



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

This is a significant time of the year for extracurricular activities on the school calendar.

Last Friday, we welcomed 20 students and 3 teachers from our Japanese sister school, Ono Senior High School. Mr Yuji Minamitani, Vice-Principal, Mr Atsushi Kimura, Year 11 Coordinator and Ms Keiko Ashada have accompanied 18 girls and 2 boys from the Japanese equivalent of our Year 10 and Year 11. This year's visit marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our exchange program and the sixth time Ono SHS have come to Brentwood. The welcome ceremony was presided over by Ursula Fisher with assistance from our Japanese teachers Lakshmi Weeraratne, Zoe Saliba, Angela Cody and Tracey Campion.

One of the key elements to our exchange program is the hospitality offered by host families who take in a student from our sister school. Both the host family and the host student gain from the experience and the program would not be as successful without the parents who volunteer their hospitality and I sincerely thank them for their contribution.

On Wednesday night this week, we were treated to a wonderful night of entertainment at the Brentwood Music Gala Concert, with instrumental music students from beginners through to accomplished, performing in concert. The hard work and hours of practice put in by the instrumental music students shone through with some memorable performances. It is not an easy task to take on the learning involved in studying instrumental music and then to put your individual learning on show in front of an audience. On behalf the school community, I would like to congratulate all of the instrumental music students for their courage and determination in developing their gift. The concert was hosted by students, Anthony Yap and Jane Hart whose mellifluous meanderings introduced the music and musicians while entertaining the

audience. The concert was organized by our new Director of Music, Cathie Presa. I would like to thank Cathie and all of the other instrumental music teachers who have been teaching the students in this and previous years – Jon Wanner (Woodwind), Sue Cook (Brass), Barbara Pitts (Voice) who, in addition to Ms Presa (Strings), all conducted ensembles during the evening and also to Jim Nash (Drums) and Tony Burcel (Guitar) and classroom music teachers Susanne Morris and Ann-Marie Boyle. An ensemble of teaching staff ended the evening dedicating their well received performance to all of the instrumental music students at Brentwood.

Next week you have the opportunity to see Brentwood students performing in this year's production "The Wiz" and I encourage you come and see the culmination of six months dedication by a large number of students and teachers to make this wonderful production happen.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to take a look through your child's planner to see the work they have been undertaking and the work to come. I also encourage you to read through the pages at the front of the planner and think about how you can work with us to ensure students make their best effort to abide by the rules and guidelines under which we operate.

*David Shelton, Assistant Principal*

### VALE

Ross Knight  
Principal  
Brentwood Secondary College  
1970 – 1974

Passed away on 31 July 2008

Condolences have been extended to his family from the Brentwood community.

## Dates and Deadlines

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 ‘The Wiz’ 7.30pm
14 Aug	District sport year 9 & 10 School Production ‘The Wiz’ 7.30pm
15 Aug	Year 12 2009 subject preferences School Production ‘The Wiz’ 10.30am & 7.30pm
16 Aug	School Production ‘The Wiz’ 7.30pm
19 Aug	Year 10 Author Visit
20 Aug	English SAC Periods 3 & 4 Year 12 Parent Meeting – VTAC 7.00pm
22 Aug	District Sport – Year 8
25 Aug	School Council 7.00pm
26 Aug	Year 11 Seminar Periods 2 & 3
2 Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews – No formal classes
3 Sept	Tuesday’ Timetable Year 11 Seminar Periods 3 & 4
4 Sept	District Athletics
9 Sept	District Sport – Year 7
12 Sept	VTAC Choices Due
19 Sept	Schools Ends 2.30pm

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## Year 11 Legal Studies VCAT/ Supreme Court Excursion Report

Last Friday 1 August, the year 11 legal studies class visited the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in Melbourne. The purpose of this excursion was for the students to compare the differences between alternative dispute resolution methods (ADR) to formal court processes. This directly reinforces content covered in the Unit 2 course and relates directly to a SAC we are about to complete in class.

Firstly we went to the Supreme Court. Before we went into court, the students got to experience first-hand a mock jury empanelling exercise. Our “jury” had to decide whether or not our “accused” was guilty of murder!!! (For the record, they did!).

We then went into court, and our court’s Tipstaff gave us some background knowledge into the case. We saw the Defence question a witness in the witness box whilst we were there. Some students’ commented it really helped them “get” how the court process works, and reinforced

material we studied in Unit 1. We then got the opportunity to see the Supreme Court library and personally, having taken many groups of students to the Supreme Court, I can attest that this does NOT happen every year! This library houses up to 22,000 Precedents and shows the rare transcript of the Ned Kelly case; which is something that the students’ found fascinating.

After lunch the students got to “sit in” on “real-life” VCAT cases, we had the opportunity to hear all about the VCAT process by one of the Registrars at VCAT. Then we headed up to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and heard VCAT cases, many “Planning and Development” type cases, cases where interpreters were involved, and “Residential Tenancy” cases. Many students commented how vastly different VCAT was to the Supreme Court; how the adjudication process was less formal, less costly, and how the disputes were “handled” so differently, but so effectively, at VCAT.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Wood for accompanying us on the excursion and to thank the year 11 legal studies students for their participation on the day. The students’ behaviour was exemplary, their insights were invaluable, and overall, it was a great day out!

*Jessica Oliver, Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher*

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## Tickets Selling Fast

This year’s school Musical “The Wiz”, a funky 70’s version of the classic The Wizard of Oz, is set to be a fantastic show for the entire family.

Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow and the Lion are all here, making their way to see the Wiz to get what they are all longing for. Tickets are selling fast and we strongly advise that you secure your seats as soon as possible. Programs will be available on the night for \$3 and there will be a canteen open during interval.

We hope to see you at the show and thank you for continuing to support performing arts at Brentwood.

*The Wiz – Production Team*

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## Middle School News

Many students have used the new kitchen available for heating up their lunch and cooking their noddles. The year 9 executive has done an excellent job supervising its use in the first two weeks.

Year 10 – 11 VCE Course Counselling took place two weeks ago and final subjects were due in

today. Any student who has not submitted their year 11 choices must see the Pathways Coordinator Mrs Stanley ASAP.

Students and parents are invited to an Information Evening – Alternatives to VCE. To be held Wednesday 13 March 6.30 -7.30pm in C3 & 4. Please RSVP to the Middle School Coordinators by filling out the form below if you will be attending.

*Monique Le Grove, Head of Middle School*

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**Return to Miss Le Grove, Head of Middle School**

### VCE Alternative Pathways Evening

I/We will be attending

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HG: \_\_\_\_\_

### Career Positions

#### Automotive Apprenticeship

Attention students who are interested in starting a Technical Apprenticeship.

1. The Service Manager of Garry Rogers Waverley Nissan, would like to invite you to apply for the position of Automotive Technical Apprentice.
2. Alternatively if you are interested in Work Experience they are more than happy to assist.

The dealership is located on the corner of Waverley and Springvale Roads in Glen Waverley, their trading hours are from 7.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays.

#### Dental Assistant

Glenvale Dental Group is looking for expressions of interest from potential school leavers.

See Mrs Stanley in Careers if interested in either position.

*Margaret Stanley, Careers Pathways Managers*

### Canteen News

Mon: V Sullivan, L Shaw  
Tues: S Barber  
Wed: C Huebner

Thur: S Remington, I Wilmott  
Fri: S Watts, J Knight, M Cheng

Thanks everyone

*Shirley & Carol*

### Community Corner

#### Host Families and Exchange Students

Girls and boys aged 15-18 are hoping to be placed with a voluntary host family. If you would like to host someone from Belgium, Brazil, France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway or Sweden for a half, one or two semesters, please ring Klaus Schumann on 9758 4279 for more information. The student you choose would share your lifestyle, becoming a member of your family as much as possible.

#### Mount Waverley Cricket Club

Registration night for U15 & U17 players is to be held on Monday 1 September from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at the Clubrooms in Charles Street, Mount Waverley (Melways 61 F12). All new players are requested to bring a photocopy of their birth certificate for proof of age. Further information call Michael O'Donnell on 9614 1944 (work) or 9802 1459 (home) or Jeff Ramanayake on 0407 940 807.

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