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Principal's Report

National Sorry Day 13 February 2008

It is important that we acknowledge Our National Apology to members of the stolen generations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, put this apology as a motion to parliament on Wednesday 13 February in what has been described as "an historic gesture of reconciliation." (The Age, 13/02/08)

As a school community it is fitting that we formally honour the significance of this historic event. We will do so later in the term at scheduled assemblies.

School Council Elections 2008

Elections for the Brentwood Secondary College School Council take place annually. The School Council meets once per month and Council Sub-committees also meet once per month. The meetings are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. All members of School Council belong to at least one of the School Council Sub-committees: Education or Resources.

The composition of Brentwood's School Council is as follows:

- six parent members
- principal, executive officer
- four DEECD employee members
- four co-opted members

School Councillors are elected for two-year terms. Each year one half of the membership terms expire. Thus there are three parent and two DEECD employee

positions to be filled. School Council has the authority to co-opt up to four other members for one year at a time. Council's past practice has been to invite two students from the Student Representative Council to attend as co-opted members. These two students are elected by the SRC at their first meeting for the year. The other two co-opted members are determined at the first meeting of the new Council in March.

The following documents are included in this Newsletter:

- Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
- School Council Elections 2008, a DEECD parent information sheet
- Parent member nomination form
- DEECD employee nomination form.

The election timeline is as follows:

- Notice of election and call for nominations – 18 February
- Closing date of nominations – 25 February
- List of candidates displayed – 20 February
- Ballot papers prepared and distributed – 3 March
- Close of ballot – 10 March
- Vote count – 11 March
- Declaration of ballot – 12 March

If you have any questions about nominations or the role and responsibilities of Council please ring or email.

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Dates and Deadlines

18 Feb	School Council 7.00pm
19 Feb	School Photo Day VCE Parent Information Night 7.00pm
21 Feb	Year 7 House Activities/BBQ Year 8 Parent Information Night 7.00pm
25 Feb	Year 7 Camp 1 begins, 7A,B,C,D&E Monday – Wednesday
27 Feb	Year 7 Camp 2 begins, 7F,G,H,I&J Wednesday – Friday
28 Feb	District Swimming
29 Feb	Senior Sport Round Robin
4 Mar	Year 8 Author Visit
5 Mar	District Sport – Year 8
6 Mar	Golf – Year 10-12
10 Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
11 Mar	Athletics Sports
12 Mar	English Test SAC 9.00am – 12.00noon
17 Mar	District Sport – Year 9-10 School Council Annual Reporting Meeting 7.00pm
21 Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday School Holidays Commence
7 April	Term 2 begins

Photo day is Tuesday 19 February when all class, portrait and team photos will be taken on the same day. Every student in the school will have their photo taken both in Home Groups and individually, whether or not their families wish to purchase the photos. It is very important that students are not absent on this day. At Brentwood we are proud of the way that our students abide by the uniform code and present themselves at school every day. The school photos are a permanent record of our student enrolment and we want students to look their best on the day.

ID Cards: The portrait photos are used to make students' ID cards and all students who have their photo taken are supplied with an ID card. The details on the ID card are supplied directly to the photo company from our enrolment data as completed by parents. There will not be another opportunity to have an ID photo taken until the photo company returns to our campus in July.

Dress Code: Students are asked to wear complete summer uniform on this day and to ensure that they each present themselves in a neat and tidy fashion. They are asked to please bring their school jumper and make certain that white shirts and dresses have all buttons sewn on. Hairstyles are to comply with the uniform code and boys are to be clean shaven. Students who do not dress properly will not be included in the photo shoot and therefore will not have an ID card for first semester.

Extra Sets Of Photos: If a non-custodial parent or grandparents would like a set of photos, there are two ways to organize this: a) the family can order and pay for two sets of photos on the order form or b) a non-custodial parent can phone or e-mail the school office and the school will make arrangements with Aussie School Photos for the parent to complete the order on-line.

No Order Form: Students who are unable to place an order on photo day will be sent a "PROOF" photo together with a second chance order form, when the main photo delivery is sent to the school. You will then be able to place a late order via Aussie School Photos website. Second chance orders will incur an additional cost.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

School Photos

Photo Schedule		
Period	Year	Team
HG & 1	9	School choir Senior concert band & Junior concert band Senior string ensemble & Junior string ensemble
2	8	Year 12 Executive Yr 12 College Captains & Vice Captains Yr 11 College Captains & Vice Captains Sport Captains – Junior/Middle/Senior SRC
RECESS		
3	10	Year 12 group photo
4	12 portraits	Year 10 Peer Support group photo
LUNCH		
HG & 5	7	
6	11	
AFTER SCHOOL		Staff Photo

Springvale Road Safety

Members of the local community have informed the school that Brentwood students are crossing Springvale Road in the morning and not using the pedestrian lights. This is an extremely dangerous practice.

Could all parents/guardians discuss this serious safety issue with those children who this concerns.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

From the Year Level Coordinators

All Year Level Coordinators have a teaching load and therefore are unable to see parents who arrive unannounced.

The school requests that all parents who wish to meet with a YLC need to make an appointment.

Parents visiting the school need to report to the General Office and let the office staff know who they wish to see.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal
On behalf of Sub Schools*

Education Maintenance Allowance

Holders of Centrelink pension/healthcare cards valid on 29 January 2008 may apply for EMA. EMA applications must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2008. Application forms are available from the school office. Please note late applications cannot be processed.

Claire Hutchinson, Accounts

Swimming Carnival

Wheeler Wins Again!

Congratulations Wheeler house on winning back to back swimming carnivals! With a cold and fresh start to the morning, the sun finally came out to reward those swimmers who attended the swimming sports. Again the day was filled with the formal races and novelty events that provided an opportunity for all students to get into the pool. This year 4 records were broken, and I noted that whilst putting together Brentwood's swimming team that we will have a strong team to compete at the Interschool District Competition on February 28. Can we retain the Junior Shield in 2008 or win another one or two District Shields?

Final Results

1 st Wheeler	750 points
2 nd Reardon	576 points
3 rd Macpherson	564 points
4 th Armstrong	378 points

New Records

U/14	50m Freestyle	Samuel Kim
	31.88 (2006 Nicholas Verity)	
U/14	50m Butterfly	Samuel Kim
	45.29 (2002 Jason Stoop)	

U/17 50m Backstroke Rebecca Corbett
42.62 (2007 Kristen Moore)

U/13 50m Freestyle Relay Armstrong
2:59.63 (2003 Reardon)

We also have a number of swimmers that have excelled and have been awarded **Age Champion** in 2008 for the carnival. These swimmers earned the most house points available in the individual events. Congratulations to:

U/13 Esta Kocsis & Joshua Hicks

U/14 Natalie Wilkinson & Samuel Kim

U/15 Geogia Corbett & Michael Ilett

U/16 Danielle Baldwin & Henry Chhen

U/17 Rebecca Corbett & Daniel Riddiford-Lajoi

U/21 Kristen Moore & Daniel Roper

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sport Captains

I would like to introduce the 2008 Sport Captains. I am looking forward to their enthusiasm and their commitment to improving sport at Brentwood over this year.

Senior Captains

Carlee Mückner Nick Ahearn

Middle Captains

Chris Renwick Clare Tomlin

Junior Captains

Callan Burns Cassie Rowe

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Community Corner

East Malvern Junior Footy Club

Are you looking to play girls footy and be part of an established and growing "18 or Under" girls footy team in 2008. Training: Friday afternoons, East Malvern Football Club. Match Day: Saturday mornings, Casey Fields, Cranbourne. **Registration Day:** 11:00am – 2:00pm, Sunday 17 February 2008 at EMJFC Club Rooms – D.W. Lucas Oval, Moira St, East Malvern (Mel Ref: 60 A11). Contact: Nick Callil – Coach 0407 662 464 or Brian Eva – Coach 0412 465 315

Monash Volunteer Resource Centre Inc

Do you have some spare time? Monash Volunteer Resource Centre has vacancies in the Monash community. Meet new people, try something new and learn new skills. Training and workshops are available. For information and further enquiries please contact Gloria Mahoney on 9562 0414.

All Star Self Defence Centres

Karate, Kickboxing, Self Defence Courses, Bot Camps, Pad Works and Kids Karate Party's. 3 centres Glen Waverley, Clayton and Oakleigh. For more information ring 9579 0800, e-mail: info@allstars.net.au.

Clayton Community Festival 2008

Sunday 24 February, Clayton Road from 12.00 noon to 6.00pm (Mel Ref: 79C3). Free family fun. For more information ring 9518 3636 or visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/macd.

Canteen News

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Crieghton
Tues: M Levey, J Hovenden
Wed: C Brown
Thur: C Ryhanen, C Kirwan
Fri: R Attwood

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

School council elections 2008

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be parent members at their child's school.
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement term¹ each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DEECD employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Brentwood Secondary College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 25 February 2008.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 10 March 2008 should an election be required.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2008 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2010.	3
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2007 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2010.	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

..... Principal

Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Brentwood Secondary College school council.

Name.....

Residential address

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Home phone:

Business phone:

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Brentwood Secondary College school council.

Name:

Residential address:.....

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Home phone:

Business phone:.....

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

Candidate to complete

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the abovenamed school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate:

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Self-Nomination Form for DEECD Employee Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a DEECD employee representative on the Brentwood Secondary College school council.

Name:.....

Residential address:

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Home phone:

Business phone:

Email:.....

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a DEECD employee member of the abovenamed school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate:

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Nomination Form for DEECD Employee Member Category

I wish to nominate..... for an elected position as a DEECD employee representative on the Brentwood Secondary College school council.

Name:.....

Residential address:

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Home phone:.....

Business phone:.....

Email:.....

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
Yes / No (please circle)

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Yes / No (please circle)

Signature of Nominator:.....

Date:.....

Candidate to complete

I am prepared to serve as a DEECD employee member of the abovenamed school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate:.....

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.