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Principal's Report

This week was the chance for our new year 7s to experience life on camp as a secondary student. Two hundred and forty students travelled to Forest Edge Camp in Neerim East for 2½ days of activities and adventure. Along with the staff and students, 14 trained Peer Support students from year 10 accompanied the group in order to further enhance their pastoral role with the year level. Students had the opportunity to work in small groups and rotate through many activities during the week. On behalf of the college and the parents of our year 7s I would like to thank both Mrs Anderson and Mr Hunt for their organisation of such a successful event.

Last week saw the entire population of Brentwood's 1359 students and 136 staff go through the process of having both group and individual photos taken. This was a huge undertaking and all people concerned need to be congratulated for their cooperation on such a hectic day.

The school feels that it is extremely important that we increase the levels of security at the college. Staff at Brentwood Secondary College are now required to wear either an identification badge or a photo ID. We request that all visitors to the school report to the General Office, as visitors will also be required to wear identification.

Wednesday 13 February was our annual swimming carnival at Waverley Aquatic Centre. Although the weather was cool, all competitors deserve congratulations on their performances and their sportsmanship. The successful house was Wheeler. Well done! The year 12 students kicked off the day with a pyjama dress-up morning. Well done to the student leaders and the Senior School staff for the organisation of the pancakes that followed.

During the week I had the pleasure of presenting medals at the District Swimming Championships at Ringwood pool. I was immensely proud of all Brentwood students. All competitors participated to the best of their ability. The high levels of sportsmanship that was displayed was both a credit to the school and the individuals. Huge congratulations to all swimmers that participated in the meet, and on behalf of the swimming team I would like to thank Miss Nash for her organisation of both the school swimming sports and the district event.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

School Council Elections

The following nominations for School Council were received by the closing date:

DEECD Employee Category:

Joel Batalha
Leon Lilly

Parent Member Category:

Allison Chellew
Helen Fox-Harrison
Tom Schouten

As the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies I hereby declare the election and congratulate our newly elected Councillors.

Vicki Forbes, Principal

Dates and Deadlines

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
20 Mar	End of Term 1
21 Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday School Holidays Commence
7 April	Term 2 begins

Early Leaving from School, Sick Bay and Absences

If students need to LEAVE COLLEGE EARLY for any reason:

1. They need to bring a note from their parent/guardian.
2. Report to their Year Level Co-ordinator before school for an Early Leavers' Pass.
3. Report to the General Office with their pass
4. Sign the Early Leavers' Book.
5. VCE Students – report to VCE office before leaving early.

Please note that students will not be called out of class. Announcements will only be made at the start of recess and at specified times during lunch.

If students are ILL:

1. During recess or lunchtime report to the SICK BAY
2. During class time or between classes, report to their Class Teacher first then to SICK BAY.
3. We request students not call their parents to advise them they are sick and then stay in class. They must present themselves at the SICK BAY where the appropriate phone call will be made.

If students are ABSENT:

1. Ask your parents to phone the College between 8.30am and 9.00am
2. When they return to College, bring a note from their parent/guardian explaining their absence and hand this to their Home Group Teacher
3. VCE students – bring a note to their Year Level Coordinator

Office Staff

Author Visits For 2008

At Brentwood the Literature enrichment program includes celebrations in August for BOOKWEEK and an author presentation for year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

The first Author visit is Tuesday March 4, when Cath Crowley will be presenting two sessions to the year 8 students. All year 8 students will attend either Session One - Period 1 – Block EE doubles e.g. Art and Food Tech *OR* Session Two - Period 2 – Block E singles e.g. SOSE and IT.

Due to the Library still being closed the year 8 Author Presentation will be held in C Block.

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

Secondhand Booksale

Unsold second hand books can be collected from the general office on Tuesday 4 March.

Any books not collected after this date will be disposed of at the discretion of the school.

Jan Smith, Secondhand Book Coordinator

First Aid

Head Lice

There has been a case of head lice reported in the College this week. We are required to remind parents of their responsibility to regularly check their own children for infestation. If head lice are found parents should seek treatment and notify the school. Students with head lice should not return to school until treatment has commenced.

The Monash City Council Health Department (9518 3540) will provide appropriate lotions or you should consult your local chemist.

Kerie Small, First Aid Consultant

Year 8 News

Congratulations to the students below who have been elected to leadership positions for 2008 as Home Group Captains:

Emmeline Drummond – 8A	Aaron Quick – 8A
Kye Howell – 8B	Mark Schaefer – 8B
Bathusan Elango – 8C	Jess Powers – 8C
Sarah Bigg – 8D	Leila Durrant – 8D
Rainer Deitenbach – 8E	Isabelle Legg – 8E
Callum Pygall – 8F	Georgina Chiam – 8F
Johnathan Tay – 8G	Alysha Bond – 8G

Alison Knight – 8H
Sarah Delang – 8I
Nick Fabrici – 8J

Samuel Kim – 8H
Sophie Tarabolsi – 8I
Caitlin Cross – 8J

Elections for Sub School Captains will take place next week. Well done to our Year 8's who have adjusted quickly to the vertical middle school system. Balancing the organisational and time management demands of seven different subjects is a big challenge for our students.

Camp notices have been distributed with this newsletter for the Year 8 camp at beautiful Roses Gap in the Grampians. This is a great opportunity for your son/daughter to finish off their school year, learning new activities with their fellow students. A deposit needs to be paid to the Office by Friday 11 April to reserve a place.

*Tony Watts & Suzanne Plant, Year 8
Coordinators*

Sports Roundup

Brentwood Athletics Carnival

The Brentwood Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday March 11th at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbena. All students will be bussed to and from the track and are encouraged to wear house colours. If your child would like to be dismissed from the track they will need to complete a pink dismissal form available from Miss Nash or the main office.

Also if you (the parent) were planning on attending the carnival to cheer on your child, you will need to notify me (Miss Nash) by Wednesday the 14th of March, at the latest, to organise an entrance pass. On the carnival day you will need to produce the entrance pass to be allowed to enter the grounds – if you cannot produce it, you will not be allowed to enter.

It is also highly recommended that students be aware of the weather conditions on the day. The Duncan MacKinnon Reserve can be very windy and if it is hot students should remember to slip slop slap, and drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. The canteen will be open for those students wanting to purchase food, although there could be huge queues.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Senior Boys Cricket

The senior boys cricket side have been a part of the future of cricket. Thirty years ago, the traditional five day Test match was joined by the 50 over game as Kerry Packer took the sport to the masses. In recent times Twenty/20 has exploded onto the scene with cheerleaders and

loud music replacing the chants from Bay 13. Surely, the game cannot get any shorter?

We found out, to our detriment, that it can. Our first and ultimately last competitive match in our round robin was an 8-over a side match against Wellington. The team was confident and after some ill directed comments from the coach about retiring anybody who blocked more than two balls in a row, we batted first.

Three overs in, we had been reduced to 4-20, and only a fighting partnership between Tyler Harrison (33 retired) and Israel Carter saw us through to a competitive 4-64 off our allotted 8 overs. Despite the ground being ridiculously small and fast, our team were still supremely confident of recording a first-up victory. Wellington had different ideas and proceeded to play some highly attacking and at times unorthodox shots, running out comfortable winners and putting us out of the competition.

Our traditional rivals Glen Waverley had also been bundled out in the first round so we decided to play a more leisurely 20/20 to pass away the afternoon. Again batting first, the team scored a respectable 7-146 from our overs. Captain Nick Richards led from the front with 49 although he saved us the trouble of declaring on him before he reached 50 by getting himself out. Dave Mathers scored 23 before retiring, Andrew Michalowsky smashed a quickfire 22 and our other batsmen contributed evenly.

Despite our best efforts in the field we were unable to prevent Glen Waverley from cruising past our score. All our players had a bowl with seven of our players capturing a wicket; fielding highlights included Arooran's sensational runout and Jake Pappon's lack of running for anything from first slip.

Well done to the boys for retaining a good sense of humour despite the results!

Players on the day were:

Nick Richards (Captain)	Nuru Jammeh
Tyler Harrison	Jake Pappon
David Mathers	Paul Adams
Israel Carter	Andrew Michalowsky
Brenton Fowler	Phil Murray
Prakhar Gupta	
Arooran Jeyabalasingam	

Mark Oudshoorn, Coach

Staff Profile

<p>Mrs Margaret Stanley Careers, Pathways and MIPS Coordinator</p>
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What is my role?

- I provide career advice and guidance to assist young people to make the best possible choices and to manage their careers.
- I coordinate the VCE Course Selection Process in year 10 to ensure students keep options open for future careers.
- I then support VCE students throughout their two year program by a range of resources in the Careers room.
- I monitor all exit students over 15 years to ensure they stay in some form of education for training.

Useful Websites

- www.myfuture.edu.au
- www.jobjuice.gov.au
- <http://jobguide.dest.gov.au>
- www.dest.gov.au
- <http://jobsearch.gov.au>
- www.vcaa.vic.edu.au
- www.vtac.edu.au

2008 Time Line

Term 1 & 2

- Complete Year 12 MIP forms
- Complete any missing MIP forms for year 10 and 11
- Run "Coursescan" for any VCE students
- Produce a Careers Newsletter once per fortnight
- Provide advice on range of Pathways for 2009

Term 3

- Advise year 11 students on subject selection 2009
- Use Semester 1 results and June exam results to estimate an approximate ENTER
- Provide individual advice sessions for all year 12 students in the Careers room
- Run group sessions on the VTAC procedure for course selection for 2009
- Coordinate VTAC entry for 2009 course choices in computer rooms

Term 4

- Continue to provide course advice for all students (years 10-12) for 2009
 - Arrange VET and TAFE taster options for year 10, 11 and 12 students for 2009
 - Provide 'Change of Preference' advice for year 12 students once they have received their ENTER and VCE results
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Job Opportunity

A Motor Mechanic apprenticeship is available in the Spring Vale area for a school leaver.

Please contact Mrs Stanley if you wish for any further details

Mrs Stanley, Career Pathways Manager

Community Corner

East Malvern Junior Footy Club

Are you looking to play girls footy? Be part of an established and growing "18 or Under" girls footy team in season 08. Registrations are still being taken. For more information contact Nick Callil on 0407 662 464, or visit the website www.eastmalvernknights.com.au

Canteen News

Mon: I. Wilmott, M. Yegorian, J. Hadaway
Tues: J. Hovenden, L. Dai
Wed: J. Lindrea, A. Pygall, L. Mossenton (L)
Thur: L. Airey, J. Stebbing, H. Fox-Harrison, N. Rowe (L)
Fri: B. Seracino, N. Whitfield, M. Kocsis

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
