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Principal's Report

As you read in last week's newsletter schools within the Victorian state education system are required to collect data on many aspects of school life. Student achievement within VELs, the AIM (now NAPLAN) and VCE is reported upon in the annual School Level Report. The Attitude to School survey of students provides data on students' wellbeing and their disposition regarding their learning. The Parent Opinion Survey gives a snapshot of a randomly selected group of parents' view of the education that the school provides for their child. The Staff Opinion Survey provides a perspective on the school as a workplace for teachers and non-teaching personnel. This data is used to inform the school about its areas of strength, to focus attention on ways that the school can improve and allows Brentwood to compare itself against other schools.

Currently the college is preparing for a Negotiated Review. There are three levels of school reviews in Victorian state schools and the Negotiated Review is granted to schools that are recognised as performing at a very high level, i.e., the top 10% of schools. Brentwood achieved this recognition in 2004. The Negotiated Review precedes the development of the Strategic Plan that sets the direction of the college for the next four years. The School Self Evaluation (SSE) report is the first step in the review process. This document draws upon all of the data from the last four years (2004 – 2007) to evaluate the school improvement strategies articulated as goals and priorities in the last school Charter, against these three outcome areas:

- Student learning
- Student pathways and transitions
- Student engagement and wellbeing.

The SSE report has been presented to School Council and will also be discussed by the staff. This report forms the basis of the Terms of Reference for the Negotiated Review.

During the coming week the annual Parent Opinion Survey is being conducted. As you can see, the results of the surveys conducted each year are greatly valued. The feedback is used in the Annual Report to the school community and also informs the long term planning for the college. Families who receive a survey are asked to complete it within this coming week and return it to school in the postage paid envelope to arrive on or before **Friday 29th August 2008**. If surveys are returned after the due date we are unable to include them in the data that is forwarded to DEECD.

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 2 September from 12.00 – 5.00pm and 6.00 – 8.15pm. There are no formal classes on this day as students are expected to attend these interviews with their parents.

Dates and Deadlines

25 Aug	School Council 7.00pm
26 Aug	Year 11 Seminar Periods 2 & 3
29 Aug	Parent Opinion Survey Due
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

Open Day Reminders

- Sun 24 Aug: Deakin (Melbourne campus, Burwood)
Box Hill TAFE;
La Trobe (Albury-Wodonga)
- Sun 31 Aug Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat)
Ballarat Uni
La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)

Monash University

Parent Information Evening At Monash University – Parents of Year 11 and 12 students are invited to an Information Night which will consider your student's future study options, courses, scholarships and student services at Monash.

When: 7-8pm, Mon 25 August
Where: Caulfield Campus, Building H
Info: Call 9903 4758 or
Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au
Bookings: www.monash.edu.au/parents

Deakin University

Deakin University invites VCE students and their parents to attend the 2008 VCE Parents' Information Evening at Deakin University's Melbourne Campus at Burwood on Thursday 11 September 2008.

The event will commence at 6pm with a course information expo followed by a presentation at 7pm in the Rusden lecture theatre (lecture theatre 13). Our friendly staff will be available to answer your questions about courses and careers, student support services, applications and enrolment, scholarships and accommodation.

To register your interest in this event please call 03 9246 8055, visit www.deakin.edu.au or email future-students@deakin.edu.au.

Apprentice Panel-Beater

A leading transport repair company is looking to hire apprentices in the field of Panel Beating and Auto Body Builder/Welder.

If you have an interest in these fields and would like the opportunity of an apprenticeship, this company has vacancies, is located in the Mulgrave area and offers good conditions and a friendly team environment. On the job training and schooling will be provided.

Any interested students please contact David Dean or Angie Fonti on 8545 1000

Margaret Stanley, Careers Advisor

Community Corner

Piano Teacher Available

Vacancies are available for students wishing to learn piano from a university qualified teacher.

I cater for young beginners all the way to adults, and can prepare for exams or just learn for fun.

Lesson times are usually after-school, evenings or weekends and run for either 30 mins or 1 hour.

Please contact Kenny on 9560 0004 or 0414 577 244 Clayton Area

Waverley Little Athletics

Now accepting registrations:

When: Sun 14th Sept 10am-12 noon
Sat 20th Sept 10am-12 noon

Where: Central Reserve
Corner Springvale & Waverley Rds
Glen Waverley
Map 71B5 behind Grand Stand
More Info: www.waverleylittleaths.org or
justine1@waverleylittleaths.org

Canteen News

Mon: H. Paterson, G. Thompson, L. Creighton,
S. Williams
Tues: C. Ryhanen, M. Yegorian
Wed: S. Tighello, L. Bult, M. Hollingworth
Thur: C. Williams, C. Prosser
Fri: M. Hayes

Thanks everyone

Shirley & Carol
