It was a 2 hour bus ride and we had to walk a long way to reach the castle. Himeji Castle is a very old and famous castle in Japan it is a World Heritage Building and has been restored to perfect condition. The day was hot and it had a lot of staircases to reach the top of the castle. The top of Himeji Castle had a really good view. We had McDonalds for lunch and then we went to the Toy Museum. It was very interesting to see the old fashioned toys from all over the world and we got to play with some of them. There were interesting marble machines.

The next day we went to Kyoto. We went to two temples, the Kinkakuji (The Golden Pavilion) and Kiyomizudera temple. The Kiyomizudera was fun and the Golden Pavilion was a breath taking sight. There were many souvenir shops so we had the chance to go shopping. It was interesting.

On the weekend we were able to spend time with the host families. Some students had the chance to go to Universal Studios in Osaka. It was an amazing place with roller coasters and movie rides such as Spiderman, Back to the Future and Jaws. Other students went shopping with their host families and spent time with them.

On 23 September students woke up early and travelled to Hiroshima by the Shinkansen or 'Bullet Train.' It was our first time to be able to experience the bullet train. It took about one and a half hours and we went sight seeing. We travelled to Miyajima Island by ferry. Miyajima was full of deer and had a well known big Japanese gate. At night we had the chance to have 'Okonomiyaki' which is Hiroshima's specialty dish and it was a good experience.

The next day we travelled to Hiroshima Peace Park and the Hiroshima War Memorial museum. It was depressing to see the effect and damage the Second World War had on Japan after the atomic bomb. We hung our paper cranes at the shrine and then we had to catch lots of trains back to Ono Senior High School. Changing trains in Japan is not that easy as one needs to run up and down the stairs to get to the right platform. Mrs Weeraratne described it as a fantastic effort as we had only four minutes between trains and thanks to Mrs Weeraratne, we were the first group to ever make it.

On Wednesday, we stayed at school attending Japanese lessons. We were lucky to learn karate. It was fun and we were shown various Japanese weapons used in karate. We also rehearsed for the 'Farewell party' and we had a Japanese lesson.

On Thursday we had an opportunity to attend classes with our host students including calligraphy. Some students did maths, bookkeeping, English and various other subjects. For the rest of the day we rehearsed for the Sayonara party which was coming up that night. At the Sayonara party Annie and Matt hosted the evening. Ling sang a song in Japanese, Stephanie did a dance solo, Hong Rae and Kane did a martial arts demonstration, a group of girls did the Rock Eistedford dance and then for the finale everyone sang 'I still call Australia Home'. At the end of the performances, Mr Takao Nakasugi, the Principal of Ono Senior High School, Mrs Laidlaw, Mrs Weeraratne made speeches and the two schools exchanged gifts. We gave Ono a glass plate that was Aboriginal artwork. It was a very successful night and everyone was sad to be leaving.

On 28 September we got up bright and early for our trip to Tokyo. At the school car park, there were lots of crying students and families. Most of the students wanted to stay with their families. We got on the bus and headed to Himeji station and got on a bullet train to Tokyo which took around three hours. In the afternoon, in Tokyo, we went to the Ueno Markets and shopped around for about an hour or so. We then went to City Hall of Tokyo to look at the night view of Tokyo. It was breathtaking. We stayed in a *ryokan* which was a traditional Japanese inn. We got to use the Japanese baths and it was very interesting.

The next day we went to Tokyo Disneyland and it was fun. If it was not for the rain, it would have been better. The rides were fun but we had to wait a very long time to go on a ride. There were many gift stores and shows at Disneyland. In addition there was a firework display at night. The evening electrical parade was amazing and truly a fantasy.

Sunday was our last day in Japan. Everybody was sad to leave Japan. We wanted to go last minute shopping so we went to Shinjuku. We ate McDonalds and many people bought last minute gifts. We also visited a Comic Cafe (manga kissa) but unfortunately we were not allowed to go in. After the Comic Café we caught the train to the airport.

We were finally going home. We boarded the Cathay Pacific airline to Hong Kong. We had a brief stop there and caught another flight to Adelaide. We only stopped at Adelaide for a small stop and finally caught a plane back home. Once we were at Melbourne we went through customs and met our families. We thank Mrs Laidlaw & Mrs Weeraratne for looking after us during the two weeks.

It was a wonderful trip and we have made life-long relationships with the host families. We had an opportunity to experience the way of life first hand in Japan. We all have great memories and highly recommend anyone interested in Japanese or Japan to go there. It was worth every cent.

Georgia Byron (10A), Hongrae No (10G) and Joel Yap(10I)

Celebrate Year 8 Excursion to Adventure Park, Geelong

On Monday 22 October, the year 8 cohort bussed down to Geelong and spent the day screaming down water slides, 'cycling' across the lake, getting 'holes-in-one' on the Mini Golf course, canoeing, and generally having a fantastic time! Even the teachers got in on the act!

We want to thank the staff who came with us and helped supervise the students and supported this great day, especially Mrs Exton, Mrs Haslett, Ms Heneberry, Mr Costin, Ms Pollock, Mrs Betty Smith and Jus and Jo from the Well Being team.

And, on behalf of everyone who went, we want to thank Ms Campion who organised this excursion, booking the buses, the venue, organising the student information, and chasing up students for forms and money – right up to the last day!

Thanks to everyone who made this day such a success. It was a great way to celebrate year 8!!

Alda Brangsch, Year 8 Coordinator

Yamamura High School Visit

On Monday 22 October, Brentwood Secondary College hosted 250 students and 25 staff from Yamamura High School, Japan. This was a terrific opportunity for our year 9 students to be involved as ambassadors for our college. Year 9 BSC students, together with the students from Japan, were involved in a special program for the day. Students participated in a range of activities including Aussie sports, Science, Art and IT.

Thank your very much to the SRC who cooked the BBQ lunch and the many staff who ran the activities.

Monique Le Grove, Head of Middle School

Year 10 Sign-Up, 2008

Year 9 students have this week been given a handbook detailing the subjects available to them to study in year 10, 2008.

All year 10 students are required to study English and Maths. They are also required to study one semester of Humanities and one semester of Science. The rest of their subjects are chosen by the student.

Together with their parents, students should read the handbook carefully to decide which subjects are most appropriate for them, keeping in mind:

- Interest in the subject area
- Preparation for VCE studies
- Preparation for career path
- Likely degree of difficulty
- Maintaining a balanced curriculum

On Monday, 29 October, all year 9 students will be required to attend a computer room at lunchtime to input their preferred subjects via the College Intranet.

The student preferences will assist the College in determining which subjects will be offered in year

10. Please note that the offer of subjects will be made with the students best interest in mind. However, it is impossible to guarantee all students their first choices.

Before the end of the year, students will be informed of the subjects they have been enrolled in for Semester 1 and Semester 2 of year 10.

All relevant information regarding the Sign-Up process is contained in the handbook. If you have any further queries, please contact the Sign-Up Co-ordinator, Mark Oudshoorn, on 8545 0354 or oud@brentwood.vic.edu.au

Mark Oudshoorn, Sign-Up Co-ordinator

Year 9 Camp

An important camp meeting for students will be held on Wednesday 31 October at the beginning of lunch in C3. Students will be provided with the final itinerary. Students are also asked to finalise their payments with the office.

Monique Le Grove, Head of Middle School

SRC

This year has been a great year for the SRC with many projects being completed. At the beginning of the year we had our first casual dress day which supported Challenge House and the Leukemia Foundation. We also introduced our first themed casual dress day to celebrate cultural diversity in the school. Music Madness as always was a great success, providing opportunities for students to show their musical abilities in performance and also leadership abilities in the organization for the day.

In the last week Term 3, the SRC held a breakfast at Brentwood. Thank you to all who were involved. Students and teachers enjoyed a breakfast of scones from Brandon Park Bakers Delight.

Last Friday we also had our final casual dress day for 2007. Thank you to everybody who supported this event. We raised approximately \$1700 and the money raised will go to Oxfam's 'Close the Gap'. Oxfam's main aim is for aboriginal reconciliation. A sea of hands was created on our top oval to raise awareness. In joint support with other secondary colleges in the City of Monash, we have also donated some of this money to service providers in the local community.

You may also notice that work has begun on the construction of a new bike shed near the new

gym. This project will hopefully be completed by the start of our school year 2008.

Through her leadership as president, Stephanie Allwright has created a team that will hopefully run a 'Schools for Schools' program in 2008. Brentwood is looking at creating a relationship with a school in a developing country. Stephanie has been a valuable member of the SRC during her time at Brentwood. She has left us with many suggestions so we can continue to be an effective SRC 2008. On behalf of the SRC, I would like to thank Steph and wish her best of luck for her year 12 exams.

Kristen Moore, SRC Vice President

Shaun Webber

Shaun Webber, of year 7, recently competed at the National Taekwondo Championships in Adelaide. Shaun won the Gold Medal in the 14-17 team of 3 Poomse category, and the Silver medal in the 14-17 pairs Poomse category. He has now qualified to compete at the Korean Open next June which is a world championship. Shaun has also just been accredited his 3 dan on his black belt. Congratulations Shaun on fantastic achievements.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Eastern Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all athletes who competed at the recent Eastern Zone Athletics competition held at Knox. Brentwood placed 11th in the Eastern Zone out of 49 schools. Awesome effort!

Brentwood athletes achieved some outstanding personal best results, and we have 6 athletes who qualified to compete at the State Championships at Olympic Park on October 23. Well done.

Results

Hayden Denbesten	Open 3000m	13 th
Callan Burns	Shot Put	Bronze
	800m	4 th
	1500m	GOLD
Beth Alexander	1500m Walk	GOLD
	800m	8 th
	1500m	Bronze
Tim Rowe	High Jump	Bronze
	Long Jump	Bronze
Chris Toth	Triple Jump	Bronze
	Long Jump	Silver
Emma Paolucci	Triple Jump	Silver
Lachlan Mann	Triple Jump	6 th
	1500m	Bronze
Lesina Lalotoa	100m	8 th
Martin De Luca	100m	4 th
	200m	4 th

	Relay	4 th
Tara White	100m	Silver
	400m	Silver
	Relay	4 th
Samantha Yap	Shot Put	GOLD
Scott Rojo	800m	4 th
Erick Bakhaazi	800m	11 th
	1500m	12 th
Nick Richards	800m	Bronze
	1500m	7 th
Nathan Madder	Shot Put	6 th
Emily Alexander	800m	Silver
	Discus	GOLD
	Relay	4 th
Kate Brown	High Jump	Bronze
Carlee Muckner	Discus	
Alex Castricum	400m	GOLD
Simon Genitsaris	Relay	4 th
Nick Ahearn	Relay	4 th
Mustafa Ozak	Relay	4 th
Jasmine Chan	Relay	4 th
Amelia Aslanides	Relay	4 th

Thank you to Mrs Jones who was chief placegetter for the Distance events.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

State Athletics

The VSSSA State Athletic Championships were held at Olympic Park last Tuesday and Brentwood Secondary College had 6 athletes competing.

Lachlan Mann competed in the Open 2000m Steeplechase, where the hurdles were 91cm tall (his current age group jump 76cm hurdles). He placed 7th and was very happy with his performance.

Emily Alexander had a big program, competing in 3 events on the day. She placed 4th in the hurdles, 5th in the discus, and she ran an amazing 800m to win the bronze medal.

Beth Alexander won the silver medal in the U/15 1500m walk event – she moves into the open category in 2008.

Alex Castricum was extremely dedicated and he ran the 400m with a foot injury and placed 8th.

Callan Burns ran well in the 1500m and placed 7th beating his previous time by 10 seconds.

Well done to you all on your fantastic achievements.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sport Captains

I would like to thank the 2007 Sport Captains for their contributions to promoting sport at Brentwood Secondary College this year. I have been pleased with their enthusiasm and willingness to help, and their commitment to improving sport at Brentwood. Thank you to Melanie Murray, Kevin Taing, Natascha Amend, George Lambadaridis, Vanessa Clough & David Bedggood.

If you want to apply to be a Sport Captain in 2008, please apply by Friday November 9. Please see Miss Nash if interested.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sports Round Up

Year 8 Girls Cricket

The Team:

Emily Cross (Captain)	India Donaldson (Vice Captain)
Madaleine Vantavakis	Leesa Delang
Melanie Murray	Anna Zhang
Simone Siereg	Christine Koutsimanis
Melissa Bebonis	Lisa Panigraha
Lucy Yang	

Congratulations to our year 8 girls' cricket team who played two highly competitive games of cricket last week for the Eastern Zone metro quarter and semi finals. The first game we played was against Lilydale Heights who went into bat first. In a 15 over innings Lilydale managed to amass a total of 62 runs. It would have been much higher if it wasn't for the competent keeping of Christina Koutsimanis, Emily Cross getting four wickets and the amazing fielding abilities of the rest of the team. When our team went into bat, the girls steadily chipped away at building runs and scored the winning run in the final over sending us into the semi-finals.

Our next game was against Fairhills who won the toss and opted to bat first. While Fairhills scored 79 runs in 20 overs, our team did a great job by only allowing one four to get through to the boundary. Anna Zhang also made a great bowling debut by scoring three wickets. When it was our turn to bat, we made a tremendous start by notching up 40 runs in less than 7 overs, but had a disastrous batting collapse and were all bowled out with only 9 runs left for a win. However, full

marks to India Donaldson (16 runs) and Melissa Bebonis (10 runs) who were the highest scorers for the match.

Unfortunately for the girls, luck was not on our side and on this occasion we did not make to the zone final. However, I was proud of each and every team member and would like to thank them for making my job so enjoyable and for being so enthusiastic towards training.

Well done and I look forward to next year!

Shane Hunt, Coach

Community Corner

Waverley Meadows Pre-School

6 Farnham Avenue, Wheelers Hill

1. Enrolments

Limited places available in 2008. Please ring 9560 2791 to arrange a visit or to obtain an information and enrolment pack.

2. Family Fun Day

Sunday 28 October 10.00 – 12.00pm.
Market stalls, raffles, sausage sizzle, cake stall and fun and games for all.

Nanny in the USA

Join Cultural Care Au Paire and travel to the USA!

- Are you 18-26?
- Do you love kids and have babysitting experience?
- Earn money living & working in the USA!

Interested? Call 1800 677 383 or 02 9252 2977.

Waverley Foothills Preschool

Past and present students and their parents are invited to come along to the Kinder on Thursday 1 November 2007 at 1.00pm to Thank and Farewell Dianne Woodford for 16 years as Teacher's Assistant at the Preschool.

The Victorian School of Languages at Brentwood in 2008

Do you speak and write another language. All students should seriously consider studying "their" language to VCE level as this gives them formal recognition for their language studies.

Classes operate on Saturday mornings from 9.00am – 12.20pm at this centre, Brentwood Secondary College. Telephone the Area Manager, Connie Bramble on 9802 4326 for further details. The cost in 2008 is \$50 for students from Years 1 – 10 and \$70 for all VCE students.

The following languages are available to all students both from state and private schools, who are not able to study the language at their home school.

Brentwood	Saturday
Chinese	Years 1- 6
Japanese	Years 1 – VCE
Sinhala	Years 1 – VCE

Open Day enrolments – 27 October 2007, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Brentwood Seocndary College.

Canteen News

Mon: R King, J Cheng, Subha
Tues: R Sumner, G Sitnokow
Wed: M Kocsis, C Kurz
Thur: W Zhang, N Rowe (L)
Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

Second Hand Book Sale

The secondhand book sale will take place on **Monday, 3 December** for **Year 7** from 5.00pm – 6.00 pm in **C3 & 4** and **Tuesday 4 December** for **Years 8 – 12** from 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm in **C3 & 4**.

Books will be collected from:
Thursday November 22
Year 10 recess and lunchtime room to be advised.

Tuesday November 27
Years 9, 11 & 12 from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm in C3 & 4.

Wednesday November 28
Years 7, 8 from 9.30 am – 2.00 pm in C3 & 4.

Books that are in **excellent condition** and purchased new in 2007 may be sold for **two thirds of the 2007** retail price. Please take this into account when pricing your books. Unsold books tend to be books in indifferent condition for which the maximum price is asked. Payment for books purchased at the sale is by cash/cheque only. We **do not** have VISA available at the book sale. The commission charged will be 20% for each book. Payment for books sold will be forwarded to the student home address by **8 February 2008**. Unsold books may be collected in **March 2008** (date to be advised). In previous years a lot of books were sold after the actual book sale day to new families moving into the area.

Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer to help with the collection and sale of the books, please fill in the return slip below. This should be returned to the General Office by Friday, 9 November 2007

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Parent Name:

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Student Name:

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Telephone No:

I am available to help please tick the appropriate box.

Tuesday	November 27, 9.30 am – 1.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	November 28, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	December 3, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	December 4, 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jan Smith, Second Hand Book Co-Ordinator
