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Principal's Report

On the eve of International Women's Day it is perhaps timely to report on an event I attended on 19 February with two of our school captains, Mitzi Constantinou and Kristen Moore. We received an invitation from Maxine Morand, Minister for Women's Affairs and Member for Mount Waverley to attend the formal launch of the Centenary of the Victorian Women's Vote. It is only 100 years since women in this state first won the right to vote. Mitzi and Kristen have written a report which I comment to you all.

"We first began our afternoon by attending the celebrations in Federation Square, where there were women dressed in early 1900 clothing and music was provided by the Australian Girls Choir. The first presentation began with the grand entrance of the special guests and the unveiling of the re-created Monster Petition.

During the proceedings we learnt that the Victorian Constitution of 1855 did not give women the right to vote. Women first received the vote in Victoria by default in 1863. In a piece of faulty legislative drafting, the *Electoral Act* allowed all ratepayers listed on local municipal rolls to vote. Some of those women on the rolls used their votes in the General Election of 1864. However, in 1865, the Legislative Assembly changed the clause to restrict the vote for parliamentary elections strictly to male ratepayers. Between 1865 and 1908, women fought for the right to vote. During this time, parliamentarians were elected on the 'plural' vote, a practice whereby one person would vote multiple times, generally due to property ownership. How many votes a man had depended upon how much property he owned; a wealthy squatter could have up to a dozen votes. Along with women, others were also excluded from voting, including those of "unsound mind". Indigenous men were not specifically excluded, but Victorian legislation barred voting for people who received charitable relief, a term which was routinely applied to residents of Aboriginal reserves. In 1908, when Victorian women were enfranchised as a group, Aboriginal women were included. However, the vote continued to be denied to those in receipt of charitable

relief, which disadvantaged most Aboriginal women. A controversial issue for the women's suffrage movement was whether advocates should argue for the vote on the same conditions as men, or whether they should first seek abolition of the property vote. It took 19 bills, with the first one presented in 1889, until most women in Victoria finally won their right to vote on 18 November 1908 when the Adult Suffrage Bill was passed. Victoria was the last Australian state to enable non indigenous women to vote in state parliamentary elections.

In 1891, Premier James Munro said he would introduce a bill for women's suffrage if it were demonstrated that ordinary women wanted this right. The first suffrage bill was introduced in 1889 – the first time such a bill was introduced anywhere in the British Empire.

The Victorian Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Victorian Women's Suffrage Society took up the challenge, joining forces to organise a petition. Embarking on a door knocking campaign across Victoria, they collected almost 30,000 signatures in six weeks.

This monster petition has been re-created and will travel around Victoria until the end of November. It can be signed by any willing participant. The three of us were thrilled to have the opportunity to sign the petition.

Overall this was a great experience where we learnt about the suffrages, our history and how women got to where they are today.

We would like to thank Maxine Morand and Ms Forbes for inviting us to be part of this great experience."



**Kristen Moore, Maritza Constantinou,
School Captains, Vicki Forbes, Principal**

Dates and Deadlines

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 Meeting 7.00pm
20 Mar	End of Term 1
21 Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday School Holidays Commence
7 April	Term 2 begins

Invitation to Parents of VCE Students from the English Faculty

The study of English is compulsory for Victorian Secondary students from years 7 to 12. In VCE, students at Brentwood can undertake their English units in: English, English as a Second Language (conditions apply), Foundation English (Units 1 & 2 only), English Language and Literature. Most importantly an English sequence must be included in the calculation of an ENTER.

In order to assist parents support their children with their VCE English studies, we invite you to meet with English, ESL and Literature teachers for an informal afternoon on Wednesday 12 March in C3 and C4 at any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. If you have any questions about courses, texts, SACs, your child's progress and how you can help them achieve their personal best, please feel free to drop by at this time. Refreshments will be provided and siblings are welcome.

Fern Brisbane, Head of English

Parent Teacher Interviews

This week all students received information about our first round of parent teacher interviews. The day/night interviews will take place on Thursday 10 April (week 1 – term 2) with two sessions running:

Session 1:	12.00pm – 5.00pm
Session 2:	6.00pm – 8.30pm

There will be a tea break for staff from 2.45pm – 3.00pm.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make sure appointments are made with all teachers as feedback at this time of the year is invaluable.

Students should also be in attendance at these interviews.

Maps will be available on the night for parents to find teachers.

Interim Reports will be posted home during the last week of term. Parents are advised to bring this document with them to parent teacher evening.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal



Year 7 Window

Hello all. Phew! What a busy couple of weeks it has been for the year 7's!

Firstly, we would like to congratulate the following students for their successful appointments as homegroup captains for term 1:

7A	Sarah Zekrati	Elena Nikopoulos
7B	Corinne Sanders	Nathan Brereton
7C	Eliza Hansen	Matthew Morton
7D	Jayne James	Anthony Verity
7E	Blaze Yiap	Sze Kim Hiew
7F	Shevin Dissanayake	Brett Nagyclark
7G	Judith Ho	Jordan Lim
7H	Luke Wang	Neel Patel
7I	Sami Mourad	Nathan Fredericks
7J	Nicola Pouki	Athan Boutsinis

Secondly, the year 7's had a great time on the 21 February with the Year 7 Activities Afternoon. During the afternoon, students got to show their sporting prowess with King Dodge Ball, Endzone, Newcombe and their superior knowledge on the brain teasing quiz. Afterwards, students along with their families, teachers and fellow students, got to enjoy a delicious BBQ in the hayshed. A big thank-you to all staff and students who helped prepare such an enjoyable afternoon.

Finally, the year 7's have just returned from an exciting time at the Forest Edge camp in Neerim East. With so many year 7's the camp was split into two; 7A-7E went from Monday to Wednesday and 7F-7J from Wednesday to Friday. During the camp, students got to participate in bush walking, volleyball, archery, pastoral activities, a high course, mini-golf & trampolining, tubing down a river, rock climbing and flying fox. During each camp students participated in the Camp Idol.

Well done to all participants and a special congratulations to the winners listed below.

Camp 1 Idol winners

1st JJ and the dancing Ninjas
2nd Krista
3rd The BJ Rappers

Camp 2 Idol winners

1st A day in the life of a yo-yo man
2nd "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog"
3rd Peer Support Away.

As coordinators, we would like to sincerely thank each and every year 7 student for behaving so well and making the camp one of the most successful ever. We would also like to thank the Peer Support Leaders for all their efforts and support while on the camp. Last, but certainly not least, a huge thanks to all the wonderful staff who gave up their time to make the camp so successful!

Well done, and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Shane Hunt & Judy Anderson, Year 7 Coordinators

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Debating

This year Brentwood is expanding its extra-curricular debating program providing the opportunity for students from Middle and Senior School to take up the challenge of the DAV Schools' Competition.

Brentwood will be fielding four teams in the 2008 competition: in A Grade (year 12); C Grade (year 10); and two at D Grade (year 9). Students will be required to debate once a month, on a variety of pre-prepared and secret topics, ranging from "That the government should pay compensation to the stolen generations" (A Grade) to "That we should tax video games to fund programs that fight childhood obesity" (D Grade).

We wish all our debaters the best of luck in this intense competition.

A Grade

Taryn Mazzarella Amy Hutchison
Natalie Rameselaar

C Grade

Patrizio Briganti Jordan Lee-Fraser

Sebastian Purcell

Jessica Bond (alternate)

D Grade

Jessica Robinson Joshua Sheppard
Kevin Taing Jessica Blake
Sharon Tay Nicole Tay

Katharine Seyler, Debating Coordinator

2008 Maths Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on Thursday 31 July. Students entering this year's Mathematics competition must pay \$5.00 entry fee at the main office before the end of term one.

Students in the following maths groups are required to enter.

Ma201A Ma201D Ma201H
Ma203A Ma203G Ma405A
Ma405F

Denise Chinnock, Head of Mathematics

2008 Science Competition

The ICAS Science Competition is on again this year on Thursday 29 May. This is an international competition coordinated by the University of NSW and is open to all students of all abilities across years 7 – 12.

Why participate?

The competition gives students the opportunity to discover their science talent, encourages critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. All participants will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement, ranging from High Distinction to Participation as well as an individual report on their strengths and opportunities for improvement.

What does it involve?

The competition involves the students working through a paper which will have a total of 45 multiple-choice questions. Students will be given 60 minutes to complete the paper.

What do students need to prepare?

Previous-years competition papers will be made available for practice in the lead-up to the formal competition on 29 May.

The competition will take place in the school hall on the morning of 29 May and the cost of entry is \$7.00. Students wishing to enter must complete the entry form (available from the Science staff room) and return it to their science teacher and pay the entry fee of \$7.00 directly to the main office (receipts will be issued). All entries must be

received by **Monday 21 April** in order to meet registration deadlines.

Any questions regarding the competition should be directed to the students' science teacher or Gary Hayes, Science Coordinator.
(hay@brentwood.vic.edu.au)

Gary Hayes, Head of Science

Good Friday Appeal

Good Friday Appeal envelopes were sent home last week. It would be wonderful if Brentwood students could get behind this appeal and see if we can raise more money than last year.

Please bring back these envelopes to the General Office before the end of Term 1.

General Office Staff

Well Done Swim Team

At the Waverley District interschool swimming carnival held last week, Brentwood again had a fantastic day of achievement. Of our 48 competitors, 21 Brentwood swimmers have now qualified to compete at the next level of competition at the Eastern Zone finals held on Tuesday April 8 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. These swimmers will be competing in 10 individual events as well as 6 relay teams. It is an outstanding achievement of our talented swimmers to qualify with so many events.

This year as Mr Lilly announced the aggregate points for each of the age groups, I knew Brentwood had done extremely well again from the number of events that we placed in the top 3 swimmers. All 3 divisions have placed 2nd in the district and we are not too far away from the number 1 spot.

Final results:

Junior Team

1 st	Glen Waverley	248
2 nd	Brentwood	199
3 rd	Mount Waverley	196
4 th	Wheelers Hill	170
5 th	Highvale	78
6 th	Wellington	67
7 th	Ashwood	66

Intermediate Team

1 st	Glen Waverley	291
2 nd	Brentwood	252
3 rd	Wheelers Hill	132
4 th	Highvale	125
5 th	Wellington	108

6 th	Mount Waverley	103
7 th	Ashwood	90

Senior Team

1 st	Glen Waverley	408
2 nd	Brentwood	308
3 rd	Wheelers Hill	256
4 th	Mount Waverley	210
5 th	Wellington	57
6 th	Highvale	45
7 th	Ashwood	38

Overall

1 st	Glen Waverley	947
2 nd	Brentwood	759
3 rd	Wheelers Hill	558
4 th	Mount Waverley	509
5 th	Highvale	248
6 th	Wellington	432
7 th	Ashwood	194

Swim Team

Alec Farragher	Alex Tapanes
Alexandra Knock	Amanda Duong
Anthony Verity	Armand Lombard
Blake Roberts	Brandon Fredericks
Callan Burns	Carlee Mückner
Carly Ioannidis	Cassie Rowe
Chris Renwick	
Daniel Riddiford- Lajoi	
Daniel Roper	Danielle Baldwin
Danielle Colosimo	Debbie Ng
Deepa Gunda	Erin Keily
Esta Kocsis	Georgia Corbett
Henry Chhen	Jacinta Dyson
Jake Alabaster	Jake Roper
Jaqueline Feinberg	Jayden Kellaart
Jayne Merrill	Jazmin Kocsis
Jordan Peach	Kathii Fonda
Martin De Luca	Michael Ilett
Natalie De Luca	Nazeer Mohamed-Ali
Nick Ahearn	Nick Fabrici
Nick Verity	Patrizio Briganti
Rebecca Corbett	Reyne Harris
Robert Ilett	Samuel Kim
Sandra Thong	Shaun Webber
Taylah Bennett	Trevor Lau

Names in bold go through to Eastern Zone Finals.

Thank you to Ms Hately, Ms Bishop, and Mrs Stewart, Mrs Exton, Mr Pirrie who all officiated on the day. Our Sports Captains, Cassie Rowe, Callan Burns, Nick Ahearn, Chris Renwick and Carlee Mückner, also came along to help officiate, encourage our swimmers, and compete as well.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Brentwood Athletics Carnival - Reminder

The Brentwood Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday March 11 at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbena. All students will be bussed to and from the track and are encouraged to wear house colours.

It is also highly recommended that students be aware of the weather conditions on the day. 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

Sports Roundup

Senior Girls' Volleyball

On Friday 29 February two teams of enthusiastic volley ballers made their way to Springers Leisure Centre in Keysborough to take on the other Waverley District teams. The Brentwood girls, having trained hard, had an excellent day, with each team only dropping one game in the round robin matches and the Brentwood 'B' team making it through to the finals. Ultimately the Glen Waverley 'A' team proved to be too much competition, winning through to the zone playoffs, but all the girls are to be congratulated for a great days' play!

Brentwood 'A'

Fiona Jong (Captain)	Shivangi Johari
Georgia Delithodoris	Jacinta Herft
Ellie Schouten	Laura Colossimo
Kim Roe	Emily Alexander

Brentwood 'B'

Cassie Smith (Captain)	Sarah Clay
Karla Morton	Kathy Fonda
Natasha Ng	Mitzi Constantinou
Carlee Mückner	Susie Elphinstone

Katherine Seyler, Coach

Soccer/Football – “The World Game”

Attention all Brentwood girls. For the first time at school learn to play soccer/football, the World game and get ready to blitz at your interschool sports round robin tournaments.

Bring a pair of runners or football boots and a bottle of water. Everything else is provided, one ball to each player, cones, shin pads, posts,

ladders, hurdles and lots of fun. You will be coached by an ex State and National League footballer, fully qualified Professional Football Federation of Australia Youth Coach Tim Dakis.

Where: School Grounds from 3.30pm – 4.30pm
When: Every Thursday beginning from Term 2.
First session date to be confirmed for year 7.

Hurry and be quick only 16 spots available per year 7, year 8 and Intermediates (years 9 & 10).

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

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To register fill in the following and return to Ms Nash as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____

Year: _____

Age (what you turn this year) _____

Contact Phone: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Community Corner

Oakleigh Community Festival

Sunday 16 March, Warrawee Park, Oakleigh (Mel Ref 69 F6). 12 noon – 6.00pm.

Free rides, market stalls, entertainment, food, cooking demonstrations and plenty of family fun.

Canteen News

Mon: Public Holiday
Tues: Athletic Day
Wed: C Huebner, W Zhang, A Schaefer
Thur: S Remmington
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
