



# Brentwood Secondary College

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Mrs Barbara Laidlaw  
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### Principal's Report

Earlier this month Brentwood's principal team attended the two-day biennial Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Leadership Conference at the Park Hyatt. Leadership, as a field of study, in all types of organisations, educational institutions and communities has been researched extensively. As the research continues there is always more to learn, and those of us with an interest in learning about leadership will always have more to learn. The conference theme 'Instructional Leadership – It's All About the Classroom' reflects the important role that school leaders play in establishing and sustaining the pre-conditions for effective teaching and learning.

Maxine Morand, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development and Minister for Women's Affairs, and the Member for Mount Waverley, also attended the conference. Her presentation focussed on the integration of early childhood education and services, previously the responsibility of the Department of Human Services, into the newly created Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

A number of local and international presenters contributed to a challenging and engaging program which included keynote presentations and workshops. I was invited to present a workshop at the conference. This I believe is recognition of the instructional leadership that takes place in the classrooms at Brentwood, in other words, the instructional leadership of our brilliant teachers.

Keynote presenters at the conference included:

- Darrell Fraser, Deputy Secretary & Judy Petch, General Manager Office for Government School Education, DEECD
- Dr Jim Watterston Regional Director, EMR

- Professor Viviane Robinson University of Auckland, NZ
- Professor Andy Hargreaves Thomas More Brennan Chair in Education Lynch School of Education, Boston College, MA
- Dr David Jackson Innovation Unit, UK

Tracey Ezard, a Melbourne based consultant, presented a workshop on leadership and emotional intelligence at the conference. This term Tracey also has been presenting a leadership course at Brentwood as part of the weekly professional learning program for teachers. The 'Building Personal Capacity Leadership Program' is a 12 hour course that runs in six two-hour blocks. The teachers who have attended the course have been enormously positive about the quality of this learning experience.

Being a leader of one, of your self, is perhaps one of the most important skills that any of us can learn. I am reminded of a quote by a very famous person:

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other"

by John F Kennedy.

Best wishes to all members of the Brentwood community for a safe and happy holiday.

*Vicki Forbes, Principal*

### Anaphylaxis Management in Schools Ministerial Order 90

Important Information for all parents

Please see attached

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## Dates and Deadlines

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

## URGENT - 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 at [fis@brentwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:fis@brentwood.vic.edu.au) for further information.

***Ursula Fisher, LOTE Coordinator***

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## Percussion Lessons

As part of our expanding instrumental music program, percussion lessons will be offered from the beginning of semester two. Students enrolled in percussion lessons will also take part in our new percussion ensemble.

The instrumental music levy of \$100 is payable for students participating in this program.

A limited number of places are available so please see Ms Presa as soon as possible for an application form.

***Cathie Presa, Director of Music***

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> August

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

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## Year 8

Our Year 8 students have completed a tiring but largely successful first semester in Middle school. We completed an organisational skills session for a small number of students last week to help further their success in Year 8 and beyond. Another session will be conducted early in term 3 for a different cohort of students.

Just a reminder that the second deposit for camp was due this week. If you have forgotten to make this payment, please complete this process as soon as possible. Please complete the report acknowledgement forms and return to your homegroup teacher on your first day back next term. Have a restful and relaxing holiday.

***Tony Watts and Suzanne Plant***

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## **Year 8 and 9 Geography Excursion to the City of Melbourne**

On the 24th June, 2008 the Year 8 and 9 students from Ms Reed's and Mrs Stewart's GG433 classes and Mrs Oliver's GG204 class went into the city of Melbourne to complete fieldwork and visit the amazing Eureka tower.

Our group started completing fieldwork at Parliament house and walked through the city of Melbourne, passing destinations such as Chinatown, Swanston Street's Burke and Wills monument, Federation Square and the Shrine of Remembrance. We learnt of our city's history, for example, Why is there a "Ladies Only" seat out the front of St Paul's Cathedral?

After a lunch along picturesque Southbank, we headed across to the Eureka Tower where we were treated to a tour by one of the guides there, Abbey, and then we headed up the elevator (which only took 48 or so seconds!) and saw the Eureka Tower's AMAZING 360 degree views of the city! It was just so incredible how far you could see! Mr Baulch even thought he could see the Police Academy and Brentwood!!

Whilst at the top of the tower, we got to experience "The Edge", which is a glass bottomed enclosure that slides 3 metres off the tower. Some of us were a bit nervous at the start, but relaxed soon after. The views off "The Edge" were amazing!

The GG433 and GG204 students would like to thank Mrs Oliver, Mrs Stewart and Ms Reed for organising this excursion and for Mr Baulch for helping out on the day.

It was a great day out, and if you get the opportunity to do this excursion, or go to Eureka and "The Edge", I highly recommend it!

*Natalie Andreopoulos, 9A (GG204 Student)*

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## **2008 Gold Coast Year 10 Camp**

On the 15th of June, 80 students and 8 staff members eagerly embarked on a memorable journey. The bus trip was half the fun with movies, games and laughter all round.

After the 25 hour drive we finally arrived at Wet'n'Wild. The sun shining was a change from the horrible Melbourne weather. The fun had just begun! With the rides being the highlight of the day we then set off to the Super Sports Centre where we would be accommodated. To the girls' delight there were professional rugby players who we became friends with. To everyone's delight

there were wonderful facilities; a beach volleyball court, gym, soccer field and swimming pool for us to enjoy.

The next morning we headed off to Movie World. Another day filled with great rides, including Superman Escape and the Scooby Doo Spooky Coaster, and many photo opportunities with the cartoon characters.

The next day and Dreamworld awaited us. Although the weather was not so good, many of us decided to walk around with ponchos that came down to our ankles. However, the day was still brilliant with many jaw-dropping roller coasters. Here, many had the opportunity to experience the Big 6 thrill rides. These included The Giant Drop, Tower of Terror, Wipeout, The Claw, Cyclone and Mick Doohan's Motocoaster.

After an adrenaline packed day we then set off to our final theme park, Seaworld. The day included an array of marine animals and great shows, favourites being the Sea Lion Show, Dolphin Show, Water Ski Show and the Cork Screw roller coaster. It was eventful day with Ms Hall and Ms Le Grove getting pooped on in a matter of minutes by seagulls whilst watching the Water Ski Show.

After a hectic week of thrill rides and great food from the Super Sports Centre it was time to head back to Melbourne with our great memories and souvenirs. Everyone was tired on the lengthy bus ride home but we finally made it back on the 20th of June and everyone had a trip of a lifetime and a whole lot of great fun.

*Taryn Cumming and Natalie De Luca, Year 10*

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## **VCE in 2009 – Year 10 to 11 Transition.**

Students in Year 10 have now received their VCE 2009 Information CD in preparation for their transition to Year 11 in 2009. On this CD is a range of presentations and information that we strongly encourage parents and students to sit down and go over during the school holidays. Students also signed into counselling sessions this week. If your son/daughter has not signed into a session, they should see Ms Le Grove or Ms Katz in the middle school office in the first week of Term 3.

We strongly suggest that students start to map together their preferences for subjects prior to the course counselling sessions in Term 3. Students who may require more intensive course counselling should make an appointment to see one of the careers counsellors as soon as possible.

Appointments can be made by visiting Mrs Stanley and her team in the careers office near the main staffroom.

Reminder that the course counselling sessions are:  
July 29th Tues 3:30pm – 5:30pm  
July 30th Wed 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
July 31st Thurs 3:30pm – 5:30pm

All Year 10 students must make an appointment with their counsellors during this period of time.

The Senior School team are available to answer any questions you may have about the transition to VCE in 2009. We are here to assist your son/daughter in making their transition to VCE as positive and as worthwhile as possible.

### ***Senior School Team***

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## **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***

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## **Sport**

### **Year 8 Boys Soccer**

The Year 8 Boys soccer team faced off against suburban rivals Highvale, Glen Waverley and Wheelers Hill. Unfortunately, they were not able to pull out a win despite numerous scoring opportunities. Highlights included three quality goals by our striker and team captain Jason Castellucci. Other notable performances included Patrick Gardner-Brunton and Terry Tsiambouris in the midfield. All players represented Brentwood proudly. Hopefully next year the boys will be able to translate their raw talent to on field success.

Team members:

George Anastasopoulos	Vassil Andreev
Alex Badley	Cody Carrick-Whatapuhou
Jason Castellucci (Cptn)	Dean Fay
Ariel Garipian	Patrick Gardner-Brunton
William Jiang	Nathan Papadimitriou
Chris Soawyer	Jamie Tran
Terry Tsiambouris	Dileep Yogasingham
Lewis Zhou Chen	

Student helpers:

Aarushi Kansal & Ghadeer El-Khub

***Robin Gamble, Coach***

### **Year 8 Girls Soccer**

This year our Year 8 Girls Soccer team played their annual round-robin series at Monash University on Thursday 12 June. The day was quite gusty and the conditions for soccer were not all that favourable. Our girls were defending zone champions and eastern zone champions and were looking at consolidating their results from a successful 2007 campaign.

This year our squad was quite strong with a lot of talent to burn. Our first half against Wheelers Hill Secondary College set the scene with our girls scoring seven magnificent goals. The team went on to record a convincing win.

Our second match was an intense affair against Mt Waverley Secondary College. The team went a goal down late in the first half. The second half was a tough affair with our team scoring a goal to set up a penalty shoot out against quality opposition. Brentwood prevailed and won penalties 1-0.

The semi-final against Highvale Secondary College was quite entertaining and our team found their rhythm to win convincingly by five goals.

The winner of the other semi-final, Glen Waverley was our opponent in the Grand Final. We played this match on a very good pitch however with a southerly gust blowing. Apparently the only goals scored was at the south-end in the pervious pool matches and our girls were set the task of playing the ball, taking on the oppositions and hitting targets to create an opportunity on-goal. The team didn't disappoint and went 1 goal up late in the first-half and scored the only goal against the wind in the second half to record a 2-nil victory in the Grand Final.

Our Year 8 Girls Soccer team were worthy winners and champions of the Waverley Zone in 2008. Two in a row and congratulations to all the team members including our student coaches and helpers Georgia Delithdoris, Jessica Simpson and Vicky Chhen who assisted myself on the day.

The team is playing off at Eastern Zone on 12 August.

Results:

Brentwood	7	Vs	Wheelers Hill	0
Mt Waverley	1	Vs	Brentwood	1

(0-1 on penalty shots)

Semi Final Results:

Brentwood	5	Vs	Highvale	0
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Grand Final Results:

Brentwood	2	Vs	Glen Waverley	0
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***Jim Davatzis, Coach***

### **Intermediate Boy's Netball**

Congratulations to our intermediate boy's netball teams for an amazing performance at the district competition last Wednesday. Not only did the "A team" win the district competition and make it through to zone, but the "B team" also finished at the top of their division.

Our "A team" went through the day undefeated and truly demoralised some of the other teams with scores like 17-0. Lin was incredible at intercepting the opposition's passes with his spider like arms and reflexes. Andy must also be given a pat on the back for shooting an incredible 94 goals in 7 games. Overall, a top effort by each and every player.

The "B team" also had a great day being the only B division team to beat A division teams. They also didn't lose a game against other B division players. I was particularly proud of the way the team never gave up against some of the stronger A division teams and how each and every player contributed to the teams success.

A massive thank-you must also go to the student coaches who made a huge commitment to the teams running and success and I'm sure that the team wouldn't have been as nearly successful without their input.

#### A Team:

Lewis Ferguson	Lin Jong
Lachlan Mann	Paul McGrath (Captain)
Andy Owen	Chris Renwick
Tim Rowe	Scott Tunnicliffe

#### B Team:

Daniel Armstrong	Chris Birthisel
James Chanter (Captain)	Tom Giles
Dave Hall	Lee O'Hara
Levon Lyimo	Mitch Peddle
Nick Verity	

#### Student Coaches:

Kate Attwood	Tegan Bisset
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#### *Shane Hunt, Coach*

#### **Intermediate Girls Soccer**

Keep up the spirit!

After some busy weeks at the end of Term 2, I have finally found some peace and quiet to sit down and write this article about the great performance of the Brentwood Intermediate Girls Soccer Team.

It has been a while since we played for victory. It was the 12th May to be exact, when 14 players, 1 assistant and I were meeting at the gym to make our way to Monash Uni in Clayton. Usually, it is quite hectic and busy when you get to the gym on a morning of a Sports Day. However, this time it was a bit different. The girls were organised and

waiting patiently for the bus to take us to our destination. Ok, I have to admit that there was a bit of disappointment that we did not have THE soccer shirts, or even the basketball tops, to wear, but the girls got over that quite quickly and started to focus on the world game.

Just like last year, we had to be patient after a short meeting of all teams. Our first game would not start until 10.40. Glen Waverley and Wheelers Hill, the other two teams in our pool, were playing against each other first. Then we were up against Wheelers Hill. Brentwood controlled the game and it did not take long before Aarushi scored the first goal for us! Unfortunately, the referee blew the whistle and announced that the goal did not count due to being off-side. Our team kept up their spirit and Aarushi scored again! 1:0 for Brentwood! The Brentwood girls continued to play their game. They showed their skills; passing the soccer ball to each other, by-passing opposition players and putting the other team under a lot of pressure. Ghadeer and Brittney ensured that no player from Wheelers Hill came to close to our goalie Stella. Our centre midfield, Lauren, Melanie and Simone controlled their opponents and then, Jenn, our invaluable left midfield player, scored the second goal of the game. 2:0! It did not take much longer before the hard work of our forwards (Christine and Evelyn) paid off, and Evelyn scored goal number 3 of the game. Just before the final whistle Brentwood was rewarded again when our captain Melanie kicked the ball past the Wheelers Hill goalie to make the final score 4:0! An excellent effort!

Our second and last game before lunch was against Glen Waverley. The 14 girls and I knew we were through to the Semi Final. However, we wanted to win this game and were ready to take up the challenge. From the moment the referee blew the whistle to start our game, the Brentwood girls were focused on the game. They played extremely well throughout the game. Unfortunately, one of the opponent's players was able to get passed our defence and score the only goal of the game. Nevertheless, we were through and had to concentrate on our next game after lunch against Wellington

Tiarne, Sally, Melanie & Simone

At 12.20 it was time for us to play against Wellington. The girls used their re-gained energy effectively. Brentwood played their game despite being (unfairly) pushed around by the Wellington players. Simone, Corrie and Jenn ran their hearts out in midfield; while our defence, consisting of Tiarne, Sally, and Jess controlled the Wellington forwards. Even if one of them managed to get past our much better defence, they still had to face our

goalkeeper Stella. Despite their constant pressure our offensive players also pressured the Wellington defence and goalie. The final score was 0:0. This meant penalty kicks would decide which team would go through to the final of the day.

Penalty kicks are in my opinion; and I have said this in the past, pure luck and only the goalie can win. The nominated players were quite nervous and despite Stella saving two penalty kicks and Evelyn scoring confidently, Brentwood did not win this game.

Stella, Corrie, Lauren & Brittney, Jess, Melanie & Simone

Thus, unfortunately, my prediction from last year (“to win and go through to zone”) did not come true. Nevertheless, we played exceptionally well as a team. Even the convenor of the day said that Brentwood was “skill-wise” the best team on the day! However, we were physically not as strong as the other teams (which consisted mostly of Year 10 girls) and we were often unfairly pushed around.

Thank you girls for playing fantastic ‘Football’! And thank you to Tammy for being an excellent assistant and linesperson!

Team members:

Melanie Murray (Co-Captain)	Christine Koutsimanis (Co-Captain)
Lauren Bevan	Aarushi Kansal
Brittney Costello	Corrie McCash
Tiarne Ecker	Simone Sierig
Jessica Eden	Stella Tsakiris
Ghadeer El-Khub	Evelyn Tsiambouris
Jenn Elphinstone	Sally Verdaasdonk
Tammy Dang-Le (Assistant)	

***Mrs Tina Exton, Coach***

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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.

## **Yarra Valley Railway Holiday Timetable**

Trolley rides will depart Healesville station on the hour between 10am to 4pm on the following dates:

Sunday 29 June

Wednesday 2 – Sunday 6 July

Wednesday 9 – Sunday 13 July

For more information please call 5962 2490

Or visit [www.yarravalleyrailway.org.au](http://www.yarravalleyrailway.org.au)

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: S. Newsom, J. Smith-Borsboom, V. Mason

Tues: D. Lawless, M. Yegorian

Wed: C. Brown, L. Howard

Thur: C. Ryhaned, C. Kirwan, C. Williamson

Fri: S. Watts, J. Knight, M Cheng

Thank you everyone for another terms work.

***Shirley & Carol***