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Principal's Report

Term 1 of 2007 is similar to most other years – students start their academic year with a jolt, there are sporting events involving the whole school and competitions between schools, camps and other activities. The end of Term 1 always seems to come quickly. We have three weeks of term left with the athletic sports and parent/teacher interviews in that three week period leaving just 12 days of classes. I ask you to assist teachers by talking to your children about their studies, the work done in class and the work set for homework. Your interest in their school work will help keep your children focused on their learning. Parent/teacher interviews provide an ideal opportunity for you to sit down with your child and their teachers and discuss their progress and to develop a shared understanding of their world

The extra curricula program of sport, camps, productions and competitions provides a valuable additional learning experience for many students. Programs like these provide them with an opportunity to excel outside the classroom and often assist students to feel happier about school and learning in general.

One of the issues that we deal with constantly is that of safety. We try to create the safest possible environment for your children and I ask for your help to keep Brentwood a safe place. If you need to visit the school, please make sure that you enter via the front door and go directly to the general office. We need to make sure that the only people in the school grounds or buildings are authorized to be here – current students or staff, authorized trades personnel and authorized visitors. Please be aware that, generally, we do not disturb classes to contact a child and announcements at recess or lunchtime are limited to specific times. If you drive your

child to or from school I would like your assistance with the following:

- Please drop your child off in Watsons Road or Whites Lane
- Please avoid entering Heath Street
- Please do not enter the College car park
- Please do not park in or across driveways

Thank you again for your help and please have a pleasant but safe long weekend.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

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
25 March	Environment Meeting 5.00pm Education Committee Meeting 6.00pm Annual Report Council Meeting 7.00pm
28 March	Thursday's Timetable will run all day
29 March	Senior Golf Parent/Teacher Interviews – No formal classes
30 March	VCE Supportive Friends End of Term 1 Students Dismissed 2.15pm

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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

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our first parent-teacher interviews for this year will take place on Thursday March 29. The interviews will begin at 12.00pm and run throughout the day until 8.30pm.

There will be NO normally scheduled classes on this day. Instead students are expected to attend with parents to receive feedback on their performance to date.

The parent-teacher interviews will take place between 12.00pm – 5.00pm (afternoon tea break 2.45pm – 3.00pm) and 6.00pm – 8.30pm and are to be arranged on an appointment basis for five (5) minutes. If you or any teacher believes that more time is required for the interview, a double time slot of ten (10) minutes can be booked.

Please ask your daughter/son to make appointments with all her/his teachers, recording such arrangements on the attached Parent-Teacher Interview Sheet. If you have any special concerns about this or your student's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Sub-School or Year Level Coordinator.

We seek your support by attending the Parent-Teacher Interview Day, to assist the college and its teachers in helping your daughter/son. This occasion takes place at a crucial time, approaching the end of Term 1. It represents an opportunity for us all to constructively guide our young people towards a successful term/semester's academic outcomes. **Please encourage your daughter/son to attend with you.**

We hope all parents and students will avail themselves of the opportunity to receive feedback from staff.

Research has shown the educational benefits when parents and teachers work closely together and we are endeavouring to build on that partnership.

Year 7 Students

Parents of Year 7 students will receive appointment sheets for Parent Teacher Interviews in the mail. If you have not received these sheets please obtain one from the General Office.

All students in Year 8-12 will receive appointment sheets, please encourage your child to make a time for you to meet their teachers on the 29 March.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Year 10 Camp

Please note the dates for the year 10 camp are 25 - 30 November 2007. Please pay your deposit as soon as possible to ensure a place on the camp.

Bill Exton and Katrina Katz, Year 10 Coordinators

Year 10 Peer Support at Year 7 Camp

We started out on a warm Monday morning at Brentwood. 100 nervous and excited year 7 students and 10 enthusiastic year 10 Peer Support Leaders. As Peer Support Leaders, we were there to help the kids have fun.

The bus ride down to Forrest Edge was full of excitement for all the year 7 students. We were assigned to a Year 7 activity group where we helped the teachers and encouraged the students to participate in all the activities.

Camp Idol was the highlight for me. It was very entertaining and showed some excellent talent. By the end of camp, I know that many new

friendships were made and a fun time was had by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brentwood staff who helped on camp for allowing us this unique opportunity to develop our leadership skills.

Max Prosser, Year 10 Peer Support Leader

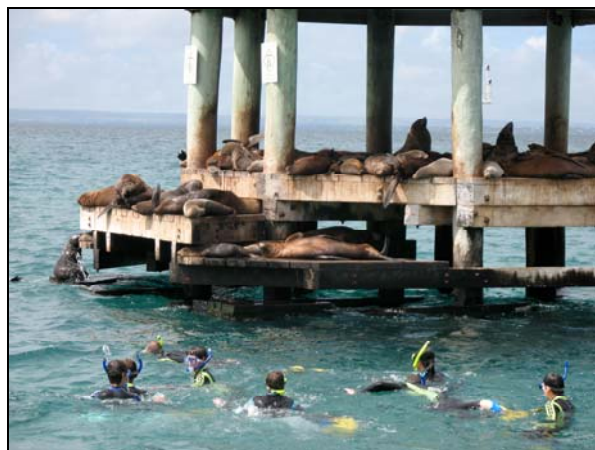
The Ocean Plant Excursion



Last Thursday three year 10 classes doing The Ocean Planet in Geography had to meet nice and early at Brentwood to head off to Sorrento. After the long bus trip we were broken up into two groups, the second group shopped and ate in Sorrento while the first group were fitted with wetsuits for our expedition on the Moonraker. We were ready to meet some dolphins. After a long struggle to get the wetsuits on, we were finally ready to cruise out. We went on board and were taught how to snorkel and headed out to sea.

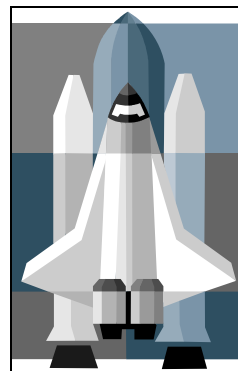
The first place we stopped at was called Chinaman's Hat. This was a structure built for seals to live on and there about 80 seals living there. After 20 minutes of snorkelling around and swimming with the seals, we headed back to the Moonraker to our next destination, Pope's Eye. When we arrived at the Pope's Eye we were able to swim around the inside of the eye and look at the spectacular display of fish that amazed all of us. Unfortunately, on this trip we didn't see dolphins but that didn't seem to get anyone down as we all had a great time!!

We would like to thank the crew of the Moonraker for giving us this wonderful opportunity to experience the ocean environment first hand. Also to all of our teachers- Mr Baulch, Mrs Stewart and Miss Meyenn for organizing a great day and a great experience that we won't be forgetting in a hurry.



By Laura Colosimo, Cassie Smith and Ellie Schouten

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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Australian Mathematics Competition

(Wednesday 25 July 2007)

Students entering this year's Australian Mathematics competition should make sure they have given their name and the entry fee of \$4.50 to their maths teacher by Friday 16 March.

All students in the advanced maths groups are required to enter.

Denis Chinnock, Maths Coordinator

The Daniel Draper Memorial Cricket Match

This year's "Daniel Draper Memorial cricket Match" between the staff and students took place on Friday 23 February on the school oval. The staff, having lost the previous two fixtures, were looking to put a win on the board and their hopes were raised with the very first ball of the game.

Craig Baldwin and Ryan Hallett are both normally lightning quick when it comes to running between the wickets. However, on this occasion they had somewhat of a disaster! Craig pushed the ball to Mr Miller and the pair of sprinters decided to run. Mr Miller (who is a new acquisition to the team) expertly and accurately shied at the stumps. Ryan was out without facing a ball!

Craig and Danny Wyatt steadied the ship and made a healthy partnership before Craig was caught off the bowling of a very athletic Mr Baulch for 16. Dean 'Pocket Rockets' Roumeliotis troubled the scorers, but only because they didn't have the space to write his name. He was caught off the bowling of Mr Rutherford for 7. Israel Carter was caught behind off the bowling of Ms Hately for 1 and even though he doesn't think he was out, he definitely was. He definitely 'nicked' it and the wicket keeper is very trustworthy (sometimes).

James Backholer played very well before being caught off the bowling of Mr Gamble for 9. Nick Hallett showed his slightly older twin brother how to run between the wickets, before being caught for 9 off the bowling of Mr Zacharopoulos, and Dean Mendes...the legend himself couldn't stop Mr Hose from bowling him for 5.

The students finished up at 118 from the 20 overs with the highlights of the innings being the 41 runs scored by Danny Wyatt, the excellent bowling of the staff with Mr Baulch ending up with figures of 2 for 8 and Ms Hately, also having a good figure, finishing up with 1 wicket for not too many runs.

However, the catch of the innings must go to Mr Davatsis who, whilst running away from the batsman, managed to hold on to a ball that came from over the back of his head. Truly amazing!

Needing 119 to win the staff didn't start off too well, with Mr Oudshoorn getting 0. Oh dear! He was caught by Nick Hallett off the bowling of Danny. However, things improved considerably for the staff with Mr Hose and Mr Rhodes scoring 22 and 30 respectively. Mr Rhodes now has bragging rights over his excellent knock and can be seen walking down the year 12 locker corridor, terrorizing poor students who, to be quite honest, are more interested in their increasing work load than listening (for the 29th time) to how he "smacked that ball over point for 6".

Mr Miller made a quick fire 39 before being beautifully caught by Craig off the bowling of Mr Pocket Rockets himself. After taking a couple of great catches in the field, Mr Gamble followed up his awesome fielding display with some great batting skills before being caught by Israel for 11 runs. Israel has also been seen walking down the year 12 locker corridor terrorizing Mr Rhodes by reminding him that it was his slick catching that caused his batting to come to an abrupt end!

Some great bowling by Roland White, Siddharth Singh, Tyler Harrison and Aruran Jayabalasingham slowed down the run chase. However, eventually the inevitable happened and Mr Rutherford guided the staff to victory with 4 overs to spare.

It was a dubious decision to send in Mr Exton after the game was won. He was caught by Craig off the bowling of Israel for a Golden Duck. As he walked away from the crease he could hear the mocking cries of "Barmy Army...Barmy Army...Barmy Army" coming from the jubilant students. Even though they had lost the game, they had cause to celebrate...as did we all!

A special mention must go to the SRC for organising the refreshments on the day. They all did a fantastic job with the BBQ and drinks and the event would not have been the same without them. Thanks also to the numerous members of staff who helped out, either by playing or by giving up their precious time to help out.

And finally...thanks to DJ! You will always be in our thoughts. This one is for you mate.

Bill Exton, Year 10 Coordinator and awful cricketer.

CFA State Championships

Two students from Brentwood recently competed at the CFA's State Junior Urban Championships held in Tatura.

Jessica & Kelsey Smith were in a team that competed in a total of 18 events, which in short are demonstrations of joining fire fighting apparatus together to fight fires. These events were run against 78 other teams all running against the clock with the fastest time winning.

There were up to 800 competitors from all over Victoria and 2 brigades from Tasmania. Events were dry events with 1 man, 2 man or 4 man teams. All competitors were aged between 11 and 17 years of age. Kelsey had also competed a week earlier and won a handful of Bronze medals in another competition. Well done girls.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Learn to dive

Ringwood Diving Club are running school holiday diving clinics for those students wishing to take up diving or just want to try diving. They have heaps of session times that you can book into over the holidays – book into 1 session or all of them.

There are limited places available. All queries please see Miss Nash for an enrolment form or contact the Coach Jorgen Schelleman on 0424 620 295 or email jorgen@ringwooddivingclub.com.au

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sports Roundup

Intermediate Softball

The intermediate softball team are on there way to defending their double state title after winning the district competition on Wednesday. The team defeated all our local schools quite convincingly.

Results – Brentwood defeats Wheelers Hill 22-0, Wellington 11-3, Mount Waverley 15-1 & Glen Waverley 14-5. Well done girls! Eastern Zone Championships are on May 4 at Gilbert Park.

Team Members

Kate Attwood	Tegan Bisset
Tayla Burns	Candice Carter
Victoria Chhen	Natalie De Luca
Gemma Matchett	Micah Ropatta
Charlotte Rowe	Anthea Samargis
Rachael Thomson	Clare Tomlin

Thank you also to the coaches Jessie Matchett, Shanara Seymour & Taryn Mazzarella.

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Community Corner

Cruden Farm Family Fun Day

Join in a wonderful fun day of music, wine and song in the magnificent gardens of Cruden Farm, the home of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE.

Date: Sunday 11 March 2007
Time: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Where: Cruden Farm
Cranbourne – Frankston Road
(enter from Cranhaven Road)
Langwarrin (Melway 103 F6)
Cost: \$15 per adult
Children under 15 free admission

Enquiries Sue Evans, Alzheimer's Australia Vic on 9815 7800.

Oakleigh Community Festival

Sunday 18 March 12.00 – 6.00pm Warrawee Park (Mel Ref 69 F6). For more information contact infoline on 9518 3636.

www.monash.vic.gov.au

Beginners Skateboard & BMX Lessons

Come along to the Box Hill South Skate Park (Cnr Canterbury & Middleborough Roads) on Saturday 14 April and Celebrate Youth Week by learning to skate or ride a BMX. Free beginners level clinics will run for 1 hour each between 9.30am – 3.30pm. To register contact Ned or Bree at Youth ConneXions by phoning 9898 9340

Endeavour Hills Rugby Union Club

Junior Registration days to be held this Friday 9 March from 6.00 – 7.30pm and next Thursday 15 March & Friday 16 March 6.00 - 7.30pm at Endeavour Hills Rugby Club, Frog Hollow Reserve, David Collins Drive, Endeavour Hills 3802. Contact Georgina Brown 8790 2241 or 0419 626 150 for further information.

Canteen News

Mon: Public Holiday
Tues: S Barber, T Robinson, J Harris
Wed: C Huebner, W Zhang, A Schaefer
Thur: Athletics Day
Fri: R Attwood, S Watts, J Knight

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
