



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the first Australians. It's the ideal time for all of us to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help turn around the disadvantages experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2008 is: Reconciliation: it's all our story.



#### THE ABORIGINAL FLAG THE SYMBOLIC MEANING

BLACK represents the Aboriginal people past, present and future.

YELLOW represents yellow ochre and the Sun, the giver of life.

RED represents the red earth, Aboriginal spiritual relationships to the land and red ochre used in ceremonies.

It's a fitting theme especially in the light of the new Australian government's formal apology to members of the Stolen Generations. Reconciliation is indeed all our story and Brentwood Secondary College has, through action, acknowledged the past and embraced the future.

Following on Garry Deverells "Welcome to the Country" speech at our whole school assembly on 16 April, the college raised the Indigenous flag on Thursday 29 May after Year 12 student, Jane Hart, from the SRC, spoke movingly about the importance of the college's engagement in the reconciliation process. The flag was raised with acclamation by students and staff alike and marks the continued commitment of the college to play its part in "Closing the Gap".



Last week the year 12 Theatre Studies students completed three very successful performances of "The Beach". On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate all staff and students involved in the production. It was a thoroughly entertaining and at times thought provoking, play. All people involved should feel justifiably proud.

This week year 11 students are completing their unit 1 exams. This is the time when all students need to look after themselves in terms of sleep, diet and exercise. Revision should be an ongoing process with all students concentrating on answering questions from their notes and text. Best of luck to all year 11 students.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

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## Dates and Deadlines

<b>09 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
10 June	Unit 1 Exams Finish Year 10 Exams Commence Year 8 Semester 2 Sign-up Education Sub-committee 6.00pm Resources Sub-committee 7.10pm
11 June	Unit 3 Exams Commence
12 June	District Sport – Year 9
13 June	Year 12 GAT Report Writing Day
16 June	Year 10 Camp
17 June	District Sport – Year 7
23 June	Year 11 Central Trip School Council Meeting 7.00pm
25 June	Year 10 VCE Information Session Periods 1 & 2 District Sport – Junior
27 June	End of Term 2 Reports distributed, School ends 2.15pm

## Middle School

Year 10 students begin their exams on Tuesday. A reminder to all students to check the location and time of your exam and ensure you arrive with plenty of time to spare. If you need to reschedule an exam please contact Miss Le Grove or Ms Katz 8545 0300.

	9-10.30am	11-12.30pm
Tuesday 10 June	BLOCK B	ENGLISH
Wednesday 11 June	MATH	BLOCK A
Thursday 12 June	BLOCK C	BLOCK D

The year 10 camp departs on Sunday 15 June at 9.15am. **Students not attending camp are required at school.** Classes will be running as normal for the rest of the year 10 cohort. Any student who is absent during this time must bring a signed note to school.

Year 10 Work Experience is the 24 – 28 November, please see Mrs Stanley for a form.

Year 9 sign up has been completed by Mr Oudshoorn, if you require alterations to your sign up please make an appointment with the sign up coordinator Mr Oudshoorn.

*Middle School Team*

## UNSW International English Competition 2008

Compulsory for students in years 7 to 9. Entry fee paid by Brentwood Secondary College.

Date: Tuesday August 12

Every year Brentwood students participate in the International English Competition which is conducted by the University of New South Wales. The Competition provides students and their parents with a highly detailed analysis of comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Not only does the Competition offer an independent assessment of student achievement, it is one of the many criteria that we use to identify students for selection in our English Enrichment classes at years 8 and 9 and our Literacy Enhancement classes for students who require extra support.

This year students will have the additional bonus of earning valuable points for their Houses so do the best you can!

If parents have any questions about the Competition please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email: [bri@brentwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:bri@brentwood.vic.edu.au)

*Fern Brisbane, Head of English and Literacy*

## 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. Sing in the shower! Choose your favourite three minute song and make sure you are out of the shower by the time you finish singing it. More fun than a shower timer!
2. Watch frogs. Frogs are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment, and many Australian frogs are threatened. Join the Frogs Australia Network to find out about frogs and what you can do to help them [www.frogsaustralia.net.au](http://www.frogsaustralia.net.au).
3. Make your food nude! Eliminate excess packaging by taking your lunch in reusable containers rather than plastic or paper bags.

*Brentwood Green Team*

## **Billet Families Required**

Is your family interested in billeting one of Australia's best up and coming Australian Football players?

School Sport Victoria is hosting the School Sport Australia Australian Football Carnival in Melbourne from Saturday 19 July to Saturday 26 July 2008. The event will involve 15 years and under secondary school boys from State and Territory teams around Australia, and will take place at various VFL grounds around Melbourne.

Billeting is an integral aspect of all School Sport Australia events, offering an ideal and unique opportunity for our interstate guests to learn and experience the culture and lifestyle enjoyed by Victorians.

The host family will benefit from a great opportunity to make new friends and share in the excitement of what promises to be fantastic week of sport, social and educational experiences.

As a host family you will be required to:

- Provide family hospitality and make your new friend feel at home
- Meet your billet on arrival and assist with daily transport to and from the venues or a central meeting point such as your School.
- Provide breakfast and an evening meal

Please note: Team Officials will supervise players at all games, functions and events.

If you are interested in hosting a player/s, please contact: Mike Grant, VSSSA Australian Football Billeting Officer (03) 9488 9484 / 0438 846 679 or email at [grant.michael.i@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:grant.michael.i@edumail.vic.gov.au).

*Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator*

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## **Community Corner**

### **Trivia Night in Memory of Ben Raditsis**

Friday 18 July at 7.00pm in the Brentwood Secondary College Hall.

Cost: \$120.00 table of 10 prepaid

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\$15.00 per person at the door

BYO: Nibbles and drinks

All proceeds to challenge "Supporting Kids with Cancer". Limited seats – contact Mary Raditsis on 0407 565 060.

## **Australian Air League**

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls aged 8 to 18 years. Learn about aircrafts, how to fly, go on camps and outings and make new friends. For more information about Squadrons in your area 1800 502 175, [www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au) or email: [info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au).

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: Public Holiday  
Tues: S Barber  
Wed: C Huebner  
Thur: S Remmington, I Wilmott  
Fri: Pupil Free

### **Week beginning 16 June 2008**

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith-Borsboom,  
V Mason  
Tues: N Paronavitama, M Levey  
Wed: C Brown, L Howard  
Thur: C Ryhanen, C Kirwan, C Williamson  
Fri: S Watts, J Knight, M Cheng

Thank you everyone.

*Shirley & Carol*

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