



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

As part of the accountability requirements for Victorian Government Schools all schools are required to produce an 'Annual Report to the School Community'. The 'Brentwood Secondary College Annual Report to the School Community 2006' is able to be accessed from the college website homepage. Following is a list of the major sections of the Annual Report.

1. School Overview
2. Principal's Report
3. School Council President's Report
4. Student Progress and Achievements
5. Student Pathways and Transitions
6. Student Engagement and Well Being
7. Future Directions
8. Financial Performance

Section 2, the 'Principal's Report' is presented in this newsletter. I would like to commend this report to you and encourage you to visit the website for further information about your College.

#### Annual Report: 2006 Principal's Report

While the College Charter goals and priorities continue to set the direction for improvement in student learning outcomes the preparations for the implementation of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) was again the key focus for teaching staff in 2006. Developed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority in conjunction with the Department of Education, Office of Learning and Teaching, this new framework articulates not only the content of learning but also the process of learning across the curriculum. Planning for assessing and reporting student progress against the Standards also required significant attention during 2006. Consequently the planning for full implementation in 2007 was the major focus for teacher professional learning during 2006. Faculties devoted considerable time and energy to this important work.

As a response to a number of concerns raised by parents, students and teachers a review of the timetable structure was instigated. These concerns included: the preparedness of year 10 students for VCE, the engagement of year 9 students and the perceived disconnect between grade 6 and year 7. In 2007 the year 10 curriculum structure has been aligned with the VCE structure, new units called Extended Research Projects have been introduced at year 9 and the year 7 curriculum structure has been modified in an effort to reduce the number of subjects that students are exposed to in their first year of secondary school. The Thinking, Learning and Creativity (TLC) project was further developed upon the College's successful submission to the Department of Education's Leading Schools Fund. The planning for implementation of the TLC project in 2007 was also a key focus. In essence, 2006 was a year of new learning for teachers as they reviewed, researched and planned for an improved curriculum in 2007.

Brentwood was home to two construction sites during 2006. Stage One of a major upgrade of the College facilities, the redevelopment of the Mathematics and Science wing in G Block, began in January 2006. Before work could begin the entire Mathematics and Science departments along with teacher offices had to be relocated into portable classrooms. Of course upon completion everything then had to be shifted back into the new facility. Despite the enormity of this task there was minimal disruption to the actual Mathematics and Science teaching program. At a total cost of \$2.49 million the project has significantly enhanced the learning environment for students in Mathematics and Science.

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The project was funded by both the State and Commonwealth governments. School Council also funded a major building project during 2006, a new gymnasium complex. This project was made possible as a consequence of Council's fiscal management strategy over the previous five years, along with the ability to access a bank loan via the establishment of a School Cooperative. The Commonwealth government contributed \$127,500 through the Investing in Schools Fund, the Cooperative borrowed \$645,300 and Council savings contributed \$930,600 to take the total cost of the project to \$1,703,400. The gymnasium complex houses an international standard basketball court, a multipurpose mezzanine, a fitness studio and a teaching classroom. The construction was completed just prior to the end of school year with students and teachers being very eager to experience the new spaces available in this very impressive facility. The construction of the gymnasium complex was made possible because a number of Brentwood families signed up to be members the Cooperative. The bank loan has been fully drawn down and the repayment plan has now been implemented.

Brentwood Secondary College continues to thrive and the ongoing vibrancy of the College is perhaps best described in the weekly newsletter. Stories detailing students' participation in the various elements of the co-curricular program are the main feature of the newsletter. 'Being involved' contributes greatly to a sense of belonging that is so important during adolescence. The newsletter is distributed to students on most Fridays throughout the school year and is posted home in the second week of each new term. It is also published on the College website. Provision of the best possible secondary education continues to be the focus of our collective efforts to improve. This Annual Report incorporates a number of empirical indicators of school effectiveness including, most importantly, student achievement and student pathways. The Brentwood community can be justifiably proud of the outstanding results achieved by our young people. Brentwood Secondary College is a happy vibrant school where learning, caring and a personal best philosophy form the hallmarks of success.

*Vicki Forbes, Principal*

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## **Year 10 News**

### **Keys Please**

Each year Vic Roads runs a fun and informative information evening for Year 10 students and parents/guardians at school. "Keys Please" is an

interactive forum for learner and pre-learner drivers. It will introduce students to the different driving skills they will need to become a better and safer driver, including the importance of forming a positive partnership between the learner and supervising driver.

The session provides strategies for both students and parents/guardians, so that when students say "Keys Please," keys are handed over willingly and with confidence!

The session will take place at Brentwood on Wednesday 16 May at 7.00pm

Forms have been handed out to all Year 10 students. Please return these forms to the Middle School office so we can confirm numbers as soon as possible.

### **Camp (Gold Coast)**

There are 3 spots left for the exciting Year 10 camp to the Gold Coast. If you wish to go, but have not yet paid the \$100 deposit, you will need to pay at the Main Office ASAP.

The dates for the camp are Sunday 25 November to Friday 30 November. More information regarding payment will be mailed home shortly once we have confirmed numbers.

### **Year 10 Exams**

Exams for Semester One start on Friday 8 June and end on Wednesday 13 June. Students will have a formal exam for **each** of their subjects. This gives students just under 7 weeks to prepare! More information regarding exams will be given at the Year level Assembly on Wednesday 2 May.

### **Work Experience (Monday 3 December to Friday 7 December)**

Students should be starting to think about what kind of meaningful work experience they will be undertaking during this week. If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact Mrs Stanley in the Careers office.

*Bill Exton & Katrina Katz, Year 10 Coordinators*  
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## **Junior School News**

### **Attention Year 7 Parents**

As you may be aware, in TLC we will be studying the text "Boy Overboard" by Morris Gleitzman. This novel is about a young man and his family's journey from Afghanistan to Australia.

As a result, we will be looking at migration and the reasons for migration, and people's experiences of this process.

We believe that there are many families within our TLC community who may have experienced situations like this in their own lives. We are looking for parents/family members who would be willing to talk to the TLC students about their experiences. This would involve you coming in one day (only for an hour or so) and perhaps giving a short talk to the class and then fielding questions from the students.

If you think that you may be interested in participating in this activity, please contact Mrs Jo Marveggio (TLC Co-ordinator) on 8545-0300.

We would greatly appreciate anyone who would like to be a part of this experience.

### ***TLC Staff and Students***

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## **Careers**

### **Holmesglen TAFE "Hand's On" Experience**

Friday 18 May is a Schools Open Day at the Chadstone Campus. Workshops are being run in Carpentry, Children's Services, Fitness, Floristry, Graphic Design and IT.

If interested please see Mrs Stanley in the Careers Centre by Wednesday 25 April so that places can be booked.

### **Monash University Chemical Engineering Experience**

The university is running a 2 Day Holiday program on 11 & 12 July at the Clayton campus. This program provides an opportunity for students with a career interest in Science, Chemistry or Engineering to experience laboratory time, hands-on activities and an industrial site visit.

See Mrs Stanley in the Careers Centre if interested.

Information and registration can be accessed on the following link  
<http://www.monash.edu.au/chemeng/highschools/chemengexperience/>.

***Margaret Stanley, Careers & Pathways Coordinator***

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## **Music at Brentwood**

Term 1 has seen the start of a new performance series - 15 Minutes of Fame!

Every Friday lunchtime in the East courtyard students have been sharing their musical talents with the rest of the school and also providing some excellent entertainment.

Students who have performed so far are Hideaki Yoshizawa, Dane Waters, Ling Ma, Sarah Yang, Rebecca Huang, Stephen Evans, Joel Yong, Jason Bujaki, Ashton Willoughby and the VCE rock ensemble's 'Strokes Stravaganza' show.

Teachers have also braved the courtyard - Mr Newcombe, Mr Hender, Miss Atkins, Mr Hunt, Mr Wiseman and Miss Katz also put on a great show. Well done everyone!

The lunchtime concerts will continue throughout term 2 and hopefully the rest of the year. All year levels are invited to come and perform. Music of all styles on all different instruments are welcome. Come and see me if you're interested and we will work something out!

***Katie Yeung, Director of Music***



The 'Casually Dressed' Crowd



'Strokes Stravaganza'

## Duke of Edinburgh Camp

On Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 April the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh class (Bronze level) went on an overnight hike in the Kurth Kiln State Park near Gembrook. There were 23 students who went on the hike as well as two teachers, Ms Dickenson and Ms Hawley.

When we arrived in Gembrook we met our instructors, Tony and Jordan. We then split in to 2 groups and we started our hike. We had to carry every thing in our big hiking backpacks including clothes, food, water, tents, tranguia stoves and much more. The hike wasn't too bad, but the packs were really heavy. When we got to the campsite it was a relief to take off the packs. We then had to set up our tents. Later on we had to cook our dinner on the tranguia stoves. This was a lot of fun and it tasted really good, despite the fact it was dry, packaged food.

The next day most people were saying how uncomfortable they had been during the night, the tents were very squashy and the ground was very hard to sleep on. At night it was a bit cold, but during the day the weather was fine. After we had breakfast we packed up the tents and campsite and went off hiking again. As we were hiking we decided to use the map and compass to find our way cross country. After a while we came across a creek where there were leeches!

We arrived safely back at Brentwood at about 2:30pm. Due to good preparation and teamwork the hike went really well. We all found it to be a great experience.

To receive the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award we must complete 2 overnight hikes, one practice and one qualifying. This hike was our practice hike. In about 4 weeks we will do our qualifying hike in which we, the students, will make all of the decisions in regards to the food and equipment we take and the route we follow to get from Gembrook to the campsite and back to Gembrook.

*Stephanie Ecker, Year 9*



## Sports Roundup

### Intermediate Boys Cricket

Paul Adams	Jake Alabaster (Wicket Keeper)
Nathan Canning	Seb Henderson
David Mathers	Andrew McNish
Scott McPhail	Andrew Michalowski
Phil Murray	Jake Pappon (Captain)
Nic Richards	Anu Sharma
Cam Sharpe	Shaun White
Dylan Whitfield	

Towards the end of last term the intermediate boys cricket team played their round robin matches at Wheelers Hill Secondary College. Brentwood were pitted against Wheelers Hill and Wellington in Pool B, with the winners to play the victors of Pool A the following week.

Our first game was against Wheelers Hill and after losing the toss, they decided to give us some batting practice. Dylan Whitfield and Cam Sharpe opened the batting for us and after smashing 2 boundaries, Cam was unluckily caught. Jake Pappon came to the crease and set about hitting their bowlers all over the ground. As the game was limited to 10 overs, time was of the essence. Jake Pappon and Dylan Whitfield soon silenced the sledging and knocked up a quick fire partnership of 62. As per the rules, both batsmen retired once they reached 30, leaving Jake Alabaster (7 not out) and Seb Henderson (19) to display some fine stroke play, guiding Brentwood to a score of 102 from the ten overs.

Our boys took to the field and quickly set about destroying the opposition. Dave Mathers and Shaun White bowled with pace and accuracy and Wheelers Hill were soon on the back foot, losing their opening batsman for a duck. Dave and Shaun each finished up with 3 wickets and Wheelers Hill never looked like reaching the target. Nic Richards, Seb Henderson and Anu Sharma also bowled extremely well, limiting the Wheelers Hill batsmen to singles and eventually forcing them to make mistakes. The fielding was excellent. Jake Alabaster's hard work behind the stumps was rewarded with a catch and a stumping. Phil Murray took two excellent catches. Wheelers Hill finished up all out for 46!

Our second and final game against Wellington went much like the first. Dylan and Jake Pappon smashed the bowlers out of the attack in quick succession and both players were quickly up to the 30 run retirement mark. Dave Mathers and Nathan Canning took up the attack and we finished up with 84 runs from the 10 overs.

Wellington never looked like making the required runs and were soon 2 wickets down without a run on the board. Some excellent bowling from Andrew Michalowski, Paul Adams and Scott McPhail reduced Wellington to 36 all out.

The following week we played the winners of pool A (Glen Waverley) to decide who would go to the Eastern Zone competition later this year.

Jake Pappon won the toss and decided to put Glen Waverley into bat. Dave Mathers, Cam Sharpe, Seb Henderson, Shaun White and Nic Richards all bowled beautifully. Their line and length was spot on and Glen Waverley were struggling to keep up their run rate. As my cricket coach used to tell me in a broad Welsh accent: "Its catches that win matches boys." It certainly proved to be the case on this occasion. Jake Alabaster, Nic Richards, Seb Henderson, Cam Sharpe and Jake Pappon all took great catches and before long Glen Waverley found themselves on 76 runs with no one left in the hutch!

Cam Sharpe opened the batting for us and he was quickly faced with sledging of the utmost intensity, bordering on unsportsmanlike behaviour. Cam blocked it from his mind, scoring freely and with sublime skill. He finished up with an excellent knock, scoring 41 runs. Jake Pappon and Seb Henderson silenced the opposition, reaching the target with 4 overs to spare.

Congratulations boys and all the best of luck for the zone competition in October.

*Bill Exton, Coach*

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### Entertainment Books 2006-07

Please forward your order and payment to Mrs Anderson in the Junior School Office. Books are \$60 each.

*Judy Anderson, Year 7 Coordinator*

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Entertainment™ Book  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ (Melbourne) books @ \$60 each (GST incl.) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Community Corner**

### **Brandon Park Soccer Club**

Looking for Junior Players (Under 15 Year old)  
The club where every child who joins plays. Our goal is for everyone to have a ball. We encourage fund and participation for all. For further information contact Harry 0417 574 890 or Kevin 0417 366 658.

### **Give Blood. Save Lives.**

Your blood donation will go far. You don't have to!

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Hall  
34 Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill  
Friday 27 April 9.30am – 3.30pm

For enquiries or appointments please contact Kerstin on 9694 0216 or [kschulenburg@arcbs.redcross.org.au](mailto:kschulenburg@arcbs.redcross.org.au)

### **Exchange Students and Host Families**

If you would be willing to add a 15-18 year old girl or boy to your family for a half, one or two semesters please ring Klaus Schumann on 9758 4279.

### **Apply To Become A Tutor**

Casual tutors and students for Personal tuition service in all subjects wanted. Students phone Academic Systems on 1800 803 172 or email [Tutors147@yahoo.com](mailto:Tutors147@yahoo.com)

### **Hawthorn Football Club Super Saturdays**

The Hawthorn Football Club invite you to watch the Hawks Five main Saturday training sessions in 2007.

Auskick will commence from 9.00am and the Team will train from 9.30 – 10.15am on Saturday 14 April, 28 April, 30 June, 14 July and 4 August. For more information call the Community Relations Department on 9535 3000 or email [community@hawthornfc.com.au](mailto:community@hawthornfc.com.au)

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton,  
I Yan  
Tues: D Lawless, S Du Bois  
Wed: Anzac Day  
Thur: C Williams, L Bult, C Prosser  
Fri: A Pygall

Thank you everyone.

*Shirley & Carol*

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## Brentwood Secondary College

<b>CALENDAR TERM 2 2007</b>			
Week	Day	Date	College Program
1	Monday	16 April	Term 2 Commences
2	Tuesday	24 April	Eastern Zone Swimming Education Policy Meeting 6.30pm Resources Meeting 7.45pm
	Wednesday	25 April	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
	Thursday	26 April	Year 10 Sign Up COSI Performance 7.00pm
	Friday	27 April	COSI Performance 7.00pm
3	Monday	30 April	Year 7, 10-12 Girls Injections - Gardasil – 1 <sup>st</sup> dose School Council 7.00pm
	Tuesday	1 May	Staff Professional Development – Pupil Free Day
	Friday	4 May	District Golf – Junior Presentation Ball
4	Tuesday	8 May	Footy Fun Run
	Wednesday	9 May	Year 12 English SAC
	Thursday	10 May	District Sport – Senior Science Competition Open Night 7.00pm
	Friday	11 May	Year 9 AIM – Maths Senior Girls Netball
5	Monday	14 May	Senior Girls Football Inter/Senior Boys Football
	Tuesday	15 May	Year 9 AIM – English Central Camp Information Night
	Wednesday	16 May	TIS Event Year 12 Periods 1 – 3 Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm Keys Please – Year 10 Parents 7.00pm
	Thursday	17 May	Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm VCAA Chemistry Seminar
	Friday	18 May	Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance 7.00pm
6	Tuesday	22 May	Resource Meeting 6.30pm Education Policy Meeting 7.45pm
	Wednesday	23 May	District Sport – Year 9 & 10 Year 12 Seminar Periods 1 & 2 Parents Evening 7.00pm: Succeeding at Year 7
7	Monday	28 May	Year 7, 10-12 Girls Injection – Gardasil – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose School Council 7.00pm
	Tuesday	29 May	District Cross Country
	Wednesday	30 May	Year 11 Study Day
	Thursday	31 May	Unit 1 Exams Commence
8	Wednesday	6 June	District Sport – Year 8
	Thursday	7 June	Year 8 Badminton Unit 1 Exams Finish
	Friday	8 June	Year 10 Exams Commence
9	Monday	11 June	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
	Tuesday	12 June	Unit 3 Exams Commence Year 10 Exams
	Wednesday	13 June	Year 10 Exams Finish
	Thursday	14 June	GAT – Unit 3/4 students
	Friday	15 June	Year 7 Badminton Report Writing Day
10	Tuesday	19 June	English Competition Periods 1 & 2 Education Policy Meeting 6.30pm Resources Meeting 7.45pm
	Friday	22 June	District Sport – Year 7
11	Monday	25 June	Year 11 Central/Kakadu Camp begins School Council 7.00pm
	Wednesday	27 June	Year 12 English Excursion District Sport – Junior
	Thursday	28 June	Year 10 VCE Intro Periods 1 & 2
	Friday	29 June	Reports distributed – School ends 2.15pm