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Principal's Report



A very warm welcome is extended to all members of the Brentwood community and a special welcome to the 244 year 7 students who have just completed their second week at secondary school. They have already impressed their coordinators and teachers. The total student enrolment is currently at 1366 with 650 females and 716 males. A very warm welcome is also extended to all those staff, students and their families who are new to Brentwood this year. The following staffing update is provided for your information.

Staff new to Brentwood:

Ms Angela Cody, Commerce/LOTE (Japanese)
Ms Joanne Craig, Mathematics
Mr Darren Gratham, Mathematics/IT
Ms Michelle Luckman, Arts/Media
Mr Arvin Kumar, Mathematics
Ms Alla Mayer, Library Technician
Ms Sophie McClusky, Science/Mathematics
Ms Thea Nicholas, Science/Mathematics
Mr Adam Pirrie, Health/Physical Education
Ms Raquel Woods, LOTE (German)

Staff returning from leave:

Mrs Frosso Dawod, English/Humanities
Ms Jessica Murray, Science/Mathematics
Mr Tony White, English/Humanities

The total staff employed at Brentwood is now 136 including: 100 teachers, 6 instrumental music teachers and 30 school services officers.

Other staff news:

- During the holidays Mrs Marina Haslett was successful in securing a position at a school that is much closer to her home on the other side of the city.

- On 27 February our college chaplain, Rod Dungan, suffered a serious heart attack and underwent bypass surgery on Monday 4 February. Rod will be on leave for all of term one. On behalf of the entire Brentwood community our support and best wishes are extended to the Dungan family and especially to our chaplain Rod. He is an integral part of our brilliant Student Wellbeing Team and we wish him a very successful and speedy recovery. We look forward to his return to Brentwood.
- During Rod's absence the Student Wellbeing Team will be supported by Mark Philpot who has recently taken up the position of chaplain at Glen Waverley Secondary College. Mark has previously worked with our Wellbeing Team and will be at the college on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The photos provide some indication of the flooding that occurred at Brentwood on Thursday 20 December last year. The whole of C block, G block, the library and most of J block were flooded. The storm water drains in the court yards simply could not cope with the volume of water, nor did the guttering on many of the portable classrooms which were also flooded. Consequently there has been an enormous clean up operation during the holidays that has been managed by Mr David Shelton. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank him for his efforts – the clean up has been a monumental undertaking.



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School Photos

Photo day is Tuesday 19 February when all class, portrait and team photos will be taken on the same day. Every student in the school will have their photo taken both in Home Groups and individually, whether or not their families wish to purchase the photos. It is very important that students are not absent on this day. At Brentwood we are proud of the way that our students abide by the uniform code and present themselves at school every day. The school photos are a permanent record of our student enrolment and we want students to look their best on the day.

ID Cards

The portrait photos are used to make students' ID cards and all students who have their photo taken are supplied with an ID card. The details on the ID card are supplied directly to the photo company from our enrolment data as completed by parents. There will not be another opportunity to have an ID photo taken until the photo company returns to our campus in July.

Dress Code

Students are asked to wear complete summer uniform on this day and to ensure that they each present themselves in a neat and tidy fashion. They are asked to please bring their school jumper and make certain that white shirts and dresses have all buttons sewn on. Hairstyles are to comply with the uniform code and boys are to be clean shaven. Students who do not dress properly will not be included in the photo shoot and therefore will not have an ID card for first semester.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term (29 January 2008 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2008** for the first payment and **1 August 2008** for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 29 January 2008 and prior to 1 August 2008, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Claire Hutchinson, Accounts

2007 Year 12 Results

In 2007 we had 174 students who qualified for their Victorian Certificate of Education.

Once again our students have achieved outstanding results with 17% of the cohort (30 students) achieving an ENTER (equivalent national tertiary entrance rank) of 90 or above placing them in the top 10% of students in the state. 32% achieved an ENTER of 80 or above placing them in the top 20% of students in the state.

Three of our students achieved 50, the highest study score possible. We would like to congratulate Shahmani Avadiar who achieved a 50 for Geography; Stefanie Hammond who achieved a 50 for Further Mathematics and Cheng (William) Chen who achieved a 50 for Chinese 1st Language.

In 2007 we had seven students undertake a University Enhancement subject which was also counted in the calculation of their ENTER as their 6th subject. All seven students achieved a Distinction or High Distinction average for their university subject (Japanese, Australian History,

Chemistry, Mathematics and Philosophy). Brentwood would like to congratulate these students on this outstanding achievement.

Many other students achieved personal best results and we are very proud of all our 2007 year 12 students and their achievements.

Tertiary Places

The second round of tertiary places was published last week. Brentwood's 2007 year 12 students have been very successful in achieving their future career goals with 37% achieving their 1st preference, 21% achieving their 2nd and another 10% achieving their 3rd preference. This means 58% of our students have successfully enrolled into their 1st, 2nd or 3rd preferences at university or TAFE. At this stage 93% of the students have received an offer for tertiary study.

A wide range of courses have been chosen by our students again with Monash Clayton and Deakin University our most popular university destinations and Holmesglen also our most popular TAFE institution.

There are still vacancies in a number of TAFE courses for Semester 1 2008. Please contact Mrs Stanley in the Careers Room if you have not yet secured a place for tertiary study for 2008. Mrs Stanley has access to lists of possible apprenticeships and traineeships.

*Senior School Team & Margaret Stanley,
Careers Coordinator*

From the Year Level Coordinators

A warm welcome back after the holiday break and we have been very pleased on how well and quickly the students have settled into their classes. We wish all students the best for a successful year ahead.

The coordinators that are in charge of the various year levels are as follows:

Junior School

Year 7 Judy Anderson, Assistant Head of Junior School
Shane Hunt
Year 8 Tony Watts, Head of Junior School
Suzanne Plant

Middle School

Year 9 Bill Exton, Assistant Head of Middle School
Kate Atkins
Year 10 Monique Le Grove, Head of Middle School
Katrina Katz

Senior School

Year 11 Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School
Narelle Wood
Year 12 Joel Bathalha, Assistant Head of Senior School
Fiona O'Connor

General reminders to parents and students:

Please check the student planner for further information.

Passes for Early Leavers

Obtain passes from Coordinators Office before school. You must have a note from your parents. Early Leavers must later sign out at the front office before leaving.

Late Pass

Students who arrive late and miss homegroup must sign in at the front office.

Absence Notes

Return absence notes with your full name, homegroup, absence dates and parent signature clearly written to your Coordinator's office ASAP.

Planners

Your planner is a work document for your organization of your school work. Accessible to both parents and teachers to communicate comments they might have about your class work.

Uniform

Check planners for general expectations of the uniform and general appearance expectations.

Name your uniform and books for easy identification if lost.

The uniform shop is located at the hall and is open Wednesday 12.00 – 4.00pm.

Uniform Passes can be obtained from the Coordinators Office before school. You should have a note from your parents.

Year Level Coordinators

Senior School

Congratulations to Rebecca Huang and James Lomax of year 11 and Shahmani Avadiar and Kimberly Roe of year 12 who were selected from over 2,600 applicants from across the state to participate in the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program at Melbourne University. The program allows them to participate in a wide variety of special events where they will be able to meet other students with similar interests and goals. In addition, at the conclusion of year 12, if

they meet the set criteria, they will be guaranteed a place in the Undergraduate program at Melbourne University and will receive a scholarship to assist with expenses.

The year 12 camp will be held this Thursday and Friday at Ormond College at Melbourne University.

This week the year 11 students will commence lessons in preparation for the Presentation Ball to be held in May.

All students undertaking a VCE subject received a copy of the VCE Student Handbook this week. Please ensure it is kept in a safe place as a reference to senior school policies and procedures. Students should acknowledge receipt of the handbook by signing the VCE Code of Conduct and returning this to the senior school office before Monday 11 February.

Special provision

Students who are completing a year 12 (Unit 3 and 4) subject and wish to apply for special provision need to see their Year Level Coordinator as soon as possible to collect a form. Students may be eligible for special provision if they have chronic ongoing medical or significant physical conditions. Supporting medical documentation must be supplied. If parents have any questions regarding their child's eligibility they should contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator ASAP as applications to VCAA close early in March.

Senior School Team

Message from the School Captains

Welcome back to Brentwood Secondary College. We are your School Captains for 2008. We would also like to mention the Vice Captains, Kristen Moore and David Tugui.

Firstly we would like to welcome the new year 7 students to Brentwood. It will be a huge step for most of you, but we are sure you have found the environment very welcoming. The first year of secondary school will be a brand new learning curve where new friendships will develop. We wish you all the best of luck for the year to come.

This Wednesday is the first big event of Brentwood's school year, the Swimming Carnival. This is a chance for all to join in the games, races and enjoy the hot sun. We hope to see everyone at the Carnival having fun and joining in. Don't forget to stay SunSmart and bring a hat and sunscreen. We hope all year 12

students come to their last swimming Carnival and dress up for Pyjama day. See you there!

Maritza Constantinou & David Bedgood, School Captains



Year 7 Window

Welcome to the first instalment of the Year 7 Window. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our year 7 students and their families. I hope the first few days of secondary school were not too overwhelming for you.

It has been a great start to 2008, with students making a very smooth transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

During 2008, the year 7 students will be coordinated by Judy Anderson and Shane Hunt. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

There are many exciting things happening during term one so you might like to record the activities for February in your diaries:

- ❖ Tuesday 12 February- Meet the Coordinators evening
- ❖ Wednesday 13 February- House Swimming Sports
- ❖ Thursday 21 February- Year 7 House Activities Evening
- ❖ Monday 25 February to Friday 29 February- Year 7 Camp Week

With the camp to Forest Edge fast approaching, I would like to remind parents to finalise their payments as soon as possible. All money should be paid directly to the general office. The camp will run from the 25 February to the 29 February. Home groups 7A, B, C, D and E will depart on Monday 25 February and return Wednesday 27 February, while Home Groups 7F, G, H, I and J will depart Wednesday 27 February and return Friday the 29 February.

As previously mentioned, I ask parents and students to remember that the Brentwood school bag is a compulsory uniform item. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact one of the year 7 Co-ordinators via the email addresses provided below.

If your child is absent from school for any length of time, please ensure that he/she brings a signed note upon their return. This needs to be given to a year 7 Co-ordinator.

Finally, I look forward to a successful and exciting year ahead for your child in year 7 at Brentwood.

Judy Anderson, Assistant Head of Junior School. Year 7 Co-ordinator

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Library News February 2008

Thursday December 20, 2007 saw the complete flooding of the Library. We opened the front doors and let the water flow like a river through the Library. We were extremely fortunate not to suffer worse damage than we did; thankfully staff were still at work and on hand to move resources and equipment to high ground. Some books show signs of damp damage, but not one book was sodden.

As a result the Library has had a delayed start to the 2008 school year. Laden book shelves make it very difficult to dry carpet and the result is a very 'whiffy' smell, so we are still waiting for approval to allow students in the Library. Hopefully it will be very soon so we can begin our programs and open the door to classes and students.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Victorian Premier, John Brumby says: "I am delighted to renew the invitation to Victorian students to take this fourth annual Premier's Reading Challenge.

Over the past three years, Victorian students have read more than seven million books in their reading for the Challenge! Collectively they have discovered new worlds, new words, new ideas and new friends in books. They have developed new skills in reading and literacy and for learning in all areas of their lives."

All year 7 students are taking part in the 2008 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge through the TLC program. To assist students achieve the challenge of reading 15 books by August, we have set some milestone dates along the way. The first target is to read five books by April 11; the second is to read ten books by June 13 and the final target is to complete the Challenge of reading 15 books by August 23. Students who reach the target goals will be invited to fun events.

Parents can support their Challenge participants by ensuring the registration form is returned, encouraging regular reading at home and signing their record sheet when books are completed.

Year 8 and 9 classes will be reading in the Library on a fortnightly basis and will be encouraged to join the Challenge also.

Notebook Computers

We are thrilled to be extending our electronic resources with 14 notebook computers in the near future. They will add flexibility to the way students can use the Library spaces and will be used by classes and private study students.

Volunteers in the Library

We are seeking assistance with a range of library tasks, including book processing, shelving and data entry, on either an occasional or regular basis. We welcome all offers – parents and grandparents. If you would like to take up this opportunity to be involved at the College, phone me on 8545 0316.

Barbara Smith, Head of Library

Portfolio Distribution

Students at Brentwood have had the opportunity to collect samples of their work to create a portfolio demonstrating their progress over their secondary school years. In 2007, Brentwood trialed a system of collecting and collating this material in a digital format with the 2007 year seven students. The initiative has been very popular with parents and students and we will gradually implement this digital format in the future.

Your child's current portfolio is being returned and we are encouraging you to look at it and see the progress made. Until the new digital system is fully implemented, it is suggested that your child continue with collecting and storing material in the blue portfolio. Samples that might be included could be certificates, school reports, samples of your child's best work, and career information. This Portfolio might be presented at a job interview as supporting evidence for a prospective employer.

Kerry Bainbridge, Head of Curriculum

Student Wellbeing Team

We are fortunate at Brentwood to have a skilled and committed group of people who are concerned with the social and emotional wellbeing of all our students. Our goal is to ensure that we help to make happy, healthy and

resilient young people who can, as the saying goes, "bungy jump through life."

To achieve this outcome, as Student Wellbeing Coordinator, I liaise closely with Rod Dungan, our chaplain, who provides his vital services to our students on a full time basis. A large part of Rod's time is spent on one to one counselling of students and their families. Whilst Rod is recuperating from his surgery, Mark Philpott will be here on Tuesdays and Thursday to assist us.

We are also fortunate to have Maria Varelias as our Guidance Officer, a trained psychologist who is at Brentwood for 3 days a week. Our full time social worker, Mandy Thayil, who is available for individual and group counselling, completes our team.

If, at any time, you wish to discuss any issue with one of our Wellbeing team, I encourage you to ring or email the school and make an appointment.

Student Leadership

Student leadership is crucial in developing the talents and skills of young people. We provide an enormous number of opportunities for students to become involved in leadership roles at all levels starting with year 7.

Students can become home group captains, Peer Support Leaders, Peer Mediation leaders, VCE Supportive Friends. All students can apply to become members of the SRC. Applications close on Friday.

This week marked the commencement of our Peer Support Program, where 90 year 10 and 19 year 11 students have been trained to assist the transition of our year 7 students into the Brentwood community.

I would like to thank these students for their ongoing commitment to this important programme.

Leigh Wright, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Are you willing to provide homestay?

There are 44 overseas students who are currently enrolled at Brentwood. They are from countries such as China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Most of our overseas students stay with Australian families who provide homestay. Homestay families are expected to offer full board accommodation with a set weekly fee. This fee

covers all expenses associated with providing food and shelter to an overseas student.

The homestay experience is an excellent way for students to improve their English, learn more about Australian culture and to make the most of their international education experience. It is essential that homestay accommodation is of high quality and provides a safe, comfortable and caring environment. Australian families with children attending Brentwood would provide an opportunity for the student as well as the homestay family to develop social relationships and shared experiences that strengthen a valued cultural experience.

If you are interested in providing homestay for overseas students please contact the Overseas Student Coordinator at school.

Lakshmi Weeraratne, Overseas Student Coordinator

Ono Senior High School Visit 2008

Ono Senior High School students are going to be here once again. A group of 16 – 20 Japanese students will be arriving at the end of July this year for two weeks to experience the "Australian way of life".

Students who are studying Japanese are eligible to host the Japanese students. Give it some thought and more information will be available soon.

Lakshmi Weeraratne, Japanese Teacher / Overseas Student Coordinator

Mathematics Encouragement Award

In 2007 Number Works again kindly donated a Mathematics Encouragement Award consisting of 8 weeks tuition valued at \$320 to be awarded to a worthy student of our choice.

The recipient of the award was **Georgia Harkness** who is now in Year 8. Georgia will start her tuition with Number Works this term and I am sure she will benefit from this additional mathematics work. Congratulations Georgia.

I would like thank Number Works for their very generous donation to our awards program.

Denis Chinnock, Mathematics Coordinator

Calculator Requirements and Advice for 2008

Year 7 Students

- Because the emphasis in year 7 mathematics is on improving both mental and manual arithmetic skills, students are not required to have a calculator. Calculators will be provided for students at times when they are required.

Years 8 & 9 Students

- Students in years 8 & 9 are required to have a scientific calculator as advised on the booklists. The recommended model of calculator can be purchased from the college for approx. \$22.

Graphical Calculator Requirements for 2008 Background Information

Due to the introduction of the CAS Maths Methods course in 2006 and the wide range of graphical calculators available, VCAA has published a list of approved graphical calculators for use in 2008. As a consequence, the graphical calculator recommendation for Brentwood students now depends on the year level of the student and their VCE course selection. Students and parents should read the following requirements and recommendations carefully and contact Mr. Chinnock if clarification is needed.

Note:

1. Only certain models of graphical calculator are approved for use in VCE exams.
2. All Yr 11 & 12 maths students are required to have a graphical calculator except for Yr 11 Foundation Maths.
3. Staff at the college are trained to teach and support students using Texas Instruments graphical calculators and will not be familiar with the use of other brands of graphical calculator.
4. The TI-89 Titanium (and TI-89) are graphical calculators that also have Computer Algebraic Systems (CAS). Students doing Maths Methods (CAS) Units 1 & 2 or Units 3 & 4 in 2008 will be required to have either a TI-89 or TI-89 Titanium.
5. The complete documentation on VCAA approved calculators for 2008 can be obtained from the VCAA website (www.vcaa.vic.edu.au).

Advice to Students Studying Year 10 Mathematics in 2008

Students can successfully complete year 10 mathematics with only a scientific calculator, which they should already have, however we would encourage students to move to a graphical calculator as soon as possible. Students will need

to decide whether or not they will be doing Maths Methods at VCE before deciding on which model of graphical calculator to purchase.

- Students intending to study Maths Methods at VCE should purchase either the TI-89 or TI-89 Titanium (approx. cost \$200). Note: The TI-89 Titanium is recommended for those buying a new calculator.
- Students who will only be studying General Maths at year 11, possibly going on to Further Maths at year 12 (ie. will not be studying Maths Methods at VCE) should purchase either the TI-83, TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus (approx. cost \$180). Note: The TI-84 Plus is recommended for those buying a new calculator.

Students who are unsure of what their VCE maths subject selections will be should delay their graphical calculator purchase until their year 11 subject choices are finalised.

Advice to Students Studying Year 11 Mathematics in 2008

It is recommended that students studying:

Maths Methods CAS (MA111 & MA112)

Use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) (approx. cost \$200)

General Maths (MA071 & MA072 or MA071F & MA072F)

Students studying only General Maths are recommended to use one of the following calculators:

TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$180)

Note: Students purchasing a new calculator should purchase a TI-84 Plus.

Students studying both General Maths and Maths Methods will use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) for both subjects.

Foundation Maths (11FM)

A scientific calculator. Available from the college – approx. cost \$22.

Advice to Students Studying Year 12 Mathematics in 2008

It is recommended that students studying:

Further Maths (MA073 & MA074)

Students studying only Further Maths are recommended to use one of the following calculators TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84Plus (approx. cost \$180). Note: Students purchasing a new calculator should purchase a TI-84 Plus.

Students studying both Further Maths and Maths Methods will use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) for both subjects.

Maths Methods CAS (MA113 & MA114)

Use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) (approx. cost \$200).

Specialist Maths (MA093 & MA094)

Use the TI-89 Titanium (or TI-89) (approx. cost \$200).

Where to purchase Graphical Calculators

Texas Instruments calculators can be purchased from

Haines Educational
20 Dalgety Street
Oakleigh
Ph. 9568 6966

Denis Chinnock, Mathematics Coordinator

Sport - Code of Behaviour

When attending a school sporting event, it is a great chance to support your child and the team who is competing. Parents who have attended our interschool district competitions have been positive role models for their child. Below is the published code of behaviour for spectators and adult officials in the Eastern Zone. The Waverley District is very strict on spectators, officials and teachers to adhere to these guidelines for the smooth running of events and the enjoyable experience of sport for the students and teams.

1. Do not criticise players in front of spectators, but make constructive criticism in private or in the presence of the team.
2. Accept decisions of all umpires or referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
3. Do not criticise the opposing team or supporters by word or gesture.
4. By setting good example in personal appearance.
5. By emphasising that winning of a game is the result of 'team work'.
6. By making every sporting activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. By emphasising that good sportspeople are good students and are both physically and mentally alert.
8. By placing the welfare and development of the individual team, and of the child, above win and loss records.

Students also have guidelines to adhere to –

1. Pupils are aware that all teachers at venues have a supervisory right over the students, both participating and spectating – this includes teachers from other schools.
2. Students should be aware of the 'order off' policy

Order Off Policy – The convener, staff members from competing schools and/or the referee may send a player off the field. Student coaches behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner may also be banned from coaching.

Competitors will be sent off for the following reasons and these actions will not be tolerated:

- Striking or unduly rough play,
- Swearing and/or abusive behaviour directed towards members of the opposition, umpires or any other officials
- Continually disputing of umpiring decisions. Clarification of any umpiring decisions should only be done by the coach or team captain, via the convenor, in a calm and sensible manner at an appropriate time.

Any student sent off will not be permitted to return on that day and cannot be replaced in that match. The student will also be ineligible to play in the next round.

All other Eastern Zone 'order off' rules will also apply:

1. If two players are sent off at the same time, for reasons mentioned above, the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.
2. If COACHES dispute an umpiring decision in an unacceptable manner (according to the above) they will be given one warning, and if a second infringement occurs the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.
3. If SPECTATORS supporting a particular team display unacceptable or abusive behaviour towards the umpire or members of the opposition team, the convener will inform the coach of that team (so to curb the poor behaviour). Should poor behaviour continue, the match will be stopped and awarded to the opposition.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Swimming Sports 2008

The Brentwood Inter-house Swimming Carnival is to be held on Wednesday 13 February at the outdoor Waverley Swimming Pool (Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre). All students are to make their own way to the pool and report to their home group teacher at 8.50am.

In the morning only the 3 Stud Park Ventura buses will drop students at the pool. In the afternoon, the 3 Stud Park buses, one 742 Oakleigh bus, and one 753 Watsons Rd bus will collect students from the pool and take them home on their normal route. Buses will not stop at Brentwood Secondary College at all on this day.

Last year there were long delays for parents on Watsons Rd travelling to the pool. Please consider alternative routes to the pool.

After roll call, students will sit on the grass areas and cheer on their house. A roll call will be taken after the final event and clean up at approximately 3.00pm.

All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and there will be the best-dressed competition happening again for both students and teachers. So make sure you're noticed on the day. 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.

In the case of the swimming sports concluding early due to inclement weather, all students are to be reminded to have backup arrangements with their family in case this situation arises. If the event is cancelled, the sport coordinator will notify the school office from the venue and students will follow their prearranged backup arrangements regarding getting home. If the weather is inclement parents may ring the general office for information.

The canteen will be open (from 11.00am) for those students wanting to purchase food. (There will be huge queues). Students should bring an ample packed lunch with plenty of drinking water.

Brentwood's Interschool swimming team is put together from the results of the swimming carnival. If you would like to be a part of the school swimming team please perform at your best at the carnival and enter your favourite events.

If parents are planning to attend the carnival to cheer on your child, you need to notify me (Miss Nash) by Monday 11 February, 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 the pass, you will not be allowed to enter.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sport at Brentwood

Brentwood Secondary College is a competitive school within the Waverley District. The schools we compete against are:

Ashwood College
Glen Waverley Secondary College
Highvale Secondary College
Mount Waverley Secondary College
Wellington Secondary College
Wheeler Hill Secondary College

Brentwood enters teams into all VSSSA competitions. The sports available for both boys and girls are:

Term 1	Term 2
Baseball/Softball	Badminton
Cricket	Football
Tennis	Netball
Volleyball	Soccer
Term 3	
Basketball	
Hockey	
Squash	
Table Tennis	

You can try out for more than one sport each term but you can only commit to one team per term as all round robins are played on the same day. Make sure you read/listen to the daily student bulletin for team meetings and tryouts.

To represent Brentwood Secondary College you must be in the full Brentwood Sports Uniform. No casual will be allowed.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Staff vs. Students Cricket Match

The annual staff vs. students cricket match will be held on Friday 15 February from 3.30pm on the School Oval. We will be playing for "The Daniel Draper Shield" and there will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments available. All members of the Brentwood community are welcome.

Bill Exton & Mark Oudshoorn, Teaching Staff

Community Corner

Mulgrave Country Club Junior Squash League

This Club in Wellington Road, Wheelers Hill is starting a Junior Squash League for both boys and girls in February 2008. Any interested parents may contact Club Members John Newsom on 0412 071 843 or Belinda Murphy on 0402 289 616 with any questions. Squash is a very exciting game and may be played all year.

Canteen News

Welcome back to another busy year. Thank you to all our new volunteers, new rosters will be distributed shortly. We always need more help so please contact us on 8545 0313 if you can spare several hours once a month.

Mon: I Wilmott, M Yeogorian
Tues: J Hovenden, A Pygall
Wed: S Williams
Thur: S Remmington, H Fox-Harrison
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams (L)

Next Week

Mon: M Kocsis, G Feldtman, L Shaw
Tues: S Barber, T Robinson
Wed: Swimming Sports
Thur: H Yooh, S Remmington
Fri: S Watts, J Knight

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

Meet the Coordinators

All parents are cordially invited to meet the Junior, Middle and Senior School Year Level Coordinators. The evening will commence with a brief overview of each of the sub schools which will be followed with a light supper.

This will be a great opportunity to meet the staff who will oversee your child's progress throughout the coming year and put a face to the voice on the other end of phone calls.

Date: Tuesday 12 February
Location: TLC
Time: 7:00pm

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Name:.....

I / We will be attending the meet the coordinators evening on Tuesday 12 February.

Number attending _____

Student Name _____
HG _____

Please return to your Year Level Coordinator.

Brentwood Secondary College

CALENDAR TERM 1 2008			
Week	Day	Date	College Program
1	Tuesday	29 January	Staff Resume
	Wednesday	30 January	Students Resume
2	Tuesday	5 February	Senior Boys Cricket
	Wednesday	6 February	School Assembly
	Thursday	7 February	Year 12 Camp – Melbourne University
	Friday	8 February	Year 12 Camp – Melbourne University
3	Tuesday	12 February	Meet the Coordinators 7.00pm
	Wednesday	13 February	Swimming Sports
4	Monday	18 February	School Council 7.00pm
	Tuesday	19 February	School Photo Day VCE Parent Information Night 7.00pm
	Thursday	21 February	Year 7 House Activities/BBQ Year 8 Parent Information Night 7.00pm
5	Monday	25 February	Year 7 Camp 1 Begins. 7A,B,C,D & E Monday - Wednesday
	Wednesday	27 February	Year 7 Camp 2 Begins. 7F,G,H,I & J Wednesday - Friday
	Thursday	28 February	District Swimming
	Friday	29 February	Senior Sport Round-Robin
6	Tuesday	4 March	Year 8 Author Visit
	Wednesday	5 March	District Sport – Year 8
	Thursday	6 March	Golf – Year 10-12
7	Monday	10 March	Public Holiday – Labour Day
	Tuesday	11 March	Athletic Sports
	Wednesday	12 March	English Test SAC 9.00am – 12.00 noon
8	Monday	17 March	District Sport – Year 9 – 10 School Council Annual Reporting Meeting 7.00pm
	Friday	21 March	Public Holiday – Good Friday School Holidays Commence
1	Monday	7 April	Term 2 begins