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Principal's Report

Victoria has become the first State in Australia to introduce laws surrounding the safe management of anaphylaxis in kindergartens, childcare centres and schools. The Children's Services and Education Legislation (Anaphylaxis Management) Amendment Act 2008 came into effect on 14 July 2008. Brentwood Secondary College has implemented excellent strategies and put procedures in place in line with the Victorian Government Schools guidelines. If there are any students who have been diagnosed as being anaphylactic it is imperative that the school is informed. This will enable us to implement a management plan.

As part of Planet Arc Tree Day, the Brentwood Green Team planted 100 trees in the Eastern grounds of the school. Toyota sponsored the event and donated tree guards, trees and t-shirts. Throughout the day the Green Team ran an educational program mentoring Year 7 students about environmental issues. A green fete was run at lunchtime where students were given the opportunity to adopt their own tree, a lasting legacy of their time at Brentwood. Congratulations to the Green Team on firstly sending the message of maintaining our environment and secondly helping Brentwood Secondary College establish a wonderful treed area. Well done!

Friday, saw the 10th staging of Music Madness. Congratulations to the SRC on their organization of such a fun and traditional event. All staff and students were entertained by many talented musicians throughout the energy packed day.

This time of the year is one of the busy times for students in senior school and those in year 10 who are progressing into senior school in 2009. All students in year 10 were individually counselled this week

by staff so that their subject choices in VCE are both realistic and in line with the pre-requisites for a possible Tertiary course. This process is one where parent involvement is imperative, a team approach to subject selection is recommended by for senior school staff. Next week our year 11 students will undergo a similar process. Parents are encouraged to participate in the process by assisting their children to reflect on their semester one results. The VCE team are happy to discuss any part of the process with parents.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

6 Aug	Japanese competition Year 9 Music Soiree 7.00pm
7 Aug	Japanese competition Year 11 2009 Presentation Ball briefing 7.00pm
8 Aug	Year 11 2009 subject preferences
11 Aug	Production rehearsal 3.00 – 8.00pm
12 Aug	English competition Production Rehearsal 3.00 – 8.00pm Education Committee 6.00pm Resources Committee 7.10pm
13 Aug	VCE Alternate Pathways presentation 6.30pm School Production 7.30pm 'The Wiz'
14 Aug	District sport year 9 & 10 'The Wiz' 7.30pm
15 Aug	Year 12 2009 subject preferences 'The Wiz' 10.30am & 7.30pm
16 Aug	'The Wiz' 7.30pm

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Year 7 TLC Update

Premiers Reading Challenge:

At the end of last term most students celebrated achieving their second milestone of having read 10 books as part of the Premiers Reading Challenge. As their reward, eligible students were entertained at lunchtime by comedian Damian Callinan who made us roar with laughter as he portrayed various characterizations.

We urge students to continue with their reading. The third milestone is to have 15 books (ie another five) read by 23 August to be able to attend the Premiers Reading Challenge party, hosted by our wonderful library staff. We hope to have as many year 7 students there as possible, so please keep verifying and recording books as they are finished.

Visitors to the TLC

There has been a lot of interest from educators about our TLC program and as a consequence I am frequently asked to show visitors through the TLC complex and explain our approach to teaching and learning at year 7. Recently we have had visitors from Southern Metropolitan Region, Principals from Geelong, representatives from New Zealand I Net as well as some senior staff from Glen Waverley Secondary College, to name a few. I am always very proud to show guests around as your children are always polite, enthusiastic and very engaged in their learning.

Guests frequently comment on how motivated the students are and about the quality of work.

Antiquities Road Show:

The Antiquities Road Show on Tuesday was a great success. We were able to showcase some wonderful and very imaginative samples of student work to family and friends. The standard of work was extremely high and selecting the best to receive special awards will be a difficult job.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts, and thank you to those families who came to see our Egyptian museum display. I am sure you were as impressed as the TLC staff were.

Jo Marveggio, Head of TLC

Middle School News

Year 9 and 10 students have been pouring into the Middle School office at lunch time to use the new kitchen facilities. At the moment we are trialling the opening times (12.36pm to 1.00pm). All students in year 9 and 10 are welcome to use the microwaves and hot water during these times.

A huge thank you to the students on the executive committee who have helped with the smooth running of the kitchen.

A reminder to year 9 students who are going on the Tasmania Camp at the end of the year: You should now have told us your activity groups. Please see either Mrs Hender or Mr Exton if you have any questions about the camp. Monthly payments of \$100 should be paid to the Main Office at school.

All year 9 and 10 students now have their lockers in the portable area. Please keep your area free of litter and put all your rubbish in the many bins provided.

This week all year 10 students have attended VCE course counselling sessions. The process has been very positive, with many members of staff helping out over the 3 days. A huge thank you to all staff who have given up their time to help the students with their VCE choices.

On Wednesday 13 August at 6.30pm the careers team will be conducting a "VCE Alternative Pathways Presentation" in 'C Block'. It is important for students to understand that VCE is not the only option available to them at the end of year 10. Drinks and nibbles will be provided and parents will be able to speak to careers and Middle School staff. The presentation is open to all students in year 9 and 10 and their parents.

Year 10 students are reminded to see Mrs Stanley or Ms Oliver in the Careers office about Work Experience as soon as possible. Students should now have finalised their choices and returned all paperwork.

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The Middle School Team

Year 10 Students – Author Visit – Barry Jonsberg

At Brentwood the Literature enrichment program includes celebrations in August for Bookweek and an author presentation for year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

Our third Author visit is Tuesday August 19, when Barry Jonsberg will be presenting two sessions to the year 10 students in the Library. All year 10 students will attend either Session One or Session Two.

Session One - Period 1 – Students whose English class is in Block F

Session Two - Period 2 – Students whose English class is in Block E.

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

Music Soiree August 6

Brentwood's Annual Music Soiree will take place in the school hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6 August. All students who are members of a school music ensemble will participate in this event. The evening will include a variety of performances including both group and solo items. Classical, Swing and Contemporary styles will be represented in this celebration of musical diversity.

All the hard work done in music lessons, ensemble rehearsals and personal practice sessions makes performances such as the Music Soiree possible. This event provides a vehicle for students to present their work, an important element of their music education. Parental and community support at these performances gives relevance to the students' learning and helps to form a vital link with the community. All parents and members of our wider community are invited to attend. Tickets will be available at the door and entry is by gold coin donation.

We look forward to seeing you at this event!

Cathie Presa, Director of Music

Planet Ark National Tree Day

On Thursday 24 July Brentwood participated for the first time in Planet Ark National Tree Day. The activities were run by the Brentwood Green Team and included the planting of 100 trees, four classes of education about trees and an environmental lunchtime fete.

for four periods of the day year seven classes came to be taught about the importance of trees in our local environment. The students first listened to what the Green Team had to tell them about these amazing organisms and then they were taught by our visitor, Roberto 'the Connie', about our local flora and fauna. They also worked hard outdoors, planting trees at the front of the school, before coming indoors to add to our environmental mural.

At lunchtime all students were welcomed to the area for our tree-related fete. Everybody had the opportunity to receive a free pot of growing vegetables, plant their own trees, play games, win prizes and have their face painted. They could also put their name in our 'adopt a tree raffle' – 80 students will have the opportunity to put their nametag on one of the trees we planted and leave their legacy in the school long after they leave.

Overall it was a very successful day. We achieved our goal of raising awareness about how easy it is to do something real for the environment and everybody was enthusiastic and had fun.

The Brentwood Green Team

Sound and Lighting Crew – Music Madness

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank and congratulate the Sound & Lighting Crew for their efforts towards Music Madness last Friday. Many of you would be unaware of the huge amount of work and effort that is involved in putting together such a spectacular rock concert.

The students began working on the sound and lighting rig on the Wednesday before Music Madness where they worked tirelessly until 9.30pm with the only break a delicious pizza dinner provided by the SRC. Then they were in the hall all day Thursday from early in the morning and kept working until 6.45pm and were back in the hall early again on Friday morning ready for the big day.

The day of Music Madness itself was a non-stop blur of two concerts to put on with thirteen acts in each as well as the 'sound and lighting show' and MC's to take care of. I am extremely proud to report that the two concerts were incredibly successful and the Sound and Lighting crew did an amazing job with no major slip ups. In fact I doubt if professional sound and lighting crews could have done a much better job! The stage looked amazing with spinning lights, colour changing lights, mirror balls and crowd blinding flashes. Out in the audience, the sound was just awesome with a sound system that could have

drowned out the MCG! It truly was a visual and auditory delight.

At the days end it was great to see so many people of the SRC and Sound & Lighting crew help out to pack up all the equipment which resulted in a complete pack up in record time. It was also great and humbling to see past students come back to Brentwood to help the Sound & Lighting crew with their time, expertise and experience.

Again, huge thanks to all members of the Sound & Lighting crew, the past students who helped out and the teachers of Brentwood for their support.

Crew members

Daniel Boulton	Justin Brown
Lawrence Kong	Fiona Jong (Captain)
Christina Leong	Aaron Quick
Anthony Yap	Alaistair Yap

Past Students

David Danaci	Sam Shaw
Luke Simon	

Shane Hunt, Year 7 Coordinator

40 Hour Famine 2008

This year the 40 Hour Famine is on the weekend of 15-17 August. Funds raised in 2008 will go to free children in India from bonded labour, child trafficking, prostitution and help them into school programs. Our goal is to beat last year's donation by \$1000 putting us on \$7000, which is almost enough to rescue and assist 128 underprivileged children in India for a year.

On Monday 11 August, there will be a concert featuring two teacher bands and a speaker from World Vision. We will be seeing fair trade chocolate.

We will also be running an internal Art4Aid competition. The categories are Stirring Postcard Design, Do Something Reel – Multimedia Film Corporation, Bumper Sticker Design and T-Shirt Design. The competition is open to all year levels, prizes will be 40 Hour Famine T-Shirts. For details and entry forms go to the Wellbeing Office from Monday onwards.

Booklets for the 40 Hour Famine are now available from the Wellbeing Office and will be available at the concert.

40 Hour Famine Team

2008 Science Competition

Students of Brentwood have achieved outstanding results in the recently-completed 2008 ICAS International Science competition co-ordinated by the University of New South Wales. This international competition has over 1.5 million entries annually. Those students whose achievement was outstanding were rewarded with certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

At Brentwood, school house points were also awarded on the basis of each student's individual results. Congratulations to all those who participated; achieving a high standard against such a quality field of candidates is especially noteworthy. I would like to formally recognise the following recipients of High Distinction awards:

Year 7

Luke Wang	Marcus Chuo
Michael Zhan	

Year 8

Brandon Lam	Sarah Luu
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Year 9

Nicole Tay	Chris Barber
Alan Leigh-Lancaster	

All students will receive a certificate reflecting their participation and an individual report on their personal performance relative to a number of benchmarks. Students who have entered over successive years are also able to monitor and review their learning progress by identifying strengths and weaknesses with the help of their individual feedback report.

Congratulations again to all who have entered this year. Certificates will be distributed in home-group.

Gary Hayes, Head of Science

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

Earlier this year I selected a group of 43 students from years 7 to 10 to compete in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. The Mathematics Challenge is quite rigorous and students are competing against the very best mathematics students throughout Australia.

Each student is required to attempt to solve and write-up solutions to 6 challenging problems within a three week period. Just to attempt all of

the set tasks is a major achievement in itself – well done to our competitors.

Our students all performed exceptionally well and Brentwood should be very proud of their achievements. Each student will receive a certificate.

The students who participated are:

Year 7

Madara Abeykoon	Phillip Luu
Michael Zhan	Samantha Hooi
Jackson Barber	Denver Huynh
Lily Liang	Naveen Sreekumar
Luke Wang	Marcus Chuo
Luke Smart	Wicki Xu
Simon Lao	Elissa Xu
Gregory Lobo	Campbell Peddle
Matthew Vavasseur	

Year 8

Vi Dang-Le	Samuel Deng
Gary Guo	Brandon Lam
Sarah Luu	Luke Whitfield
Michelle Xu	

Year 9

Chris Barber	Crosby Kang
Anthony Martin	Shalit Millawitiya
Jina Ha	Aarushi Kansal
Ranshi Samandra	Thuy Hoang
Susana Chen	Nino Petrovic
Mooambika Srinivasan	
Jacky Tu	

Year 10

Andrew Li	Alex Kiselyov
David Wu	Emily Xu
Wayne Lee	Nathan Mok
Chethana Yakupitiyage	

Denis Chinnock, Head of Mathematics

Eastern Zone Cross Country

Brentwood has continued its success in Cross Country by sending another large cross country team to the Eastern zone competition this year. 37 students qualified as individual athletes and 3 teams.

U15 Bronze Medallists

Bronze Medallist Beth

This year the Eastern Zone cross country was held at Yarra Glen Racecourse and the competition was extremely tough and of those 37 students, 7 have qualified for the State finals, including U/16 boys team who were the Eastern Zone

Champions. Congratulations also to the U/15 boys team who won the Bronze medal and Beth Alexander who also won the Bronze medal. Well done.

Team

Name	Placing
Joshua Hicks	56 th
Matthew Howard	DNC
Nathan Fredericks	45 th
Luke Hadaway	Injured
Scott Johnstone	48 th
Callan Burns	Injured
Chris Brunton	Inured
Erick Bakhaazi	21 st
Brandon Fredericks	14 th
Leonard De Beer	32 nd
Ben Huang	69 th
Ben Richards	55 th
Nathan Thiele	47 th
Lachlan Mann	5th
Chris Birthisel	14th
Shaun White	21st
Luke Johnstone	19th
Kevin Ear	61st
James Ke	DNC
Nick Richards	19 th
Martin De Luca	DNC
Sarah Vong	51 st
Jayde Viccars	23 rd
Jessie Hare	86 th
Lesina Lalotoa	DNC
Em Paolucci	Injured
Kristy Bourdakos	38 th
Emily Bray	43 rd
Cassie Rowe	73 rd
Lauren Cruse	62 nd
Isabelle Legg	DNC
Tiarne Ecker	53 rd
Simone Sierg	54 th
Beth Alexander	3rd
Tayla Burns	DNC
Emily Alexander	9th
Juliana Bedggood	28 th

A special thank you goes to Mrs Fisher and Ms Pollock who looked after the team and manned a checkpoint in the pouring rain all day. Thank you also to Chris Renwick, the Middle School Sport Captain, for officiating at the presentation and results area. Well done!

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Under 13 Girls

Under 14 Girls

U16 Team Champions

Sporting Excellence

We have a number of talented students who excel in their sport, and every now and then they share their success and achievements with people within Brentwood. We are very interested and love to hear about these achievements as it often displays another side to the student that is often kept secret. Here are a few people who have been discovered recently.

Megan Butterworth

Megan has recently competed in South Korea at the World Taekwondo Culture Festival where she won the silver medal in sparring.

Dane Rhind & Sio Kavapalu

Dane and Sio have been selected in the Victorian Rugby Union teams for the past 3 to 4 years. Just recently they competed in Wagga in a friendly re-match against the ACT where both boys scored the only two Victorian tries. This was a re-match of the Junior Rugby Union Championships that were held in NSW over the Queens birthday weekend where they narrowly lost to the ACT in the semi finals.

David Michalowsky

David has been selected to umpire at the U/12 Schoolboys National Championships in the NT. He often umpires at the half time matches when the Melbourne Storm plays at Olympic Park.

Micah Ropata

Micah was spotted playing Tag Touch Rugby in the half time match of Melbourne Storm v St George Illawarra. When asked the next day at school, it was discovered that she actually plays in the State Touch Rugby team.

Alex Tapanes, Jake Matchett, Sam Kassianou

Alex, Jake and Sam have all been selected in the U/16 Victorian Softball team that will play in the National Championships in January 2009.

We like to acknowledge student achievement so please feel free to contact me at school via email nsh@brentwood.vic.edu.au.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Brentwood's Team Uniforms Are Being Taken Hostage!



Football Jumpers



Soccer/Hockey/Softball/Baseball



Athletics/Basketball

That's right we have numbered team tops that have been worn on sports days that have not been returned after competition. We need these uniforms for future teams to compete.

Parents please check in your son/daughter's cupboards, draws and even under their beds for the tops pictured below. All tops can be returned anonymously to the main office.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sport

Intermediate Boys Football Carnival

Last Wednesday the intermediate boy's football team travelled to Greaves Reserve in Dandenong to test our skills against the best secondary schools in the eastern region. After convincing wins against Camberwell (8.5.53 to 0.0.0) Wantirna (4.5.29 to 1.2.8) and Upwey (7.5.47 to 0.2.2) we were pitted against a very strong Box Hill team in the Grand Final.

After a solid start, which saw us even at half time, the boys dropped away to be defeated 8.6.54 to 3.6.24 at the final siren. A solid runners up achievement against a very football oriented school.

Best players for the day were Lin Jong, Dean Siakoulis, Tyson Frankland, Josh Williams and Nizar Janzerlie.

Adam Pirrie, Coach

Intermediate Boy's Netball

Congratulations to our intermediate boy's netball teams for an amazing performance at the Zone competition last Monday. While the boys didn't make it through to State, they managed to get through to the semi-final but unfortunately were knocked out by Lilydale Secondary College (16-8). However, Brentwood were actually the higher goal scorers in the second half and considering Lilydale had two state basketball players, I thought they did an amazing job.

The first game of the day was a great success with Brentwood defeating Camberwell 14-7. Unfortunately the next game wasn't as successful with Wantirna beating us 15-10. However a great turn around saw Brentwood annihilate Emerald with a whopping victory of 18-7 which saw us through to play the semi-final against Lilydale.

Throughout the day, Lin was incredible at intercepting the opposition's passes with his spiker like arms and reflexes. Andy, Scott and Paul must also be given a pat on the back for deadly accurate shooting. Tim and Chris were just awesome in defence and were starting to get on the other team's nerves! A big cheer must also go to James, Dave, Lachlan & Lewis for their athleticism, team play and flexibility in being able to play many positions.

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 would not have been as nearly successful without their input and dedication.

Team

James Chanter	Lewis Ferguson
Dave Hall	Lin Jong
Lachlan Mann	Paul McGrath
Andy Owen	Chris Renwick
Tim Rowe	Scott Tunnicliffe

Student Coaches

Kate Attwood	Tegan Bisset
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Shane Hunt, Coach

Year 7 Soccer

On Monday 29 July fifteen amazing girls, two excellent student coaches, and one nervous teacher headed off to Thornbury for the Eastern Zone soccer round robin. Having won every match by three or more goals to nil in our first round robin (in fact, Souad our goalie had only touched the ball once all day) we were nervous as to what challenges might await us in the zone competition. The day followed a week of training everyday to recover from our break over the holidays. We were ready to go.

Our first match against Canterbury was a good warm up. We won 1-0 with our goal scored by Natalie Semercioglu, who found herself facing 3 or so defenders for the goal more than once.

Our second match against Wantirna was a more hardly fought battle. Once again we won 1-0, another goal to Natalie.

Our third match against Vermont was even more of a battle. It had been a long day, with lots of waiting and the girls were tired. No team could seem to score a goal. After much nail biting we caught a break. Vermont scored an own goal giving us the 1-0 victory we needed to easily secure ourselves a place in the final.

The Final

East Doncaster had managed to just win their pool and were very high spirited when they hit the field. We had been watching their match waiting to see who we would face. All the girls were excited but nervous. Mel, one of the student coaches, and myself had to turn away from the game many times as the game continued with no score. Luckily in the second half Jayme Merrill came through to score us the goal that took us to another 1-0 victory and onto the state round robin.

For a team that started with some experienced team members and other members who had never played competitively it was a great day. It was fantastic how well the girls worked as team constantly encouraging and communicating with each other. At the end of the day Laurina Collyer was awarded a small team prize for her amazing improvement and constant effort on the day.

Many thanks have to be given to Erick and Mel for their excellent commitment to the team, constant enthusiasm and amazing leadership. Alex and Jayme J also have to be praised for great team leadership, taking on the extra responsibilities given to them with great gusto.

Team

Student Coaches	Erick Bakhaazi Melanie Murray
Co Captains	Alex Knock* Jayme James
Samantha Noonan	Jayne Merrill*
Stephanie Gardner	Mackenzie Curtis
Sarah Vong*	Laurina Collyer
Michelle Wong	Natalie Semercioglu*
Veronica Topcu	Lucy Palmer
Drew Valiotis*	Lauren Crupi*
Souad Janzerlie	
Natalie Elias (absent from zone)	

* denote goals scored during one of the two round robins.

Sophie McCluskey, Team Manager

Community Corner

Parents put their Neighbourhood to the Activity Test!

Physical activity is important in the school environment, including PE classes, play time activities and extracurricular sports. But what physical activity options exist for children when they leave the school gates? How activity friendly is your local community.

In July, advocacy group The Parents Jury launched its online Activity Friendly Communities campaign at www.parentsjury.org.au. The campaign encourages parents to take a look at their local neighbourhood and become advocates for improved physical activity environments on behalf of their children.

To get involved with The Parents Jury's Activity Friendly Communities campaign, visit www.parentsjury.org.au or email The Parents Jury at enquiries@parentsjury.org.au.

Indoor Soccer

Registration is now being taken for team or individual in the following categories U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16. New season starting at Oakleigh, Ashburton, Hawthorn and Knox. Registration forms and information can be obtained by contacting Sally on 0409 764 165 or sally@vikingsfutsal.com.

Student Exchange Australia

This organisation is a not-for-profit and is registered with all state and territory departments of education. They will be presenting a free information evening at the Radisson On Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William Street, Melbourne on Thursday 14 August at 7.30pm. For more information 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au.

Canteen News

Mon: M Yegorian, J Hadaway
Tues: J Hovenden
Wed: J Lindrea, A Pygall, L Mossenton (L)
Thur: L Airey, J Stebbing, H Fox-Harrison
Fri: M Tyler, M Williams (L)

Thanks everyone

Shirley & Carol
