



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August I attended the annual meeting of all Victorian government school principals at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The Big Day Out, as this meeting has become known, is hosted by the Deputy Secretary, Office for Government School Education, Darrell Fraser and the Secretary of the Department, Professor Peter Dawkins. The theme for this year's meeting was 'Opening the Classroom Door'. The Minister for Education, Bronwyn Pike, was in attendance for the entire day and the Premier John Brumby arrived at the end of the day to announce plans for a Victorian Institute of Educational Leadership. The Institute will open in 2010 and will be developed on a Department site in North Melbourne. Guest presenters on the day included Professor Geoff Masters from the Australian Council of Educational Research and Professor Richard Elmore from Harvard University in Boston, USA.

For the past three years Professor Elmore has presented at the Big Day Out. During his time in Victoria he has visited many classrooms across the state and has engaged with teachers and principals. In August last year he wrote a paper focusing on the Victorian improvement agenda from an international perspective. These reflections provide an overwhelming endorsement of the improvement strategies being implemented across the Victorian government school system. The following quotations from his paper are quite instructive given that this is Brentwood's School Review year.

"The Victorian strategic model is distinctive in several respects. First, its central focus is the creation of *human capital*. The central message is simple: schools improve by investing thoughtfully and coherently in the knowledge and skill

of educators. Everything else is instrumental to this purpose."

"What is impressive about the Victorian system is its emphasis on using school performance data, and data on teacher, student, and parent attitudes toward their schools, as the basis for human investment decisions, rather than primarily as the basis for administering rewards and sanctions. Throughout the system, in my experience, people talk about the data as a means for focusing attention on improvement, rather than as mark of *status* and a trigger for *sanctions*."

At Brentwood we value the data that we collect from students, staff and parents. This data is collated by the Department of Education and the format allows us to compare Brentwood against other secondary schools. This feedback informs our strategic planning and professional learning. The annual Parent Opinion Survey will be posted to a randomly selected group of Brentwood families next week. If you receive a survey please complete it and return in the envelope provided. Your opinions are greatly valued.

Reference:

Elmore, R. (2007) *Educational Improvement in Victoria*, Department of Education, Victoria.

**Vicki Forbes, Principal**

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 2 September. There are no formal classes on this day as students are expected to attend these interviews with their parents.

## Dates and Deadlines

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	School finishes at 2.30pm

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## VTAC Parent Information Session

Margaret Stanley and Jess Oliver will be running a parent information session on Wednesday 20 August at 7:00pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

The session will cover the process involved for students in terms of how to read the VTAC guide and how to apply online for TAFE and University courses for 2009. Any questions you may have about the process will be answered on the night.

Please ask your son or daughter to let the Senior School team know how many people will be attending the night.

*Fiona O'Connor, Year 12 Co-ordinator*

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## TLC News

At the year level assembly on Wednesday we recognised the outstanding efforts by year 7 students in TLC. The students produced many fantastic Egyptian artefacts for our Antiquities Roadshow. High levels of creativity, research and planning were evident in many of the artefacts on display.

We congratulate all students on their efforts and our task of judging was very difficult because there were so many outstanding entries. The Principal, Ms Forbes, awarded prizes to the following students.

First Prize: Campbell Peddle, Funerary boat  
Principal's award: Samantha Noonan, set of scrolls  
Coordinators award: Abigail Noonan, papyrus boat  
TLC award: Jayme James, mini museum  
Art award: Avalon Lamour Boyle, tomb painting

Humanities award: Karan Aggarawal, Egyptian diorama

Most authentic award: Rebecca Wines, model of a granary

Most original: Sonia Ramza, chariot sculpture (atmospherically controlled!)

Most popular: Ashan Weerasena, inside the Great Pyramid

Congratulations to our award winners as well as to all students who received certificates of merit (distributed in class).

*Jo Marveggio, Head of TLC*

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## Music Madness

On Friday 25 July, Brentwood Secondary College held the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Music Madness. The day was a great achievement and the organization by the SRC was brilliant, one of the smoothest running events ever.

On the day the thirteen acts played in both a junior school and a senior school performance. All acts put on an amazing show with all performances delighting the audience. The judges were impressed by the amount of talent and the time that had gone into preparing for the huge event.

All of the acts were spectacular but of course, we can only have so many winners. For the soloist/duet category, first place went to Jason Bujaki who performed yet another flawless rendition of the song 'When it Rains'. Second place went to the duet of Chantelle Sanford and Iain Johnson with a stirring performance of 'Zombie' by the Cranberries.

In the band category, first place was awarded to Caution Wet Paint singing Pretty Fly, originally by Offspring, it was entertaining and the audience was quite engaged by the witty content. E.L.O.P.E. was given second place, the talent of the band impressed the judges and audience with the Green Day song 'Holiday'.

We would like to recognize and express a huge 'Thank you' for the generous support of all the sponsors of prizes:

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Your generosity was much appreciated.

Also the SRC would like to thank all the people who helped out with the organization leading up to the special day: Carlee Mückner who has been leading the Music Madness team for a few years now and has guided and taught the next leaders of Music Madness, Kristen Moore and Jane Hart who have also devoted a lot of time over the last few years. Thank you to the Music Madness team, Joshua Sheppard, Dharshi Hasthanayake and Shatha Sukkar. Another special thank you to the sound and lighting crew led by Fiona Jong who did a spectacular job on the day and leading up to the day. Lastly thanks to hosts Simon Genitsaris, Darren Catmull and Jane Hart who have raised the bar for the hosts in many years to come.

### *SRC Music Madness Team 2008*

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## **World Challenge Brentwood Team**

### **Shopping Tour, Saturday 11 October 2008**

Cost \$46 includes all day shopping, restaurant lunch, bottomless champagne (\$36 if more than 35 attend). Proceeds are to help volunteer work to be done by Brentwood Secondary students whilst in Borneo with World Challenge. Pick up and drop off at school on the day.

Deposit \$10 by 21 August.

Enquiries contact Amanda or Wendy Couper on 9755 7059.

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## **Sports Round-Up**

### **Year 7 Girls Netball**

On Wednesday 6 August the following year 7 girls competed at the Eastern Zone Championships which was located at the Waverley Netball Centre.

#### **Team**

Bethany Bult	Eliza Hansen
Madeline Truman	Jayde Viccars
Stephanie Missos	Cassie Ferguson
Stephanie Mann	Karly Lloyd-Smith
Bhawanni Kirkland	

The girls played a fantastic first round winning against Camberwell 11-10. Round 2 saw a draw with Wantirna enabling the girls to play in the semi-finals against Ringwood. Unfortunately, Ringwood were just too good on the day.

Congratulations to all of the girls in making it this far and a big thank-you to our four coaches who have given up their lunchtimes to coach both the A and B netball teams.

#### **Coaches**

Bianca Dinarda	Georgia Taylor
Georgia Corbett	Danielle Colsomi

Also thanks to Jessie Hare and Taylah Bennett who were a terrific help coaching team B on the day.



*Anna Crow, Manager*

### **Year 8 Girls Soccer**

On Tuesday 12 August the year 8 girls soccer team went to the Eastern Zone competition in Darebin. First of all, I would like to congratulate the girls for making it to 'Zone' again this year.

There were 8 District Champions competing for one State Final place at the beautiful Football Federation Victoria pitches. All teams were very strong and the Brentwood girls were challenged by their opponents.

Our first game against Kew was a draw 0:0 and this was probably a fair result. In the next game the girls played against Fairhills and Brentwood was controlling the game and pressuring the girls from the Knox district. Despite several chances to score, the Brentwood girls did not win this game. This was another draw 0:0. This meant we had to win our last game against Lyndale.

The girls from the Dandenong Ranges had, however, won against Kew scoring four goals! Unfortunately, they beat us 1:0 although the game was quite even; one team not wanting to give the other the advantage.

All in all the Brentwood girls made a very good effort on the day. Well done!

#### **Team:**

Jessica Amend	Chloe Nanscawen
Nicole Balodimos	Mary Papastergiou
Sarah Bigg	Jessica Powers
Kristy Bourdakos	Cassie Rowe
Leila Durrant	Nicole Stavridis
Liza Karabult	Sophie Tarabolsi

Tessa Leigh-Lancaster    Elle Tiganis  
Jan Mustac                    Jovana Vukanovic

**Student coaches:**

Vicky Chhen                    Georgia Delithodoris  
Jessica Simpson

*Tina Exton, Manager*

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## Community Corner

### Sponsors

Brentwood Secondary College are proudly supported by Boardworkx for your entire street, skate and surf wear needs. (Lower floor Brandon Park).

### For Parents Of A Teenager: Moody Teenagers – When Should You Worry?

Friday 12 September 7.15pm -9.15pm meeting rooms 1 & 2, Glen Waverley Anglican Church, 800 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley. Supper provided. Entry gold coin donation. Phone Glenda 0412401715 or RSVP online [www.gwac.org.au](http://www.gwac.org.au),

email:parentszone@gwac.org.au

All Welcome. (This seminar is held concurrently with a professionally run Christian youth program for year 6 to year 12 students – newcomers welcome.) Enquiries Gary McClellan [g.mcclellan@gwac.org.au](mailto:g.mcclellan@gwac.org.au)).

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## Canteen News

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith-Borsboom,  
V Mason  
Tues: M Levey, N Parनाविताना  
Wed: C Brown, L Howard  
Thur: C Williamson, C Kirwan, C Ryhanen  
Fri: C Defry, R Attwood

Thanks everyone

*Shirley & Carol*

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