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Principal's Report

Week 6 of the term is like all others, an extremely busy time at Brentwood. During the week both year 7 and year 9 students completed NAPLAN testing, all students involved need to be congratulated on their attitude towards this national testing procedure.

Senior school students are also preparing for their end of semester exam. It is imperative that all senior students commence their revision early and practice their responses. Year 12 students studying accounting, biology, chemistry, physics and psychology have exams on the 11 and 12 June. All students undertaking a year 12 study will complete the GAT (General Assessment Test) on 13 June. More information regarding the GAT will follow in future newsletters. This period of time is both stressful and tiring for families. The Wellbeing and Senior School teams are available to help families formulate a productive path through this period. It is most important that all students have regular sleep patterns, partake in exercise, adopt healthy diets and a robust and productive study regime.

Week 7 sees the eagerly awaited year 12 Theatre Studies production of "The Beach". All cast and crew have been working long hours to make sure that their production will be the "best". The dates of the performance are May 20, 21 and 23 at 7.00pm in the school hall. The college community is encouraged to attend this production; director Joel Batalha has assured staff that the show will be great entertainment. A gold coin can be donated at the door.

As usual Brentwood has had great success on the sporting field. Our year 9 & 10 Softball team competed on Wednesday in the Eastern Zone Grand Final. They were successful in a nail biting match against Vermont Secondary College. They now

have the opportunity to play in their fourth straight secondary schools final and have a chance of winning 4 state titles in a row. This team of girls is one of the best teams in the history of this school, all people associated with this team should feel justifiably proud. I am sure the whole school community wish them well in their final.

Both the Intermediate Boys Football and the Intermediate Girls Netball team progressed through to zone finals and the school wishes them the best of luck in their future games. Approximately 120 students will be representing the school at the zone cross country meeting at Norton's park, again good luck to these athletes.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

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
26 May	School Council 7.00pm
28 May	Year 12 TIS Event Periods 3-5 VCE Alternate Pathways 7.00pm
29 May	Science Competition
30 May	Year 11 Study Day
02 June	Unit 1 Exams Commence Building Cooperative AGM 7.00pm
03 June	Year 9 Semester 2 Sign-up Year 10 VCE Parent Information 7.00pm

From The Library

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Library is back in full operational use, bigger and brighter than ever. So no more pushing book trolleys around the school for the Library staff! The freshly-painted new look Library now includes a Study Room for silent study and computer access has been expanded with the addition of fourteen notebook computers. The renovation process continues, with plans to relocate the book collections and new furniture.

Reading

Year 7

Year 7 classes have a reading session in the Library on a weekly basis. The Premier's Reading Challenge to read fifteen books by August 23 is being taken very seriously by the students and staff. We recently held parties to celebrate the achievements of students who have read five books since the start of February. 1,917 books have been entered on the PRC website to date, an average of 8 books per student. Twenty students have already achieved the Challenge! A fine effort indeed. At the celebration our Principal, Vicki Forbes, congratulated students and set them on the road to achieving the next target.

The next target date is ten books by June 13, with the lunchtime comedy performance by Damian Callinan a reward not to be missed.

Year 8 & 9

A number of students in these year levels have also chosen to take on the Premier's Reading Challenge and are well on their way to success. Classes have a fortnightly reading class in the Library.

Barbara Smith, Head of Library

Author Presentations

Our annual Author program began on Tuesday March 4 with Cath Crowley giving a presentation to the year 8 students. Cath's stories about growing up with older siblings provided laughs for her audience. She also talked about how she became a writer and her books. Cath's book 'The life and times of Gracie Faltrain', is one of the class novels for year 8.

Cath talked about the other two books in the Gracie Faltrain trilogy and asked the students for feedback about whether or not Gracie and Martin should still be girlfriend and boyfriend in book 3. The response of the students was an overwhelming yes which surprised Cath and she

said that she might have to rethink her plans for Gracie and Martin, although the May publication date would make any changes difficult. Reading the third book, 'Gracie Faltrain gets it right (Finally)', is the only way to find out if our year 8 students had any influence on Cath's plans. The Library has recently purchased the new Gracie Faltrain book.

Cath Crowley with from l to r -: Bianca Dinardo, Amanda Guardiani, Ariel Garipian and Lucius Lim

The second author visit was on Friday April 18 when Phillip Gywnne gave a presentation to the year 9 students. His audience enjoyed the stories he told about his family and growing up in a small South Australian town. Phillip also talked about his love of football, the careers he tried before becoming a writer and that writing about 'what you know' is a successful strategy. Phillip's book 'Deadly unna?' is one of the class novels for year 9 and deals with Aussie Rules football and the Indigenous and white population of a small South Australian town. Phillip talked about 'Deadly unna?' being made into the film, 'Australian Rules' and showed a small and entertaining segment to appreciative students.

The students with Phillip are Melanie Brown, Justin Nguyen and Shalit Millawitiya.

Here are some examples of student feedback about Phillip's presentations:

"... it was so funny that I thought he should have been a stand up comedian." Ghadeer

"I liked his story about his AFL career." Ashaan

"The movie was good." Michael

"I thought Phillip Gwynne was really good and funny." Grace

When Phillip was thanked by Mia on behalf of students in the first session, the contrast in height between Mia and Phillip caused a few laughs. Melanie did the honours for the second session. Mia and Melanie were great ambassadors for Brentwood and their Year Level.

Both of the author presentations were enjoyed by the students and the staff who attended.

Thanks to all of the Brentwood staff who contributed to the organisation involved in the presentations. Special thanks to The Library team, Mr McKenzie, Mrs Ryan, the year 8 and 9 Home Group teachers, the Daily Organizer, the Office staff and the English Faculty who provided a venue when the Library was out of action.

The third Author visit is on Tuesday August 19 when Barry Jonsberg will give a presentation to the year 10 students.

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

The Environment and Brentwood

The Brentwood Green Team would like to encourage everyone to become environmentally friendly. With these small actions anyone can take, we can all help create a cleaner environment for everyone to enjoy.

1. Say no to plastic bags. In every 8.7 plastic shopping bag there is enough petroleum energy to drive a car one kilometer. Use reusable fabric/green bags at the checkout.
2. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and save 4,000 litres of water a year (if you brush your teeth for three minutes).
3. Compost your fruit and vegetable scraps and reduce waste going to landfill.

Brentwood Green Team

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

Physical Education Students

Runners not Sneakers, please!

As a Physical Education Department, we are very concerned about the shoes currently being worn by students during PE classes.

Wearing incorrect shoes when performing physical activity increases the chance of lower leg and foot injuries, such as sprain, strains, stress fractures, Achilles tendonitis, and shin splints. Therefore it is crucial that all students wear suitable running shoes that minimize the impact and amount of foot movement when making contact with the ground.

Anatomy of a shoe



At present, a number of students are wearing “fashionable sneakers”, rather than a functional runner in their PE class. Shoes such as the Dunlop Volley, Converse (Chuck Taylor’s) and other street shoes (with no mid-sole and generally a very thin sole) fail to provide appropriate cushioning in the mid-sole, as well as lacking the necessary support and traction to stop excessive rotation on impact.

David Hose, Head of PE and Health

Sports Roundup

Intermediate Boys Football Carnival

The intermediate boys football team travelled to Burwood Park to participate in the district football round robin. We achieved the following results over the course of the day:

Game 1- Brentwood 16.4.100 *defeated* Wheelers Hill 0.0.0

Game 2- Brentwood 13.6.84 *defeated* Ashwood 1.4.10

Game 3- Brentwood 7.6.48 *defeated* Mount Waverly 4.1.25

Final- Brentwood 8.6.54 *defeated* Highvale 3.3.21

Looking at the results our boys were undoubtedly the best team at the carnival and are more than worthy of talking part in the Easter Zone competition. With still a lot of room for improvement the team is confident of further success.

Best players on the day were: Cohen Howell, Brendon Kennedy, Alex Nichol, Tyson Frankland and Dean Siakoulis.

Adam Pirrie, Coach

Intermediate Boys Baseball

On Friday May 2 the Intermediate boys baseball team travelled to Gilbert Park Knox to contest the Eastern Zone finals. The boys contested all three games in an enthusiastic and spirited manner losing 2 and winning one.

In their first game against Camberwell High they went down 6-2 against a strong and talented team. Highlights were consistent pitching from David Hall and Sam Kassianou to get Camberwell out twice and a home run from Paul McGrath from a pitcher that had a rocket launcher for an arm. Unfortunately Camberwell out hit and fielded us and were just too strong.

In game 2 we played Rowville and the boys took the game right up to opposition going down narrowly in the third innings 6-5. Again great pitching from David Hall and Sam Kassianou kept us in the game. The boys showed great fighting spirit to come from 3 runs down after the first innings to lead 5-4 going into the last inning. Unfortunately, despite trying their hardest the boys were not able to hold on for the win. Highlights were two outfield hits to Jake Matchett and Lin Jong and another 2 base hit into the outfield from Paul McGrath. In the field a double play from Tom Giles and Nathan Thiele cut Rowville's second innings down to 1 run tying the scores going into the last innings.

In game 3 the team's enthusiasm was not diminished at all, despite not being able to make the final, they were very keen for a win. Outstanding pitching from Nathan Thiele saw Upwey dismissed twice for just one run and Brentwood score 7 runs in their first inning. When the rain hit with 20 minutes remaining Brentwood was preparing for their second bat and hoping to extend their lead. At this stage the game was washed out and Brentwood had to settle for an impressive 7-1 victory. Highlights were strong hits from 7 of Brentwood's nine hitters with the notable hit being a 2 base hit to the outfield from Sam Kassianou, advancing Nathan Thiele to third base.

Congratulations to the team on playing really well on the day and being a terrific group of students to coach and spend time with.

Team members

Sam Kassianou	Jake Matchett
David Hall	paul McGrath
Lin Jong	Nathan Thiele
Ben Richards	Tom Giles
Dasith Nanayakkara	Lewis Ferguson
Lachlan Mann	Mitch Peddle
Daniel Armstrong	

Geoff Rutherford, Coach

Eastern Zone Softball Champions

On May 2 Brentwood's Intermediate softball team competed at the Eastern Zone softball competition held at Gilbert Park. The team experienced each match in extremely different weather conditions –

Game 1 was sunny, match 2 had the threat of rain, and match 3 had heavy rain and lightning.

The girls were strong and won each match in their pool to qualify for the grand final against Vermont Secondary College. Due to the lightning, the grand final needed to be rescheduled, and we picked a glorious afternoon.

The Eastern Zone Grand final was a real nail biter against Vermont and it was a match of a very high standard. After winning the coin toss and electing to bat first our girls faced a very good pitcher and were really put to the test. We actually drew 7-7 at the end of the match and an extra innings had to be played to determine the winner. In the final innings Brentwood scored 3 runs and Vermont didn't score, making Brentwood the Eastern Zone Champions at 10-7.

This team has already had amazing run of success being the State Champions in 2005, 2006 & 2007. Good luck next week with the State Championships on Wednesday.

Team members

Kate Attwood	Candice Carter
Charlotte Rowe	Clare Tomlin
Gemma Matchett	Jenn Elphinstone
Kat Stoop	Micah Ropata
Natalie De Luca	Paula Mann
Rachael Thompson	Tayla Burns
Tegan Bisset	

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Intermediate Boys Badminton

On Thursday 8 May the Brentwood 'A' and 'B' boys ventured to Kilsyth Badminton centre to contest the district competition. The boy's teams were very enthusiastic and keen to do well. The 'A' team played all six schools winning 3 matches and losing 3 matches, finishing a respectable fourth on the day.

Brentwood had strong wins over Wellington 5 rubbers to 1 and 85-60 points, Ashwood (6-0, 90-27) and Wheelers Hill (4-0, 60-17). They lost narrowly to Glen Waverley (3-3, 81-68) and were comfortably beaten by Highvale (5-1, 66-86) and lost to the eventual winners on the day Mount Waverley Secondary College (5-1, 60-89). Well done to the members of the team on the day and good luck for the future.

Team members

Derrick Qua	Kevin Nguyen
David Wu	George Deng
Leehern Lim	

The 'B' team had a great day winning all their matches for the day and finishing the day in first place in their competition.

Their results were Mt Waverley (6-0, 66-38), Wellington (4-2, 54-51), Ashwood (6-0, 66-21), Glen Waverley (4-2, 61-51), Wheelers Hill (6-0) and Highvale (3-3, 52-43).

Congratulations to all team members on their impressive performances on the day and a special thanks to Adam Tay for organizing the singles and doubles rotations on the day.

Team members

Adam Tay	Lewis Yau
Adrian Lim	Bing Chong
Yang Luo	Wayne Lee

A special thank you to all team members for attending all training sessions and displaying so much interest and enthusiasm. Also thanks to all team members for the way that you played and the sportsmanship that was demonstrated, it was a pleasure to be associated with such a terrific group of Brentwood students.

Geoff Rutherford, Coach

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Whitehorse Musical Theatre

Seussical – The Musical
See Horton the Elephant live on stage from 17 to 30 May at The Besen Centre, 87-89 Station Street Burwood. Bookings 9262 6555.

Canteen News

Chicken and Beef Noodles now available \$2.50.

Mon: S Newson, J Smith-Borsboom, V Mason
Tues: N Paravitana, M Levey
Wed: C Brown, L Howard
Thur: C Williams, C Prosser
Fri: C Defry, R Attwood

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
