



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

On Thursday March 29 parents were given the opportunity to conduct interviews with their children's teachers. Staff at Brentwood Secondary College find these interviews an invaluable aid to the establishment of meaningful relationships between parents and teachers and the creation of a vibrant teaching and learning environment within the College. Parents are advised to take on board comments made by teachers on this night and support teachers and students in the provision of an environment conducive to learning.

The end of term marks the completion of acting student management roles taken up by members of staff in the school. A huge thank you to:

Mr Roberts (Head of Middle School)  
Mr Oudshoorn (Year Level Coordinator of Middle School)  
Ms LeGrove (Leading Teacher Level 1 in Middle School)  
Mrs Brangsch (Head of Junior School)  
Ms Anderson (Leading Teacher Level 1 in Junior School)  
Ms Estate (Year Level Coordinator in Junior School)

In my role as Acting Assistant Principal this term, it has been a pleasure to work with the sub-schools. It is of utmost importance that parents and Year Level Coordinators establish a positive and supportive relationship, this can be achieved with open communication between the school and the home. Parents can feel very satisfied and secure in the thought that our sub-schools are managed by excellent student managers.

Along with a fine group of sub school managers, I would like to acknowledge the many hours that the Wellbeing team spend with our students, further enhancing a positive learning environment for all students. It would be remiss of me not to

mention the talented and dedicated classroom teachers who have worked extremely hard all term. Well done!

The Senior School staff would like year 12 students to look forward to mid year exams. They need to review their notes and complete any outstanding tasks and attempt any relevant practice exam questions. All students need to ensure that they return to school well rested both physically and mentally and prepared for the demands of term two.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the school community a safe and restful term break.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

### Dates and Deadlines

16 April	Term 2 Commences
24 April	Eastern Zone Swimming Education Polices 6.30pm Resources 7.45pm
<b>25 April</b>	<b>Anzac Day</b>
26 April	Year 10 Sign Up COSI Performance
27 April	COSI Performance
30 April	School Council 7.00pm

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## Junior School News

### A big thank you to Lucy Estate

On behalf of the year 8 Year Level Coordinators, I would like to thank Lucy Estate for the wonderful job she has done as Year Level Coordinator this term.

While Tony Watts has taken some much deserved Long Service Leave, Lucy Estate came to work with the Junior School team as a Year 8 Level Coordinator. Monitoring student attendance, checking student absence notes, ringing parents, helping students with problems, running detentions, all were part of her role. Students have come to appreciate her courteous, honest manner, and will certainly miss her support and encouragement next term.

Lucy has been great to work with, and we will miss her cheerful, helpful manner in our office.

Thanks for all your effort, Lucy.

### Year 8

Last week I congratulated Renee Cleaver on her involvement with the Australian Girls Choir in the Opening and Closing ceremonies of the FINA World Swimming Championships. Renee's success in this field is the result of much effort, practice and determination to achieve her best.

You too can achieve your best!

If your interest is in sports, Brentwood Secondary College offers you plenty of opportunities to develop your sporting skills. The college offers individual and team sports throughout the year, as well as special events such as the Fun Run next term.

If you want to excel academically, the college provides a variety of opportunities such as the daily Homework room run by Maths teachers, the debating club, participation in national subject-based competitions, and the exchange programs to Japan and Germany.

For students interested in the Arts; the college is involved with the Rock Eisteddfod this year, and the college's Instrumental program includes many classical and popular musical instruments and also provides vocal tuition.

Think about what you want to achieve this year, and do what you can to reach those goals! If you want more information about any college activities, ask your teachers. They will point you in the right direction!

*Mrs Alda Brangsch, Head of Junior School*

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## Year 7 Window

Welcome to the last edition of the Year 7 Window for Term One! It only seems like yesterday since the class of 2007 arrived at Brentwood for their very first day of secondary school.

What an action packed term it has been! I am extremely pleased with how the year 7 students have settled into their new routines, and it is lovely to observe the development of many new friendships.

During term 1, students have been involved in a number of activities such as the Peer Support Program with the year ten students, Activities afternoon, the Forest Edge Camp and various interschool sports. These activities are an important process of the overall transition to secondary school and are vital in forging relationships with others in the Brentwood Community.

During term 1 the Year 7 Team asked for applications from students who were interested in becoming Home Group Captains. Each Home Group has 2 Captains who take on a leadership role within the classroom, perform various tasks within their Home Group and act as role models to their fellow students. It was pleasing to see so many students express an interest in becoming a Home Group Captain and the standard of the applications was extremely high.

It is therefore my pleasure to announce the following Year 7 Home Group Captains for 2007.

### HG

7A	Cassie Rowe	Taylah Collins
7B	Sheryl Pei	Luke Ludorf
7C	Briony Turner	Joel Quilliam
7D	Deepika Gunda	Alex Badley
7E	Ashleigh Hunt	Bryce O'Hara
7F	Sarah Luu	Benjamin Drinkwater
7G	Alysha Taggart	Jenny Xu
7H	Alison Knight	Samuel Kim
7I	Rebecca Taylor	Mitchell Ryan
7J	Adele Fox	Nicholas Fabrici

As we head towards term 2, it is timely to reflect upon the road already travelled and also focus upon the journey ahead. Term 2 will bring many new challenges and it is important for all students to remain focused and try their very best in all that they do in order to demonstrate their full potential.

Early in term 2 the Junior School Team will be facilitating an evening for parents of year 7 students on "How to Succeed in Year 7". This will take place

on Wednesday 23 May so please mark this in your diaries. A formal invitation will be sent out during week 1 of term 2.

I would also like to extend our best wishes to Clare Bonning who will be getting married on 20 April. We wish her every happiness on this very special occasion.

Finally, on behalf of the Year 7 Team, I would like to congratulate the year 7 students on a successful term and I look forward to sharing in their growth throughout the rest of the year. Have a safe and relaxing break and we will see you all on 16 April ready to embark upon another productive term.

*Judy Anderson, Year 7 Team*

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## **Deutschklub für Klasse 7 & 8 – German Club for Year 7 & 8**

It's back again in 2007! Starting on Thursday 26 April.

Have a bit of fun with your German! Hear it, see it, feel it and taste it! Play games and competitions, watch cartoons/films, listen to modern music and funny songs, do quizzes, try German sweets/food and more!.

When: Every Thursday at lunchtime  
(12.45pm till 1.15pm)

Where: In the German room P21  
(Depending on the activities and weather we might also go outside.)

Who: Everybody from year 7 & 8 welcomed.

How: No signing up. Just come along.

*Frau Exton & Frau Haslett*

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## **Congratulations**

Sam Pierce of year 11 competed on 25 March in the Go Kan Ryu, Victorian State Karate Championships.

Sam placed third in Kumite (Sparring) in the 16 - 20 year old Male division (Colts) and third in team Kumite (Sparring) open team division.

Well done Sam.

*Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator*

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## **Sport**

We have had a few teams win the District competition against our local schools – Ashwood, Highvale, Mount Waverley, Wellington, Glen Waverley, and Wheelers Hill. Well done to the

summer round robin teams who have made it through to the Eastern Zone Competitions later this year.

### **“Supercoach”**

Mr Exton  
Miss Nash  
Miss Hatley  
Mr Cooper

### **Team**

Intermediate Boys Cricket  
Intermediate Girls Softball  
Year 8 Girls Volleyball  
Year 8 Boys Tennis –final

still to be played

Mr Hose  
Mr Hunt  
Mr Rutherford  
Miss Nash  
Miss Nash  
Mrs Plant

Year 8 Boys Cricket  
Year 8 Girls Cricket  
Year 8 Boys Baseball  
Year 7 Girls Volleyball  
Year 7 Boys Volleyball  
Year 7 Girls Softball

Thank you also to all the staff who have coached during the term 1 round robin days. Your dedication and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by both students and myself.

The Eastern Zone Swim team are competing next term on Tuesday April 24 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Good luck to those involved.

### ***So what's on for Term 2 - after Easter?***

Brentwood's Footy Fun Run (May 8) is the House Cross Country event and the selection trials into Brentwood's Cross Country Team, where students are encouraged to wear their footy team's colours and run/walk the 3km/5km course from Napier Park to Jells Park. At the end of the event students have a sausage sizzle lunch and a kick of the footy before heading back to school to be dismissed. If you are keen to perform well and make it into the schools cross country team, now would be the time to start preparing to for the day.

Interschool sports available for year's 7-10 students to try out for are Badminton, Soccer, Football and Netball. All four sports are available for both boys and girls. Remember students will need to listen to the *daily student bulletin* for meeting times, try outs and training sessions when advertised. You are most welcome to try out for more than one sport but you can only commit to one sport as they are all played on the same day at different venues.

Senior students (year 11 &12) – this is your last round robin day for the year. You have the choice to compete in Badminton, Soccer, Netball, Football, Table Tennis, Squash, Hockey and Basketball.

### ***Sports Uniform***

Again a friendly reminder about sports uniforms. Students need to be in the full Brentwood sports uniform – BSC navy blue shorts, BSC navy blue polo, and BSC spray jacket/Rugby jumper. Casual clothing is not tolerated. Students will be asked to remain at school and they will not be allowed to compete if in casual wear. Teams can be penalised at competitions. As the weather turns colder students will need to wear warmer clothes to interschool

sporting competitions. Students may need to purchase the navy blue track pants, these pants have no stripes down the side, no fancy logo, and are navy blue (same as spray jacket). Also parents please label all uniform items as it can't be returned to your child if there is no name on it. Thank you for your cooperation.

When students return to Brentwood they will be asked to remain near the gym with their coach until the final 3.04pm bell is rung for dismissal. Senior students (year 11 & 12) are able to sign out in the SLC. If a team returns before the commencement of period 6 or the commencement of an earlier class, students will be required to attend the remainder of classes for the day.

**Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator**

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## Sports Roundup

### Year 7 Girls Tennis

Big congratulations to all students in the year 7 girls tennis team! Brentwood was ably represented in two divisions by:

Emily Bray	Melanie Consolino
Vi Dang-Lee	Sarah Lee
Jessie Mah	Karen Taig
Lisa Thomas	Briony Turner

Also thank you to Karen Taig, who was a late but very valuable recruit.

On Monday 19 March, we arrived at Ringwood Tennis Club at about 9.30am, driven beautifully by our fantastic bus driver who doubled as coach for the year 7 boys. After an explanation of how to best take care of the red porous courts, which included instructions on bagging and watering the courts after each set, we began play.

Briony and Lisa as well as Emily and Jessie, faced some strong competition but worked hard to stay positive. There were some terrific passages of play and all the teams were good sports.

Mel and Sarah had a fantastic day, and combined with the new team of Vi and Karen, managed to score four points (winning against 2 out of 3 schools). It was a very hot day, but it was beautiful to be outside, soaking up the sun! The girls had good team spirit and it was a very successful day. I was surprised that the girls had any energy left, yet they managed to drown the minibus in harmony-free, multi-keyed versions of Justin Timberlake's top songs... all the way home...!!!

It was a great day out. Congratulations again, girls, on representing the school with such enthusiasm and fine sportswomanship.

**Jane Pollock, Coach**

### Year 7 Volleyball

The year 7 volleyball competition was an exciting day for all competitors. We were able to field two girl's teams and two boy's teams that competed at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre. The two girls teams were undefeated with the A team playing off in the final to win against Glen Waverley A.

The boys teams also had a successful day with the A team undefeated and winning the grand final against Wellington. The B team lost 2 matches and won one. With only the minimum of 6 boys in each team, the Brentwood boys played fantastically.

Both boys and girls A teams are through to the Eastern Zone competition in Term 4. Thank you also to the coaches without their help I couldn't have organised the 4 teams by myself – Sarah Clay, Ellie Schouten, Gabriella Tarabolsi, and Elena Vukanovic.

### Boys Team

Callan Burns	Chris Brunton
Jason Castellucci	Kurtis Whitfield
Liam Hollard	Mitch Ryan
Elias Karpathakis	Trevor Smith
Matthew Alexander	Mark Schaefer
Patric Gardner-Brunton	Nathan Papadimitriou

### Girls Team

Lisa Burns	Rachel Kong
Kye Howell	Isabelle Legg
Belinda Donaldson	Kristy Bourbakis
Yi Shwen Eng	Elle Tiganis
Emily Armstrong	Kaitin Cross
Sophie Tarabolsi	Ash Hunt
Jovana Vukanovic	Lauren Chanter
Jackie Scarth	Adelle Fox
Rachel Cai	Christina Huang

**Kim Nash, Team Manager**

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## Canteen News

Thanks for your help this term everyone. We look forward to meeting all our new volunteers in Term 2.

Mon:	S Newsom, J Smith Borsboom, V Mason
Tues:	S MacGibbon, M Fox, M Levey
Wed:	J Lindrea, C Brown, G Pawlik
Thur:	C Ryhanen, C Kirwan
Fri:	R Attwood, S Watts, J Knight

Thank you everyone.

**Shirley & Carol**

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