



Brentwood Secondary College

Online Newsletter Subscription

Issue No. 10

9 May 2008

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

Principal's Report

The Brentwood Secondary College community celebrated learning and student achievement last night with the annual Open Night. Many parents of current students came to see the presentation of student work while hundreds of prospective parents came to look at what a Brentwood education might look like for their child. Parents clearly do their research as choosing the right secondary school for their child is one of the pivotal decisions in a young person's life. It was wonderful to see the large numbers of prospective students with looks of excitement at the possibilities in front of them at Brentwood.

The night was a tribute to the achievements of students from all levels whose work was presented in written and drawn forms, in multimedia and in performance. The success of Open Night is down to the many extra hours of work put in by our dedicated teaching and support staff and the students who volunteered their time as part of the Sound and Lighting team, who acted as tour guides, who performed in musical ensembles or who just generally helped. I would like to thank the teachers who put the displays together, who were on hand to talk to parents and who cleared everything away at the end of the night ready for classes on Friday. I would particularly like to thank Dawn Lawless, our gardener, Gary Woods, our cleaner and Bernie Malloy, our maintenance person for their extra time and effort that they put into presenting our school to its community.

Activity around the school doesn't stop and next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sees the inaugural national testing program for Year 7 and 9 students known as Naplan. Gardasil injections are also programmed for Thursday. In the week following, our Year 12 Theatre Studies students will be performing

"The Beach", a play written by our drama teacher, Joel Batahla.

It is great to report that our school library is now open for business for the first time since the flooding in 2007. Our library has been repainted in bright colours and the refurbishment work will continue in the library. I would like to thank Ms Barbara Smith our Librarian, and her team of staff who have worked in very cramped conditions trying to deliver a service to students and teachers during Term 1. They have put in a huge effort to make the library open and available to everybody.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

| | |
|--------|---|
| 12 May | District Sports Years 7-9 |
| 13 May | Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN (AIM) Language Conventions and Writing Education Sub-committee 6.00pm Resources Sub-committee 7.10pm |
| 14 May | Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Reading |
| 15 May | Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN Numeracy Years 7, 9 & 10 Girls Gardasil |
| 16 May | Senior Girls Football Boys Netball |
| 19 May | TST3 Dress Rehearsal |
| 20 May | Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance |
| 21 May | Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance |
| 22 May | District Cross Country |
| 23 May | Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance |

Watsons Road
Glen Waverley 3150
Victoria
Australia

Telephone 03 8545 0300
Facsimile 03 8545 0355
Email
bsc@brentwood.vic.edu.au
Internet
www.brentwood.vic.edu.au

NAPLAN Timetable

(National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

This week parents of students in year 7 and year 9 should have received a pamphlet and a letter explaining the NAPLAN which will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The timetable published in last week's newsletter has been amended. All students in year 7 and year 9 will now be undertaking the testing simultaneously and the alterations have been published in the student bulletins this week. Students need to be at school in good time on these days ready for a prompt start. The college is providing students with a juice box in the break between the two tests.

May I again reiterate that all students need to be in attendance on these three days please.

| Tuesday 13 May | |
|--|---|
| Year 7 & 9 Language Conventions 8.50am Enter Exam Rooms | 10 min Prep 45 min test Total = 55 mins |
| 15 min break | |
| Year 7 & 9 Writing 10.30am Enter Exam Rooms | 15 min prep 40 min test Total = 55 mins |
| Wednesday 14 May | |
| Year 7 & 9 Reading 8.50am Enter Exam Rooms | 10 min Prep 65 min test Total = 75 mins |

| Thursday 15 May | |
|--|--|
| Year 7 & 9 Numeracy: Non – calculator 8.50am Enter Exam Rooms | 10 min Prep 40 min test Total = 50 min |
| 15 min break | |
| Year 7 & 9 Numeracy: Calculator 10.30am Enter Exam Rooms | 10 min Prep 40 min test Total = 50 min |
| 1:00 Afternoon: Gardasil Injections | |
| Year 7, 9 & 10 girls only (A3 and A4) | |

Gardasil Immunisation Thursday 15 May

The second dose of the Gardasil HPV vaccination for girls in years 7, 9 and 10 will take place at lunchtime and period 5 and 6 on Thursday 15 May. It is essential that this vaccination is given in a strict time sequence. In the event that your child misses one of the Gardasil vaccinations, parents are advised to contact Monash City Council to make alternate arrangements.

Regrettably, we were not able to re-schedule this vaccination session on another day to avoid the NAPLAN day for girls in years 7 & 9 as this would have required the whole immunisation timetable for the year to be changed. These dates are booked a long way ahead and the council were not able to offer our school another time slot within the required time frame for Gardasil and Hepatitis B vaccinations.

Parents please emphasise to your daughter the importance of having something to eat and drink during lunchtime prior to having the injection.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

A Note From The School Captains

We'd first of all like to congratulate the competitors at both Eastern Zone swimming and State swimming. It has been many years since such a great team has represented Brentwood at a state level in swimming. You've definitely set the standards for years to come!! Great Work!!

There has also been a number of competitors taking part in interschool sports and the achievements shown have made others see the dedication people have to sport at Brentwood. Especially those who are now going to represent Brentwood at Zone level:

- Junior boys baseball
- Senior boys football
- Senior boys badminton

Good luck in advance for the Eastern Zone competitions.

We would lastly like to make a huge thanks to all volunteers for giving up their time to represent and assist at Brentwood's Open Night. It turned out to be a great success with lots of parents being impressed with what Brentwood has to offer. This Open Night was especially important as it familiarised parents with new programs to Brentwood, which includes the T.L.C. (Thinking, Learning and Creativity centre) and MAC labs. Overall the night was a huge success.

We cannot wait to see all the year 12 students on dress up day!

*Maritza Constantinou and David Bedggood,
School Captains*

Year 12 Theatre Studies Presents... The Beach

Tuesday 20 May, Wednesday 21 May, Friday 23 May @ 7.00pm at the Brentwood Secondary College Hall. Gold Coin Donation.

What does the beach mean to you? Is it a place to escape? A place to be creative? A place to rekindle romance? A place to end romance? A place of sadness and sorrow? Or is it simply a beach with crunchy sand, crashing waves and a wide range of individuals coming to terms with the enormity of their lives. Welcome to our Beach.

This play invites you to share small moments with a range of colourful characters as they come to terms with what life has to offer in the surroundings of this mesmerising backdrop. Follow these individuals as they overcome challenges or simply exist.

The Year 12 Theatre Studies Class invites you to share this with us as we attempt to bring a whole range of meanings of The Beach to you.

Hullabaloo Productions, 2008 TST Class.

Science Competition 29 May

Students who have entered the science competition can borrow past competition papers and their answer sheets from the science staff room in G-block.

Only one booklet will be issued at a time, but there are several available for revision/preparation. Well done to those that have entered!

Gary Hayes, Head of Science

Library News

Some of the Authors that year 7, 8 and 9 students enjoy reading are:

Adventure

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Deborah Ellis | John Flanagan |
| Charlie Higson | Anthony Horowitz |
| Robert Muchamore | Lemony Snickett |

Australian

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Margaret Clark | Steven Herrick |
| James Moloney | |

Fantasy

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Eoin Colfer | Garth Nix |
|-------------|-----------|

Sports

| | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Felice Arena | Michael Panckridge |
|--------------|--------------------|

Wit and humour

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Morris Gleitzmann | Paul Jennings |
| John Larkin | |

Some others

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Meg Cabot | Darren Shan |
| Stephenie Myer | |

Margaret Brudenell, Library Teacher

Sports Roundup

Junior Golf

On Thursday 1 May, our junior (years 7, 8 & 9) golf team competed in the Waverley District Tournament at Tirhatuan Lakes Golf Course.

On this very wet and windy day, in difficult conditions, all players finished in the top eight to qualify for Eastern Zone to be held later in the year.

Congratulations go to

| Name | Homegroup |
|---------------|------------------|
| Jake Lever | 7B |
| Robbie Tomlin | 7J |
| Denny Kang | 8F |
| Crosby Kang | 9E |
| Nathan Thiele | 9J |

Well done.

Ashley Cooper, Team Manager

Community Corner



Did You Attend Glen Waverley South Primary School

Glen Waverley South Primary School is soon to have a new multi-media room built. Instead of the normal concrete paths surrounding the new area, they are going to lay personalised pavers.

They are inviting all past students and staff to purchase one of these bricks. Should you be interested, please contact Thea Chodziesner on telephone (03) 9574 7760 or email at thea.chodziesner@pacific.net.au. The school office also has extra forms. This is a fundraising

activity and all money raised will be used towards extra computers, etc for the new area.

Exchange Students and Host Families

There are still many exchange students from many different countries who are hoping to be able to come to Australia in July to study. If you are able to host one of these girls or boys aged 15-18 for a half, one or two semesters please call Klaus Schumann on (03) 9758 4279. You are asked to provide for one extra at mealtimes at home and a share room or own room.

Student Exchange

Student Exchange Australia is running a free information evening at the Radisson On Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William Street, Melbourne on Thursday 15 May at 7.30pm.

For more information ring 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au.

City of Kingston Concert

The Southern Area Concert Band in conjunction with the Choir of Hard Knocks present 'Hope and Inspiration' on Sunday 18 May 2008 at 3.00pm at Kingston City Hall, 985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin (Melways Reference 77D5). Booking essential 9556 4440.

Canteen News

Dim Sims available now at 60¢ each.

Mon: V Sullivan, L Shaw, G Feldtmann
Tues: S Barber, M Kalvarachchi
Wed: C Huebner
Thur: C Ryhanen, C Kirwan, C Williamson
Fri: S Watts, j Knight, M Cheng

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
