



Brentwood Secondary College

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

Principal's Report

The School Council election for the Parent Member category has been completed and I am now able to formally declare the following parents duly elected: Andrew Licence, Peter Robinson and Gary Sanford. I would also like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the contribution and commitment of Mrs Joan Dickson who has retired from Council this year. An election for the DoE Members category was not required as the number of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies. The Brentwood Secondary College School Council has a total composition of 15 members.

Executive Officer

Ms Vicki Forbes

Parent Members

Mrs Andrea Delfinis
Mrs Helen Fox-Harrison
Mr Andrew Licence
Mr Stephen Robinson
Mr Gary Sanford
Mr Tom Schouten

DoE Members

Mr Joel Batalha
Mr Steve Cook
Mrs Barbara Laidlaw
Mr David Shelton

Community Members

To be approved
Ms Jane Hunt (SRC)
Ms Fiona Jong (SRC)
Mr Patrizio Briganti (SRC)

Retiring Member

Mrs Joan Dickson

At the first meeting of the new School Council office bearers will be elected and possible Community Members will be discussed. Council membership rules allow for the cooption of up to four Community Members. In the past the

Student Representative Council has elected two members to fill half the Community Member vacancies. This year the SRC has requested that three SRC members be approved by School Council.

Every fortnight I have morning tea with two members of the SRC to discuss issues of concern and exchange ideas. Many of the ideas are then taken to School Council for further discussion and approval. The first meeting of the 2007 School Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 26 March following the Annual Reporting Meeting to the Community at 7.00pm.

Vicki Forbes, Principal

Dates to Remember

19 March	District Sport – Year 7 Finance Committee Meeting 5.30pm
21 March	Peer Support – Year 7
22 March	Japanese Trip Information Evening 7.00pm in C4
26 March	Environment Meeting 5.00pm Education Committee Meeting 6.00pm Annual Report Meeting 7.00pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm
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. Please note buses will run on a normal timetable.

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International English Competition

In the past students at Brentwood have been invited to participate in the International Competition for English conducted by the University of NSW. The nature of the competition is such that it gives independent, highly detailed analysis of students' comprehension skills and understanding of vocabulary. This international competition provides feedback that is valuable for students and parents. Further, the English Competition provides teachers with very useful information about student learning. When these results are combined with the data received from the AIM tests at year 7 and year 9 conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, teachers can compare their students' class work with the independent data. This enables teachers to develop a clearer understanding of the capabilities of students in essential aspects of literacy.

As student literacy is a central focus of our College Charter, it has been decided that henceforth, all students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will participate in the University of NSW International Competition for English. The competition will be conducted on Tuesday 19 June during an extended Period 1 and there will be no entry fee charged to students.

***Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal,
Fern Brisbane, Head of English***

School Uniform

There appears to have been some confusion with regard to the wearing of college shorts. Students can wear college gray shorts with a fitted waistband with no elastic.

The uniform shop also sells college gray Stubbies with a waistband, this is a new addition to the uniform shop stock.

The shorts have been a popular option for both girls and boys – a comfortable alternative in the summer heat.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Year 9 Competitive Debating

This year a group of students from the year 9 Advanced English program will be participating in the Debating Association of Victoria Schools' Competition. This is a very rigorous and serious competition, attracting teams from all over the state.

Students in year 9 are required to present 4-5 minute speeches on their assigned topic, with debates being held once a month. Brentwood will be represented by two teams in the competition, with students competing on a rotational basis.

Team 1

Jordan Lee-Fraser	Jessica Bond
Nathania Tay	Patrizio Briganti
Stephanie Edwards	Teresa Viengkhou
Chantelle Sanford	Sebastian Purcell
Kirsten Savage	

Team 2

Megan Butterworth	Janie Cahill
Tayla Burns	Patrick Axford
Teresa Liew	Brittany Sanford
Melinda Chung	Lisa Luu
Danielle Baldwin	

Katharine Seyler, Debating Coach



Year 7 Window

The year 7 students, their teachers and coordinators have had a very busy and rewarding time over the last few weeks. On Thursday 22 February, many of our year 7s participated in an activity afternoon involving them working in small groups which rotated through a variety of sporting games such as indoor soccer, hockey, netball and bocce. It was a great opportunity for students to make new friends from home groups other than their own. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who ran an activity and helped out with the BBQ. While the students were out in the sunshine, we had an informal meet and greet with a large group of parents. This allowed us to mingle and get to know one another. Thank you to our Principal, Vicki Forbes, for formally welcoming our new parents to Brentwood and our Assistant Principals, Barbara Laidlaw, David Shelton and Leon Lilly for their attendance and assistance.

Monday 26 February saw our year 7 camp depart for Forest Edge in Neerim East, Gippsland. On arrival, the students played getting-to-know-you games which were run by a small group of year 10 Peer Support Leaders. Over their 3 day stay, the year 7s worked in small groups with an activity leader to complete a variety of challenges such as rock climbing, flying fox, trampolining, mini golf,

volleyball, tubing, archery, bush walking and the high ropes course. In the evening, Mr. Batalha and Ms Hawley conducted a theatre games session which saw the students use a lot of creativity, team work and energy.

A camp idol competition was run on the last night of both camps. It was fantastic to see all students participate in one form or another to create an act and entertain their teachers and the audience. On camp one the results were; 3rd place – Gangster Insults, 2nd place – McKerlie Creek Cabin 1 and in 1st place – Aaron Quick. Aaron sang “I Still Call Australia Home” and he was magnificent. He showed a great deal of talent and bravery to sing. On camp two, in 3rd place came Ninja Adventures, equal 2nd place was Drawing Magic and Asia Has Talent and in 1st place was Zach Pellow. Similarly, Zac showed great talent by singing “What about Me?” in front of a captive audience.

As coordinators, we were extremely proud to see all our students actively participate and work as effective team members, always aiming to achieve their personal best. It was equally impressive that Forest Edge camp staff regularly commented on our students’ courteous and respectful manner. I am sure that all students learnt a lot from their time on camp and that it will stay with them for years to come.

A huge thank you goes out to all staff that came on camp as activity leaders and supervisors. Without your dedication and commitment to our students’ personal growth and well-being, the camp would not go ahead. Similarly, we are very grateful to the ongoing support of our Principal and Assistant Principals as well as the rest of the Brentwood staff that cover our commitments whilst we are on camp. We look forward to an equally very rewarding year.

Clare Bonning, Year 7 Co-ordinator
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TLC - Thinking, Learning and Creativity at Year 7

Parents of year 7 students may be interested in looking at the new TLC pages on the school web site. We have included an overview of the TLC program. It explains how the program is structured and why we have adopted this model of curriculum delivery.

Parents will also be able to read information about homework for TLC classes, as well as some reminders about what to do if a student is absent. We will be adding to the site throughout the year to include other items of interest to parents, such as the themes students are working on, due dates,

details of excursions etc. The TLC staff look forward to meeting many parents of year 7 students at the Parent/Teacher sessions.

Jo Marveggio, TLC Coordinator

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 next Friday 23 March. Buns to be collected from the Wellbeing office on the last day of term 30 March.

Leigh Wright, Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Japan Trip 2007

Brentwood is planning its 5th trip to Japan in Year 2007. Several students have already expressed their interest. Students from years 9 – 12, who are interested in Japanese way of life, culture and travelling, will be eligible to participate in this trip. The number of participants is limited to 16. The trip is planned for two weeks starting from 16 September to 29 September 2007.

Brentwood has established a firm sister school relationship with Ono Senior High School and our exciting exchange program provides an opportunity for students at both schools to experience each other’s culture first hand. I would encourage any student who is learning Japanese to take this great opportunity to make friends with Ono students.

There will be an Information Evening on Thursday, March 22 for parents and students who are interested in the exchange trip to Ono Senior High School. The meeting will take place in Room C4 at 7.00 p.m.

Lakshmi Weeraratne, Senior Japanese Teacher



Brentwood Athletics Carnival

The Athletics carnival was held at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve yesterday and the day was very successful. In 2006 we had the coldest conditions and now in 2007 we have a 33^o hot and windy day. The carnival had a full program, and competitors managed to find their way around to their various events. With the four houses being represented in most events the *final team scores* were:

1 st	Macpherson	1453
2 nd	Wheeler	1362
3 rd	Reardon	1161
4 th	Armstrong	1089

Divisional scores were:

Junior (U/13 & U/14)		
1 st	Wheeler	649
2 nd	Reardon	517
3 rd	Macpherson	504
4 th	Armstrong	422

Intermediates (U/15 & U/16)		
1 st	Macpherson	516
2 nd	Armstrong	324
3 rd	Wheeler	319
4 th	Reardon	309

Seniors (U/17 & U/21)		
1 st	Macpherson	433
2 nd	Wheeler	394
3 rd	Armstrong	343
4 th	Reardon	335

15 new **records** were set, some from as far back as the 80s, in the following events –

U/14	Shot Put	Georgia Taylor	9.20m
		(2002, Emily Hilliard)	
U/21	Shot Put	Samantha Yap	11.19m
		(1986, J. Irving)	

U/14	100m	Tim Rowe	12.20s
		(2000, Mark Woodford)	
U/17	100m	Martin De Luca	11.16s
		(1989, R. Adams)	
U/21	100m	Tara White	12.57s
		(1993, Lauren Cross)	
U/13	High Jump	Lesina Lalotoa	=1.36m
		(2006, Kate Brown)	
U/14	High Jump	Tim Rowe	1.61m
		(2005, Jacob Castricum)	
U/15	High Jump	Evelyn Tsiambouris	1.38m
		(1990, R. Quirk)	
U/16	High Jump	Christopher Toth	1.80m
		(1988, S McNeil)	
U/17	High Jump	Carlee Muckner	1.43m
		(1990, M. Crean)	
U/14	Triple Jump	Georgia Corbett	9.37m
		(2000, Kyllie Tukukino)	
U/21	200m	Tara White	26.07s
		(2000/3, J Bird & L Mitchell)	
U/21	800m	Emily Alexander	2:35.24min
		(1990, S. Dean)	
U/21	400m	Tara White	1:02.93min
		(2000, Steph Krokos)	
U/21	1500m	Emily Alexander	6:23.58min
		(1993, Lauren Cross)	

The **age champions** for 2007 are

U/13	Lesina Lalotoa
	Matt Alexander
U/14	Georgia Taylor
	Tim Rowe
U/15	Melanie Murray
	Lachlan Mann
U/16	Victoria Chhen
	Christopher Toth
U/17	Carlee Muckner
	Martin De Luca
U/21	Emily Alexander
	Izayah Ropata

Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to all staff and student helpers for the effort they put into the day. It ran really smoothly. Thank you.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sports Roundup

Intermediate Boys Volleyball

On March 7, I accompanied 16 intrepid warriors (Intermediate Boys) to the Genesis Centre in Oakleigh to participate in the schools' Round Robin in Volleyball.

The boys involved were:

Nathan Madder	Matey Terek
James Backholer	Chris Toth
Mustafa Ozak	Jarred Walker

Leo Lyimo	Goran Torlak
Michael Mitropolous	Michael Genitsaris
Kyrie Konstantinidis	James Lomax
Aaron Johns	Jack Tyrell
Peter Maunder	Abu Jammeh

The B team came 5th and the A team came 3rd after a riveting final game. All the boys played their hearts out, both for the team and the honour of the school. Kyrie's rousing encouragement lifted the spirits of both teams and struck fear into our opponents.

Particular thanks must go to Wilson Vong and Ryan Hallett, year 12 student helpers, without whom I would have been lost. Throughout the day, all the Brentwood students behaved impeccably and I look forward to improving our results next year.

Marie Rizzo, Team Manager

Year 7 Boys Cricket

Match #1 vs Wheelers Hill SC

Brentwood: 3/101 off 11 overs

Craig Dancey 36 retired

Josh Williams 33 retired

Wheelers Hill: 6/35 off 11 overs

Hargun Butalia 2/4 off 3 overs

Dilan Somaratne 2/6 off 2 overs

Brandon Fredericks 1/4 off 2 overs

Scott Tunnicliff 1/12 off 2 overs

After losing the toss & being sent into bat, our openers (Josh Williams & Craig Dancey) batted superbly, with both boys retiring after making 30 runs. Although Wheelers Hill claimed the wicket off Brandon Fredericks, run out for a duck, Dilan Somaratne finished the innings off with a handy 12 not out. Brentwood raced to the healthy total of 1 for 101 off just 11 overs.

Brandon Fredericks & Scott Tunnicliff opened the bowling and each of the boys took a wicket to have Wheelers Hill at 2 for 17 after 4 overs. Next over Hargun Butalia, who was making his debut for Brentwood, took two wickets in his first over! Dilan Somaratne then took two wickets off his two overs to leave Wheelers Hill 6 for 35 after 11 overs, some 67 runs short of victory.

Match #2 vs Wellington SC

Brentwood: 0/126 off 15 overs

Nick Verity 34 retired

Scott Tunnicliffe 34 retired

Chris Renwick 33 retired

Wellington: 6 for 65 off 15 overs

Mitch Peddle 2/8 off 3 overs

Chris Renwick 1/8 off 2 overs

Scott Rojo 1/9 off 2 overs

Our captain Josh Williams won the toss and decided to bat first. Our openers for this next game, Chris Renwick and Nick Verity, both retired for 33 and 34 runs respectively. Scott Tunnicliffe continued the good work also retiring after making 34 runs and Mitch Peddle finished with 8 not out. All up Brentwood made 126 run for no loss, off 15 overs.

Wellington got off to a surprisingly good start against our opening bowlers and were on target to get our total at 0 for 23 after four overs. However some very tight bowling by Nick Verity ensured that the run rate began to get away from them. Mich Peddle and Scott Rojo then took 3 wickets between them and a run out was also made during that same period, causing Wellington to collapse to 6 for 65 off 15 overs. Brentwood winning by 61 runs.

Congratulations to the boys who played and as they have won Pool A of our district, they will play the winner of Pool B in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of the 25 year 8 boys for turning up to try out for the team and thank you also to Cameron Sharpe and Seb Henderson for assisting with the coaching and umpiring.

David Hose, Team Manager

Junior Girls Tennis

On Tuesday 13 March Brentwood Secondary College was ably represented in the tennis tournament by three very enthusiastic and competitive tennis players.

Team Members:

Anita Louis

Tiffany McKenzie

Moohambika Srinivasan

Congratulations girls on your tremendous sportswomanship and sizzling serves.

Michelle Meadows, Coach

Intermediate Girls Tennis

On Wednesday 7 March an intrepid group of girls braved the journey to Ringwood (in a bus driven by Ms Seyler) to compete in the interschool's tennis competition. Despite their obvious enthusiasm and high expectations, we faced some formidable competition from regional schools like Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley.

All the girls participated well, and played through, despite it becoming increasingly clear as the day progressed that we stood little chance of making it through to the finals or zone competition. They are all to be congratulated for their level of sportswomanship and optimism in the face of defeat.

Team members:

Natascha Amend

Sam Cutter

Ula Khrustal

Emily Maciszwski

Isabelle janecki

Emma Tyler

Eden Henry

Alisha Ladd

Katharine Seyler, Coach

Community Corner

Clayton Junior Soccer Club

Players wanted for under 13, 14 & 15 teams.
Training now at Brandon Park Reserve, Ferntree
Gully Road (behind the fire station). Season starts
Sunday April 29. Phone Bill on 0404 851 706 for
more details.

Canteen News

Mon: S Newsom, V Mason

Tues: M Levey, M Fox, S MacGibbon

Wed: J Lindrea, C Brown, G Pawlik

Thur: C Williams, L Bult, C Prosser

Fri: A Wise, A Pygall

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
