



Brentwood Secondary College

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Mr Leon Lilly
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Principal's Report

This week 223 year 7 students experienced the adventures of the Forest Edge camp in Neerim East. The aim of a camp like this is to foster relationships between students and give staff a chance to meet and get to know the year 7 cohort.

An added bonus is the attendance of 16 year 10 Peer Support students. This will further enhance meaningful relationships between year 10 and year 7. A huge thank you to Mrs Anderson, Ms Bonning and Mr Rodwell for their meticulous organization of the activity.

After school on Thursday of last week the year 7 students were involved in a games/activity afternoon while their parents had a chance to meet teachers, co-ordinators and members of the principal class at a relaxed meet and greet function.

Staff at Brentwood feel that it is of utmost importance that parents get to know all teachers involved in the education of their children.

On the same night year 8 parents were treated to an information evening conducted by Mrs Brangsch, Ms Campion and Miss Estate. The evening covered restorative management, study skills and general information that relates directly to our year 8 students.

The Middle School team conducted a meet the coordinators evening on Tuesday of last week. The Head of Middle School Mr Roberts and his team need to be congratulated on an excellent and informative evening.

It was with great pleasure that I attended the zone swimming sports at Ringwood Aquatic Centre on Monday. I was very proud of not only the excellent performance of our swim team, but also

the high calibre of sportsmanship and determination exhibited by Brentwood students. Presenting the Junior Championship shield to Brentwood was a highlight! Well done to Miss Nash and her colleagues for the organization of a great team.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

School Council Elections

Ballots papers and candidate statements have been posted home today.

Parents are encouraged to lodge their vote before the close of ballot on Friday 9 March at 4.00pm.

Dates to Remember

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| 6 March | Year 7 Chicken Pox and Hepatitis B -1 st Dose & Year 10 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Immunisations |
| 7 March | District Sport – Year 9 & 10 |
| 12 March | Labour Day – Public Holiday |
| 13 March | District Sport – Year 8 |
| 15 March | Athletics Sports – Whole School |
| 19 March | District Sport – Year 7
Finance Committee Meeting 5.30pm |
| 21 March | Peer Support – Year 7 |

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Return of Unsold Second Hand Books

Unsold second hand books will be returned on **Tuesday 6 March**. If you have not received notification from the College that the books you submitted have been sold, your books will be available to be collected in the Seminar room at recess, lunchtime and after school until 4.00pm. Any books that are **not collected** on Tuesday 7 March will be disposed of at the College's discretion as per the agreement outlined in the Second Hand Book Sale contract.

Jan Smith, Second Hand Book Co-ordinator

Student Representative Council

After a recent training day, working with David Mould on many skills to help and benefit the school. 35 successful new SRC members have been appointed and are eagerly awaiting to do their part in making our school community a better place.

SRC Members:

Name	Year Level	Position
Jacinta Gray	7	
Aisha Jammeh	7	
Lesina Lalotoa	7	
Benjamin Drinkwater	7	
Joshua Sheppard	8	
Tiffany Youssef	8	Secretary
Corinne Raditsis	8	
Justin Nguyen	8	Secretary
Patrizio Briganti	9	Secretary
Mason Chan	9	
Carisse Yap	9	
Paris Ballis	9	
Daisy Cox	10	
Ping Fang	10	Treasurer
Laura Stillitano	10	
Ruttanunt Funchien	10	
Justin Brown	10	
Fiona Jong	10	Vice President
Jun-Wen Lim	10	
Rachel McNish	10	
Hui Lin Ng	10	
Max Prosser	10	
Andrew Delfinis	11	
Mitzi Constantinou	11	Treasurer
Simon Genitsaris	11	Publicity
Michelle Grant	11	
Jane Hart	11	Publicity
Kristen Moore	11	Vice President
Carlee Mückner	11	
David Tugui	11	
Stephanie Mourad	12	
Jason Stoop	12	

Stephanie Allwright	12	President
Jessica Matchet	12	
Shanara Seymour	12	

The SRC will be organising a casual dress day on 16 March. The cost is \$2 and proceeds earned will be going to the Challenge House and Leukaemia Foundation.

Remember that the SRC are always willing to help you with any problems you may have, please feel free to ask any of us we are more than happy to help.

As President on behalf of the SRC, I would like to wish everyone at Brentwood an enjoyable and successful year.

Stephanie Allwright, SRC President

SRC Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

This year why not support the work of the SRC and buy your Easter buns from Bakers' Delight, Brandon Park.

Please find enclosed in this newsletter, an order form for Traditional, Chop Chip or Fruitless Hot Cross Buns. Simply fill in the order form, include the money and place the order in the box in the Wellbeing office next to the Library.

Cost	\$10 per dozen
	\$5 per half dozen

Forms must be in by Friday 23 March. Buns to be collected from the Wellbeing office on the last day of term 30 March.

Leigh Wright, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Internet Safety and Young People

For parents with children of all ages and teachers. Presented by - Senior Constable Susan McLean Wednesday March 14, commencing at 7pm in the VCE Centre, Highvale Secondary College.

With the explosion of cyber technology, we are also seeing a dramatic rise in the negative impact of such technology. The issue of cyber bullying, harassment and stalking is emerging in Victoria as the number one issue confronting the safety and wellbeing of students and the wider community. Together with associated technology including 3G mobile telephones, 'live' gaming sites such as X Box Live and the popularity of social networking sites such as My Space and Piczo, today's youth

have access to and are accessible by many millions of people worldwide. As with any place that attracts large numbers of young people, those that desire to solicit and harm youth also congregate in cyber space.

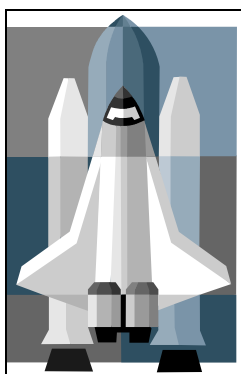
This informative session will cover:-

- Popular sites for youth, including MSN instant messaging, social networking sites such as My Space & Piczo, gaming sites such as X-Box live.
- Misuse of mobile telephones, email, MSN, host your own web pages, blogs, webcam etc. including legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist your child to stay safe online.
- The impact of cyberspace bullying on a student's wellbeing, behaviour and relationship.

To book for this presentation please call Georgina Padula, Student Welfare Leader, Highvale Secondary College on 9802-7284. Gold coin donation on the night.

Highvale Secondary College

Australasian Schools Science Competition 2007



Your child is invited to take part in the 2007 Science competition which is to be held on Thursday 10 May.

The entry fee (plus past papers fee) is \$7.00 per student.

The competition takes place each year in schools throughout Australia and the South Pacific region.

It provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment. Students will receive a certificate and an individual result sheet.

Peter Andrewartha, Science Coordinator

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Please reply before **Tuesday 13 March 2007**

Australasian Schools Science Competition 2007

\$7.00 Entry Fee (+ Past Papers)

Name: _____

HG: _____ Year Level: _____

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Swim Team Wins!

At the Waverley District interschool swimming carnival held last week, Brentwood had a fantastic day of achievement in the pool. We had a strong and committed team of junior, intermediate and senior swimmers, and we filled every event of the meet. Of our 48 competitors, 24 Brentwood swimmers have now qualified to compete at the next level of competition at the Eastern Zone finals to be held on April 24 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. These swimmers will be competing in 18 individual events as well as 7 relay teams. It is an outstanding achievement of our talented swimmers to qualify for so many events.

This year Mr Lilly announced the aggregate points for each of the age groups and I knew Brentwood had done extremely well from the number of events that we placed in the top 3 swimmers. ***Brentwood has won the Junior Shield!*** – this will be the first time we have our school name on the Junior Shield! Our Intermediate & Senior teams also swam extremely well throughout the day with both age groups coming 2nd. Congratulations. Final results are -

Junior	Intermediate
1 st Brentwood (227)	1 st GWSC (308)
2 nd GWSC (207)	2 nd Brentwood (233)
3 rd MWSC (184)	3 rd Wheelers Hill (198)
4 th Highvale (178)	4 th MWSC (172)
5 th Wheelers Hill	5 th Wellington
6 th Wellington	6 th Highvale
7 th Ashwood	7 th Ashwood
Senior	Overall
1 st GWSC (351)	1 st GWSC (866)
2 nd Brentwood (309)	2 nd Brentwood (769)
3 rd MWSC (207)	3 rd MWSC (563)
4 th Highvale (146)	4 th Wheelers Hill (446)
5 th Wheelers Hill	5 th Highvale (437)
6 th Wellington	6 th Wellington (286)
7 th Ashwood	7 th Ashwood (145)

A special thank you to those year 7 students who gave up the first day of their first ever Brentwood camp to compete. It was well worth it as

Brentwood juniors are now district champions! Thank you also to the students who stepped up to fill events when some swimmers pulled out on the morning of the competition adding unnecessary pressure.

Swim Team

Alex Castricum	Alex Tapanes
Amanda Duong	Blake Roberts
Brandon Fredericks *	Carly Ioannidis *
Daniel Riddiford-Lajoi *	
Daniel Roper	Danielle Baldwin
David Bedgood	Debbie Ng *
Dileep Yogasingham	Emma Corbett *
Georgia Byron *	Georgia Corbett *
Henry Chhen	Jacinta Dyson *
Jack Roper *	Jacqueline Feinberg *
Jacqui Scarth	Jarred Cook
Jason Stoop	Jayden Kelaart *
Jazmin Kocsis	Jessica Amend
Jordan Peach *	Kathii Fonda *
Keanu Hang	Kristen Moore *
Martin De Luca	Max McAra *
Megan Butterworth	Melanie Murray
Michael Ilett *	Natalie De Luca
Natascha Amend *	Nick Verity
Patrizio Briganti *	Rebecca Corbett *
Reyne Harris	Robert Ilett *
Samantha Yap *	Samuel Kim *
Shaun Webber *	Stephanie Mourad *
Steven Georgiou	Vanessa Clough
Vi Dang-Le	

* through to Eastern Zone Finals

Thank you to Ms Hatley, Ms Bishop, and Mrs Rogers who all officiated on the day. Our Sports Captains, Melanie Murray, Kevin Taing and George Lambadaridis, also came along to help officiate, and encourage our swimmers.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Brentwood Athletics Carnival

The Brentwood Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday March 15 at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbena. All students will be bussed to and from the track and are encouraged to wear house colours. There will be the best-dressed competition happening again for both students and teachers. So make sure Ms Bishop notices you on the day. If your child would like to be dismissed from the track they will need to complete a pink dismissal form available from Miss Nash or the main office.

Also if you (the parent) were planning on attending the carnival to cheer on your child, you will need to notify me (Miss Nash) by Wednesday

14 March, at the latest, to organise an entrance pass. On the carnival day you will need to produce the entrance pass to be allowed to enter the grounds – if you cannot produce it, you will not be allowed to enter.

It is also highly recommended that students be aware of the weather conditions on the day. Students should remember to slip slop slap, and drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. The canteen will be open for those students wanting to purchase food, although there could be huge queues.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sports Roundup

Senior Girls Softball

The senior softball team recently played at Gilbert Park for the Waverley Interschool round robin day. Due to lack of schools entering, we could only play two matches. Brentwood defeated Mount Waverley convincingly 12-1. Our second match was a lot closer against Glen Waverley, however we were defeated 8-9. Well done girls.

Team:

Kayla Thiele	Danelle Thiele
Jessie Matchett	Jess Smith
Shanara Seymour	Amanda Frost
Danielle Martys	Connie Kovos
Samantha Yap	

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Canteen News

Mon:	I Wilmott, S Ramalingham, M Lan M Yegorian
Tues:	J Hovenden, J Lew, J Pulbrook, H Chui
Wed:	N Hudson, S Williams
Thur:	H Yooh, S Remington
Fri:	L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams (L)

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

Year 8 Parents Information Evening – 22 February

In spite of the very warm, humid weather, we welcomed over 50 guests to this evening. Mrs Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal at Brentwood Secondary College, opened the evening talking about how parents and teachers can help children grow academically and socially.

Ms Lucy Estate gave an outline of the college's Restorative Management program which we use to help victims and offenders alike overcome negative situations and establish more positive relationships.

Parents were then introduced to a range of strategies to help their children study more successfully. Several items from the students' Study Skills Workshop were incorporated in this presentation. Some of the key features included identifying the biggest obstacles / distractions that prevent effective study, setting long-term and short-term goals, and using a weekly planner to determine the best times for study and homework.

Over the next few weeks we will include some of the workshop activities in this newsletter in the hope that students will find these activities helpful in developing better study strategies.

Mrs Alda Brangsch, Head of Junior School

BITE THE BULLET!

***** Suggestion: parents, work through this activity with your child/ren. *****

Let's get specific. Complete the following sentence by circling the things in the box that you struggle with.

“When doing homework I need help to”

get started.

get motivated.

get materials together.

organise materials I need.

break down the work into smaller, doable bits.

know what I have to do.

keep going when I want to give up.

read the instructions.

remember what I need to actually do.

remember to hand it



And now the follow up!

Did you do this activity by yourself? If so, then show this sheet to your teachers and your parents so that they know how they can help you tackle the homework hassles.