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Principal's Report

The end of term two is a busy time in schools with end of semester assessment and reporting. It is a key time for parents and students to review the study habits of the first half of the year to see whether improvements can be made. All Year 10 and 11 students and most Year 12s have completed semester exams and have had an opportunity to find out for themselves whether their personal study habits have been successful. Over 300 students sat for the GAT (General Achievement Test) as part of the statewide VCE assessment process. This group of students included any student studying a VCE Unit 3 subject encompassing all Year 12s, many Year 11s and several Year 10 students and marks a new milestone for the number of students sitting the GAT at Brentwood.

Two busloads of our Year 10 group return today from the Gold Coast camp in Queensland where they have been actively engaged throughout this week in a broad range of activities. This weekend, students participating in the Year 11 Central Australia trip depart on their way to Alice Springs and Darwin before returning home during the term break. We wish them a safe journey and hope that it is one in which they learn much more about our vast country.

Over the next few weeks there will be a range of activity taking place in Heath Street with Alinta, the power supply company, installing new high voltage lines and a new ground based electrical sub station on the school's Heath Street boundary. This will enable us to upgrade our electrical supply and bring an end to the blackouts that we have experienced over the past two years. It would be helpful if you could avoid using Heath Street during this period of time.

Our school environment is undergoing a clean up of sorts – all of the chewing gum that has accumulated on the concrete around the school is being removed in order to make the student environment a more pleasant and, more importantly, a more healthy place. If you have tried removing chewing gum from clothing or carpet you will have some understanding of the difficulty of the task. It is a costly exercise. Chewing is a prohibited item at school and we seek your help as parents – could you work with us to discourage your children from bringing chewing gum to school.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

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| 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 |
| 14 July | Start of Term 3 Education 6.00pm/Resources 7.10pm |
| 17 July | Year 11 Parent Briefing |
| 28 July | School Council |
| 29 July | Yr 10 to 11 Course Counselling |
| 30 July | Yr 10 to 11 Course Counselling Year 11-12 Parents 3.30pm |
| 31 July | Yr 10 to 11 Course Counselling Maths Competition |
| 1 August | Ono SHS arrive |
| 6 August | Japanese Comp Year 9 Music Soiree |
| 7 August | Japanese Comp Year 11 2009 Pres Ball Briefing Year 11 2009 Subject Prefs |
| 11 August | Production Rehearsal 3-8pm English Competition |
| 12 August | Production Rehearsal 3-8pm Education 6.00pm/Resources 7.10pm |
| 13 August | School Production VCE Alternate Pathways Pres |
| 14 August | District Sport – Year 9 & 10 School Production |
| 15 August | School Production Year 12 2009 Subject Prefs |

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German Exchange Student seeking Brentwood Host Family

(Three month exchange)

Hosting an exchange student can be an exciting and rewarding experience, allowing us to forge international friendships and learn about other ways of life and countries. If you can provide a place to sleep and a warm welcome, please consider hosting Navina.

Navina is 16 years old and is very keen to come to Australia from August to November this year, live with a Brentwood host family and attend school here.

She attends our sister school in Denzlingen, near Freiburg in Germany and has been to Australia before. She has learned English for 5 years, plays violin and also trains in Judo.

Her parents are keen for her to attend our school and hope to hear from us soon. They are willing to participate in a mutual exchange if the host partner and family are interested.

Navina has sent her personal profile and contact details.

Please contact Mrs Fisher on 8545 0300 / 8545 0368 for further information.

Ursula Fisher, LOTE Coordinator

Students with Younger Brothers and Sisters at Glen Waverley South Primary School

As BSC students are dismissed 25 minutes earlier than students who attend GWSPS, I would like to remind families about the following procedures:

- Any BSC students who do not have siblings at GWSPS are required not to play on the grounds of the Primary School.

Brentwood Secondary College students who need to collect their younger siblings from GWSPS are requested to do the following:

- Sit quietly in the shade house near Watsons Road.
Not in the shade house near the relocatable class room.
- Only when the bell goes at 3.30 are they permitted to move from this area.

Thank You for your cooperation in this area.

Judy Anderson, Assistant Head of Junior School

Tertiary Information Service

The year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) at Monash University on Wednesday 28 May. They were informed about how to apply for different University and TAFE courses and all the options of scholarships and services that are available to them. Once the seminar concluded, students then wandered around the displays from a number of Universities, TAFEs and Independent Colleges and had the chance to ask questions and gather vital information which would help them make the important decision as to which courses to apply for.

Our year 12 students are to be congratulated on the behaviour and maturity they displayed on the day.

Fiona O'Connor & Joel Batalha, Year 12 Coordinators

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. Restore habitats by planting trees that are indigenous to your area. Enter your postcode into the environmental reporting tool on the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website for a list of local flora and fauna: www.environment.gov.au/erin.ert.
2. Buy pre-loved clothes and donate what you no longer wear. Producing clothes is water intensive and uses a lot of chemicals. Buying from second-hand shops can save thousands of liters of water a year.
3. Download the Earth Hour screensaver which tells you how much energy your computer is using while it is sitting idle, a useful reminder to turn it off! www.usefulscreensaver.com.au.

Brentwood Green Team

World Challenge

Brentwood Secondary College has 10 students and 1 teacher going to Borneo in November 2008 for 4 weeks. During their time in Borneo they will be trekking through the jungle and doing volunteer work in one of the villages. To help fund their volunteer work the team has organised a shopping tour and any person who loves a bargain is invited to join in.

Date: Saturday 11 October 2008

Cost: \$46 inc. lunch & bottomless champagne

Deposit: \$10 by 21st August

All enquires contact: Amanda & Wendy Couper
Ph: 9755 7059

Rugby Jumpers

The Victorian Schoolwear Company has a new order of Brentwood Rugby Jumpers arriving early next term. If you are still waiting on your replacement jumper that was originally purchased prior to August in 2007 (as the first batch was faulty), please see the uniform shop ASAP.

Victorian Schoolwear Uniform Company

Bus Increase: Sport

There has been a dramatic increase in the cost of bus hire since the start of the year and now with the further fuel increases also being passed onto bookings, Brentwood needs to increase student bus contributions on sports days. From Term 3 (July 14th) student contributions will increase to \$8 per student.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sport

Yr 7 & 8 Girls Badminton

The Yr 8 Girls badminton team competed last Thursday and the Yr 7 Girls badminton teams competed last Friday both at Kilsyth Stadium. Both teams had been training hard to play the best badminton that they could.

The Yr 7 Girls A team results 2nd

V Ashwood 6-0
V Highvale 6-0
V Wheelers Hill 6-0
V Wellington 6-0
V MWSC 4-2
V GWSC 3-3 (65-68)

Yr 7 B team results 1st

V Wellington 6-0
V GWSC 6-0

Team Members:

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| Grace Wan | Cassandra Ngu |
| Esta Kocsis | Fiona Duong |
| Jasmine Sim | Yueh Shin Chen |
| Janell Ooi | Elena Nikopoulou |
| Jessica Pham | Kathy Dai |

The Yr 8 Girls A team results 1st

V MWSC 6-0
V Wellington 6-0
V Ashwood 6-0
V GWSC 5-1
V Highvale 5-1
V Wheelers Hill 6-0

The Yr 8 Girls B team results 1st

V MWSC 3-3 (51-47)
V Wellington 6-0
V Ashwood 6-0
V GWSC 6-0
V Highvale 5-1
V Wheelers Hill 6-0

Team Members:

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| Amanda Duong | Rachel Kong |
| Catherine Sim | Michelle Xu |
| Jenny Xu | Sheryl Pei |
| Jenny Liu | Sarah Lee |
| Sarah Luu | Jocelyn Chan |
| Yi Shwen Eng | |

Congratulations girls on your enthusiasm and determination.

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Year 8 Boys Badminton

The boys played last Thursday at the District Sports at Kilsyth Badminton stadium. Overall, the A-team had won all five other matches and in the end the competition for first place came down to the last two doubles games between Brentwood and Glen Waverley. Both teams had won two singles games each and the scores were neck and neck until Glen Waverley won by a few points overall to clinch the title. The B-team fared better by winning all their matches against the four other schools. All players are to be congratulated on their high standard of play, sportsmanship and cooperation with their umpiring, scoring. The following boys made up the two teams:

A Team:

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| Bathusan Elango 8C | Daniel Tan 8G |
| Aravind Srikumar 8H | Winston Yu 8J |
| Samuel Deng 8G | |

B Team:

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| Sean Sripapattanany 8F | Nathan Liang 8H |
| Samuel Kim 8H | Trevor Lau 8G |
| Luke Whitefield 8C | |

Tony Watts, Coach

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
or
\$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.

Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria Inc

Body Positive - Building Better Body Image
A community awareness evening to help people better understand eating disorders will be held on Tuesday 24 June, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at The Knox Club, Function Room 2, Cnr Stud and Boronia Roads, Wantirna (Melways 64 A7). Admission \$5 per individual and \$10 per family. Places are strictly limited, so bookings are essential. To register phone 9885 6563 or 9885 0318.

Musicians Wanted for the 2008 Victorian State Schools Spectacular Orchestra

Victorian government school student musicians aged 10-18 with AMEB Grade 5 or higher in one of the following instruments are invited to audition: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, violin, viola, double bass, guitar, bass guitar and piano.

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of Melbourne's largest performance events. The orchestra will play in front of 8,500 people, centre stage at Vodafone Arena in September.

Musician auditions are being held Saturday 21 June. Contact *Joining the Chorus* on (03) 9415 1700 to register and find out more.

International Student Exchange

International cultural exchange information session and information on hosting international students who are scheduled to come to Australia on cultural exchange programs.

Date: Tuesday 24 June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Conochie Hall
2 Rochester Road, Canterbury

Parent and Teacher Information Forum

City of Monash School Focused Youth Service & Monash Family Support Program is hosting an information forum on stages of adolescents, brain development and difficult adolescents.

Date: Wednesday 30 July

Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Venue: City of Monash Function Room
293 Springvale Road
Glen Waverley 3150

RSVP: No later than 25 July
Monash Youth & Family Services.
Bookings essential. Phone: 9561 7359

Canteen News

Mon: G. Thompson, L. Creighton, S. Williams
Tues: D. Lawless, M. Yegorian
Wed: S. Tighello, L. Bult, M. Hollingworth
Thur: C. Williams, C. Prosser
Fri: C. Defry, R. Attwood

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol