



# Brentwood Secondary College

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Mrs Barbara Laidlaw  
Assistant Principals  
Mr Gordon Claney  
Mr Leon Lilly  
Mr David Shelton

### Principal's Report

#### The Principal Team

Last week Ms Vicki Forbes accepted a 12 month secondment to the Eastern Region as a Regional Network Leader. She wrote a letter to the parents and students of our school community to inform everyone of her decision. During this appointment Ms Forbes retains her permanent position as Principal of Brentwood Secondary College. She is widely recognised as one of the highest performing Principals in the Victorian Education system and this secondment gives Ms Forbes the opportunity to work with Principals in primary, secondary and special schools for the next 12 months. As Principal, Ms Forbes has modelled the importance of always striving to do your 'personal best' and the value in being a 'life-long learner'. As a school community, I'm sure you all join with the Principal Team and the staff in wishing Vicki every success in her new position.

The members of the Principal Team: Principal, Barbara Laidlaw; Assistant Principal: Gordon Claney (AP Finances/Facilities); Leon Lilly (AP Student Management and Wellbeing); David Shelton (AP Accountability, Curriculum & Professional Learning).

#### Class of 2008

The last day for year 12 was held on Wednesday of this week. The behaviour of the Class of 2008 was exemplary and they are to be congratulated on the happy and positive manner in which they held their farewell celebrations. They were excellent role models to the younger students while clearly having a lot of fun! Our year 12s can be proud of how they conducted themselves. They are a credit to their parents and showed honour to our school.

The celebrations at school were followed by the Valedictory Dinner at which staff and parents formally recognised the

achievements of our year 12 graduates. It was a lovely evening held in a festive atmosphere. Our thanks must go to the Senior School Team, particularly the year 12 YLCs Joel Batalha and Fiona O'Connor, for their organisation of every aspect of a very successful day and evening.

The Valedictory Dinner is one of the 'rites of passage' that we observe at Brentwood Secondary College. It formally marks the ending of our students' school life. The evening is both a celebration and a time of reflection. The students commenced with a moving musical tribute to Ben Raditsis and Jessica Jacobs and this was followed by a second musical performance later in the evening. For the students it is a time of remembering: friendships, camps, sports days, performances like the Rock Eisteddfod and the Musicals, and the relationships that they have had with their teachers.



School Captains Martiza & David with Mrs Laidlaw at the Valedictory dinner

For parents it is a time when they may be thinking about how quickly the years have passed since their child was in kinder, starting Prep and setting out for their first day at secondary school.

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Many of the staff at our college attended the Valedictory Dinner. They were there to acknowledge their students' efforts, to honour their journey through Brentwood and to wish them well in the future. It is one of the joys of teaching in a secondary school that we are able to see how in six short years the year 7s join our school community full of potential and grow into the young adults that we farewelled this week.

The year 12s are now on a study break preparing for the external VCAA exams which commence on 31 October. It is a time when they will be consolidating their learning and using the advice that their teachers have given them regarding practicing for the exam requirements in each subject. We all wish the Class of 2008 every success in the coming weeks and we look forward to celebrating their results with them on 17 December.

***Barbara Laidlaw, Principal***

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## Senior School

Ping Fang recently received a scholarship from the Mulgrave Country Club. Ping received his award from Paul Klisaris, Mayor of the City of Monash, at a function held at the Club last week. The year 11 coordinators nominated Ping for this award because of his dedication to his studies.



Mrs Erwich, Mr Klisaris, Ping and Mr Lilly

***Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School***

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## Middle School

It is a busy time in Middle School. A reminder about the following important dates and events:

Exams will be held for year 10 students from Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 November. Students will then return to normal classes Thursday and Friday to receive feedback on their exam performance.

Monday 24 to Friday 28 November is year 10 Work Experience. Forms are now due in (please see Mrs Stanley or Ms Oliver in Careers).

Invitations have now been mailed out for the year 10 annual Dinner Dance to be held on Wednesday 3 December. Payment is due on Friday 24 October.

At the end of the year, year 10 students are required to attend a 2009 course confirmation session Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 December and year 11 orientation classes will be on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 December.

A reminder to year 9 students that payments are still owing for the camp to Tasmania. Students are reminded to submit their medical forms to Mr Exton or Mrs Hender.

Year 9 and 10 students who are interested in attending TAFE in 2009 as part of their course at Brentwood should see Mrs Stanley or Ms Oliver in Careers to find out about the wide-range of courses available.

If any student is not returning in 2009 could you please notify your relevant coordinator as soon as possible.

Finally a big thank you to our school captain Maritza Constantinou for organising our guest speaker this term, Declan Fay. The afternoon was a great success and the students were both entertained and sent away with a positive message about taking advantage of all the opportunities that school has to offer.

***Middle School Team***



## Year 7 Window

Welcome to term 4.

While this signals the final stretch into the end of the school year, we must not underestimate how busy it will be.

We would encourage all year 7's to reflect upon and put into practice the valuable advice received from their teachers during the Parent Teacher Interviews that were conducted during term 3.

We must also remember the Brentwood "Personal Best" philosophy and ensure that this is reflected in all that we say and do in our day-to-day activities.

While next year still seems a fair way off, we are now in the process of preparing for 2009. Please advise us if you do not intend to have your child enrolled at Brentwood Secondary College in 2009, so that we can plan accordingly.

Last term, as you may recall, our two year 12 captains, David Bedgood and Mitzy Constantinou facilitated a Youth Development Program to help further develop the skills of our aspirant leaders in the Junior School.

We would like to congratulate David and Mitzy on a fantastic result. Both David and Mitzy spent several months organising this event, all while keeping up with the ongoing demands of their year 12 studies. With assistance from two of their fellow leaders, Kristen Moore and Scott Sittampalam, the afternoon proved to be an overwhelming success.

Presenting at this forum provided our year 12 captains with the opportunity to demonstrate their fine leadership and facilitation skills, which many students in the Junior School hope to mirror as they progress through BSC. We felt extremely proud watching our senior leaders pass on their valuable experience and expertise to our younger students.

Please take the time to read Jayde Viccars' and Anthony Verity's reflection on the afternoon.

**Judy Anderson, Assistant Head of Junior School**

On Wednesday, 12 October, our Brentwood School Captains conducted a Youth Leadership Program for all students who are in a leadership position from years 7 and 8. You could also nominate yourself to participate.

The program taught general leadership skills, public speaking, team building and trust in yourself and others. Our School Captains, Mitzi and David, along with Vice Captains Kristen and Scott, made the day enjoyable for everyone, as the activities that we had the chance to participate in were full of fun. If a student was lucky enough to answer a question correctly or put positive input into the conversation, they would get LOLLIES as a reward.

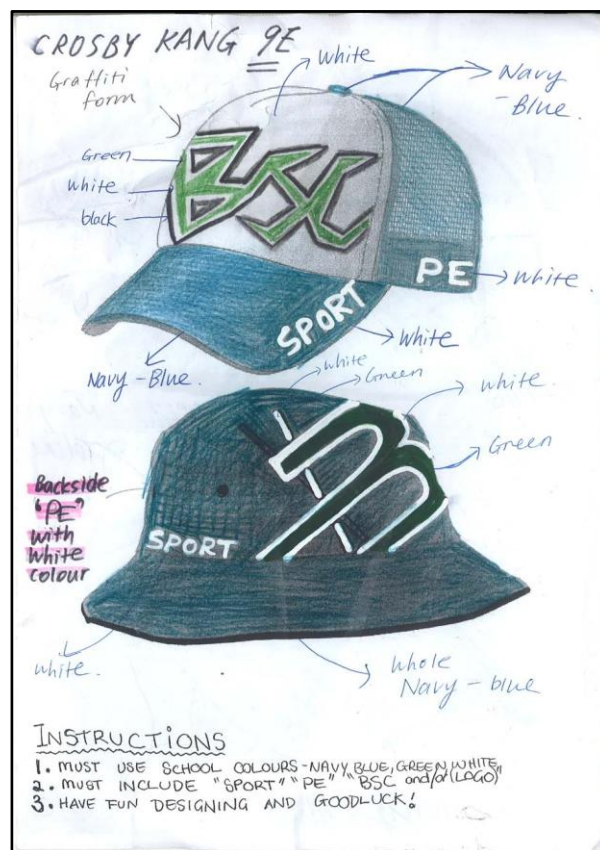
It was a very beneficial and entertaining afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. On behalf of the students who attended, we would like to thank Mitzi and David for their excellent preparation and hope that future School Captains

continue this program at Brentwood in the years to come.

**Jayde Viccars & Anthony Verity, Year 7 Captains**

## Sun Smart Competition

Congratulations to Crosby Kang of homegroup 9E who won the sun smart competition to design a logo for the Brentwood Sports hat. Crosby wins a \$20 JB HI FI voucher.



**Leigh Wright, Student Welfare Coordinator**

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### 1. Printing and Binding

VEGA Press  
274 Ferntree Gully Road  
Notting Hill 3168  
8542 1238

Check out the website [www.vega.com.au](http://www.vega.com.au)

This is a well established firm with over 100 employees. If interested send your resume to VEGA Press, marking it "Attention Robert Nugent".

### 2. Electrical Apprenticeship

GUNN Electricians  
48 Petronella Avenue  
Wheelers Hill 3150

Send your resume to the above address if interested.

### 3. Bernie Mack Motor Body Repairs

This company is looking for 2 Panel Beaters and one Mechanic.

Contact Details:

Trevor Jones  
67 Osborne Avenue  
Springvale  
9546 2411

For more information see Mrs Stanley or Mrs Oliver in the Careers Office.

*Margaret Stanley, Careers & Pathways Manager*

## Victorian School of Languages

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a government school. It is the largest and most diverse language provider in this state, teaching over 40 languages in more than 30 metropolitan and country locations.

In the Glen Waverley/Carwatha/Brentwood Centres, VSL provides excellent teaching. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 8.00 to 12.20 and some on Tuesdays from 4.00 to 6.30pm (Glen Waverley only).

If your child is studying one of the languages listed in their home school, he/she is not eligible to study that language at VSL.

Glen Waverley  
(Glen Waverley Secondary College, O'Sullivan Road, Glen Waverley)

Chinese	Yrs 7-12
Dari	Yrs 1-10 (Tuesday only)
French	Yrs 1-12
Greek	Yrs 1-12 (Saturday)
	Yrs 1-9 (Tuesday)
Hindi	Yrs 1-12 (Tuesday only)
Indonesian	Yrs 7-12
Japanese	Yrs 1-10 (Tuesday only)

Carthwa  
(Carthwa College, Browns Road, Noble Park North)

Arabic	Yrs 1-12
Bosnian	Yrs 1-12
French	Yrs 1-12
Greek	Yrs 1-12
Italian	Yrs 1-12
Sinhala	Yrs 1-12
Spanish	Yrs 1-12

Brentwood  
(Brentwood Secondary College, Watsons Road, Glen Waverley)

Chinese	Yrs 1-6
Japanese	Yrs 7-12
Sinhala	Yrs 1-12

Open Day Enrolment October 25, 2008 from 10.00am – 12.00 noon all centres. Classes start 7 February 2009.

To enquire about other languages and centres, telephone VSL on 9474 0500 or <http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au>.

## Canteen News

Mon:	H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton, S Williams
Tues:	M Yegorian
Wed:	R King
Thur:	R Attwood
Fri:	M Hayes

Thanks everyone

*Shirley & Carol*

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