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Mrs Barbara Laidlaw
Mr Leon Lilly
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Principal's Report

Next Tuesday sees the formal opening of the Thinking Learning and Creativity Centre, the Science and Mathematics Centre and the Gymnasium complex by Maxine Morand, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development and Minister for Women's Affairs. Maxine is the Member for Mount Waverley and a former student of Brentwood Secondary College. The Minister has taken a keen interest in our school has actively supported Brentwood's need for these new facilities.

The TLC is now very much central to the learning program for our Year 7 students, with good access to multimedia savvy laptop and desktop computers. As the surrounds of the TLC develop, it is hoped to create an internal and external learning environment in which students are happily engaged in interactive and creative learning. The recent creation of an indoor/outdoor amphitheatre is a further step in the development of this space. It is hoped that the grassy bund will be a great space for students but we need to give it time to settle in before students can use it.

Last week saw the arrival of 18 students from Erasmus Gymnasium, our sister school in Denzlingen, Germany with their teacher leader, Renate Wagner. Led by the Head of LOTE, Ursula Fisher, we have welcomed the students into our school and they have been attending classes and learning with their host brothers and sisters and developing their learning of English. The host families from the Brentwood community are also in the process of learning. These are fantastic opportunities and I thank those involved for their contribution to making the exchange happen. I understand that the students from Erasmus Gymnasium intend to go back to their Principal seeking facilities like those now enjoyed by students at Brentwood.

While most facilities are now in full operation, I am sorry to inform you that following the significant damage sustained in the extremely heavy rain just prior to Christmas, the library is still not open. It is hoped that it will be open by the beginning of Term 2 but we cannot give a guarantee. The sections of the ceiling that collapsed due to the rain have been repaired and the carpet damaged by the extensive flooding has been chemically treated. We have been running the drying and airing fans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The DEECT consultant is continuing to monitor the situation but there is currently no clear end in sight. We will continue to do all that we can to ensure that the library is made available to students and staff as soon as practically possible.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of the staff and students who made the Athletic Sports at Duncan MacKinnon oval such a great success this week. Getting an event like this off the ground requires a great deal of logistical planning and the work put in by our Sports Coordinator, Kim Nash and her team of staff ensured that it was an enjoyable day for all.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the first week of Term 2, on Thursday 10 April. There are no formal classes on this day. An alphabetical listing of staff indicating their room locations for parent teacher interviews is at the back of this Newsletter.

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Dates and Deadlines

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
10 April	Parent Teacher Interviews

Immunisation Schedule 2008

Dates for your diary

There will be a series of immunisations offered to students in years 7, 9 & 10 during this year, some of which are single dose and some require follow up vaccinations. It is very important that students receive all doses of the vaccinations and at the correct time interval to ensure their immunity. If a dose is missed due to absence, parents will need to contact the Monash Council to discuss their child's immunisation. The immunisation sessions will be conducted in the morning except for the girls' Gardasil injection on Thursday 15 May 2008 when the session will commence at 1:00pm. This is due to the National Literacy and Numeracy testing which will be happening throughout the whole of Australia on the morning of that day.

Year 7 boys and girls

- Chickenpox for those who have not been previously vaccinated or who have not had the disease. It will be given at the time of the first Hepatitis B vaccination.
- Hepatitis B requires two vaccinations 4-6 months apart.

Year 10 boys and girls

- Booster vaccination for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). This is recommended for students this age to maintain their immunity against these diseases into adult life.

Years 7, 9 & 10 girls only

The Gardasil vaccination is available for girls aged 13 – 18 to provide immunity to the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) to lower the risk of cervical cancer. This requires a series of three vaccinations and girls must receive the doses in an exact time interval. Girls who are currently in years 8, 11 and 12 had the opportunity to be inoculated last year.

Gardasil is for women aged 18 – 25 after July 2007 and is available through their local doctor. The vaccination is free of charge but the doctor's consultation fees need to be paid.

Year & Gender	Vaccine	When
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Chickenpox	Thursday 17 April
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Hepatitis B – 1 st dose	Thursday 17 April
Year 10 Girls & Boys	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	Thursday 17 April
Year 7, 9 & 10 Girls	Gardasil – 1 st dose	Thursday 17 April
Year 7, 9 & 10 Girls	Gardasil – 2 nd dose	Thursday 15 May
Year 7 Girls & Boys	Hepatitis B – 2 nd dose	Thursday 16 October
Year 7, 9 & 10 Girls	Gardasil – 3 rd dose	Thursday 16 October

Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal

Chaplain's Return to College Life

Greetings to the College Community.

Over the past four weeks I have been recovering well and with doctor's approval, I will be returning to work from the commencement of 2nd term in a full time capacity.

It's been a challenging time, learning to allow my body, time to recover and pace myself. Heart surgery is now an 'every day' operation but the recovery period is still a long and careful process. Remembering the actions and practices that help one experience the full effect of a resilient life promised through "keeping on keeping on" with the basics of exercise, eating well and stressing less!

For many of you; parents, students and staff alike you will have known people who have undergone life threatening situations and appreciate as I have, the value of family and friends, cards, flowers and offers of support. I have been very aware of the kind thoughts and generous offers from the Brentwood community during my illness, operation and recovery. It has really been overwhelming.

The time of recovery has also given me time to reflect, to examine what I truly value and what is at the core of who I am both as Chaplain of the College and as husband, father, son, friend and colleague. These core values are the primary reasons for the importance that I place on relationships, communication and the wellbeing of members of the college community and my family.

I have become very aware of the need to place further importance on how we care and support

each other during changing times. Families and friends play an important role in young people learning about issues like respect of self and others, listening and communication, boundaries and expectations, social responsibility, personal and social connection and self worth.

But these in themselves are not enough, schools also need to offer support to students in these and in the discovery for a love for learning and that learning is for life.

Helping parents and students find the best pathways for learning. Realizing the opportunities and realistic potential for vocation, further study and work offer space and place in community life and all these add to a sense of wellbeing and resilient living.

This then, is a conversation about partnerships between parents and their children, teachers, peers and also is about the opportunity in engaging with other adults from the wider community in learning.

This experience of learning across the years of school and beyond into the wider experience of 'life long learning' offers so much and I believe together we can continue to create the 'best' learning experience for our students and your children at Brentwood.

My hope in returning to Brentwood is, that I will have a new appreciation for this partnership and provide the College in our work as the wellbeing team many opportunities to practice and live out these core College values.

Rod Dungan, College Chaplain

Year 8 Camp

Reminder to parents that the \$100 deposit with the reply slip is due in by Friday 11 April (week one term two) to express your son/daughter's interest in this camp. Notices were given out a few weeks ago explaining the great activities offered on this camp in this very picturesque part of Victoria. The camp is a fantastic way to finish off the year. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Plant or Mr Watts if you have any questions.

Suzanne Plant & Tony Watts, Year 8 Coordinators

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Hi, I am Fiona Jong the president of the SRC this year and I am in year 11.

This year is going to be a great year for the school. Already we have planned a multicultural day on Thursday 20 March to celebrate the many cultures we have at Brentwood. Students are encouraged to wear national dress or colours of their flag on the day. There will be numerous activities at lunchtime during the week so keep your eye out for updates on the daily bulletin. The funds raised will all be donated to the Brentwood Student Assistance Fund which provides uniforms and books to students who are eligible. So be sure to come along and have fun!

Also this year we have Music Madness early term 3 so auditions will be held in the middle of next term so start rehearsing.

Don't forget to check out our SRC board (outside the library) for any upcoming events and feel free to pop into any SRC meeting held on Friday lunchtimes in the TLC.

Fiona Jong, SRC President

Year 8 & 9 "Disasters" Geography Fieldwork Excursion Report

Thursday 5 March saw 25 enthusiastic year 8 and 9 students of the "Disasters" Geography unit head off for a day of fieldwork at the Organ Pipes National Park in Diggers Rest. All weather reports indicated sunny, warm weather conditions, however Mother Nature had other ideas for us, and in the first 10 minutes of arriving at the Park we were met with a large and very unexpected down-pour equipped with thunder!!! Thank goodness this "out of the ordinary" spell lasted approximately 15 minutes and we were able to continue our descent into the National Park! (Much to the relief of the anxious Geography teachers!!).

The students had to gather their data "out in the field" and in doing this, saw the magnificent volcanic formations of the 'Organ Pipes', 'Rosette Rock' and the 'Tessellated Pavement'; all of which reinforced material that they have been studying as part of their "Disasters" course this semester, namely through the 'natural hazards' unit. The students also learned how the national park has been transformed from a degraded, barren landscape into a revegetated and regenerated parkland that has encouraged many native flora and fauna species to return to the park through a very informative and interactive guest lecture and audio visual display from the Park's Ranger, Gerry.

The students worked very hard to gather and obtain their fieldwork and were consequently

rewarded with a special detour to the local McDonalds for their lunch stop.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Tracey Stewart for accompanying the class on our excursion; her help (and humour!) was greatly appreciated!!

Jessica Oliver- Year 8 & 9 Geography Teacher

Earth Hour at Brentwood 2008

Earth Hour was created to take a stand against the greatest threat our planet has ever faced; climate change. Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming.

This simple act has captured the hearts and minds of people all over the world. As a result, at 8.00pm March 29 2008 millions of people in some of the world's major capital cities including Copenhagen, Toronto, Chicago, Melbourne, Brisbane and Tel Aviv will unite and switch off for Earth Hour. Visit: www.earthhour.org if you and you family are interested in participating.

Due to Earth Hour occurring over the school holidays Brentwood is holding its own version! On Wednesday 19 March between 11:00am and 12:00pm, we are "switching off" all lights, fans, air conditioners in our school to make our own contribution to this worthy cause. Our busy middle school Geography students have been raising awareness through the creation of posters and signed pledges.

We encourage all members of the wider Brentwood community to get involved to make a difference: "SWITCH OFF"!!!

Humanities Faculty

Exchange Trip to Germany

November/December 2008 Last Chance to join in.

A group of 18 students will be participating in our exchange program with Germany at the end of this year. They will be hosted by families from Erasmus Gymnasium in Denzlingen, southern Germany. Students from this school are currently visiting us and enjoying their time with their host families and sightseeing around Melbourne. It has been a great experience for them.

If you would like to join our return visit at the end of this year, please contact Mrs Fisher at the school on 8345 0300 or email fis@brentwood.vic.edu.au early next week. We

are planning to book our flights as soon as the final quotes are in.

Details are:

Dates:

End November – Mid December (dates to be confirmed when airfares are booked)

Anticipated Cost: \$4500.00 per student

This covers:

- Airfare Melbourne to Frankfurt (return)
- Travel insurance
- 4 day German rail pass
- Europa Park Day pass
- 3 day/2 night trip to Bavaria (accommodation costs/transport)
- Youth Hostel accommodation (2 nights – Lake Constance)
- Monthly local train pass
- Homestay subsidy

If fares and funding allow, we will also investigate a short trip to Berlin.

Program:

- Home stay with Families from Erasmus Gymnasium in Denzlingen
- Activities/short trips with home stay families in free time
- Participation in school program and special classes
- Tours as per final Itinerary

Ursula Fisher, LOTE Coordinator

Year 11 & 12

"VCE German Tutoring"

VCE coaching in German is being offered at the Ashburton Community Centre.

Address: 160 High Street, Ashburton
(next door to Ashburton Library)

When: Wednesday afternoons
4.00pm-5.30pm

The course will start in Term 2 on Wednesday 16th April. It consists of 10 sessions and will cost \$88.

The teacher is completely familiar with the methods and content of the German VCE Oral and Written Exams.

Bookings are essential on 9885 7952 as numbers are limited.

Tina Exton, German Teacher

Reminder to Year 10 Students

Any students wishing to try a TAFE Taster one day each week in Semester 2 must see Mrs Stanley in the Careers Room before the end of Term 1. Applications for Box Hill TAFE close during the holidays and Swinburne's applications will be due early in Term 2.

Margaret Stanley, Careers 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

Denis Chinnock, Head of Mathematics

Brentwood Athletics Carnival

We had the pick of the days during the heat wave Melbourne is currently experiencing. Our athletics carnival was held at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve and I was extremely pleased with the student participation. To watch as 40 students competed in the u/13 javelin or the 8 heats of the u/13 100m races was fantastic. The carnival had a full program, and competitors managed to find their way around to their various events. With the four houses being represented in all events the *final team scores* were:

1 st	Reardon	1373
2 nd	Macpherson	1349
3 rd	Wheeler	1229
4 th	Armstrong	1049

Divisional scores were:

Junior (U/13 & U/14)

1 st	Reardon	720
2 nd	Wheeler	546
3 rd	Armstrong	461
4 th	Macpherson	450

Intermediates (U/15 & U/16)

1 st	Wheeler	510
2 nd	Armstrong	318
3 rd	Reardon	307
4 th	Macpherson	277

Seniors (U/17 & U/21)

1 st	Macpherson	622
2 nd	Reardon	346

3 rd	Armstrong	270
4 th	Wheeler	173

1 individual new **record** was set this year –

U/15 Long Jump Tim Rowe 5.52m
(2006, Chris Toth)

The **age champions** for 2008 are

Event	Girl	Boy
U/13	Tayla Roy	Nathan Fredericks
U/14	Lesina Lalotoa	Dane Rhind
U/15	Georgia Corbett	Tim Rowe
U/16	Melanie Murray	Chris Birthisel
U/17	Ashlee Rhind	Christopher Toth
U/21	Emily Alexander	Martin De Luca

Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to all staff and student helpers for the effort they put into the day. It ran really smoothly. Thank you.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

Sports Roundup

Senior Boys Volleyball

On Friday 29 February the senior boys volleyball squad was pumped and ready to go. After many training sessions inspired by volleyball 'plays' downloaded off You-Tube the boys had their dig, set, spikes polished off and looking strong!

Upon arriving at the Springers Leisure Centre we knew it was going to be a tough and long day but we stayed focused and motivated to come out winners! The 'A' team played their first match against Wheelers Hill and beat them comfortably 2 – 0 (15-8, 15-6). Their second match was against the strongest and toughest team in the competition – Glen Waverley, they had their set plays and moves which rattled Brentwood early on but we regained our composure to almost win the second set. Final score was 0 – 2 (10-15, 12-15). Knowing that we could have beaten them gave the boys the confidence they needed to remain undefeated for the rest of the day and make it into the finals.

Their third match was against Mount Waverley which the boys won very comfortably 0 – 2 (15-7, 15-8). The next match was against Ashwood which almost resulted in a surprise loss, however the boys got it together in the second and third set to win 2 – 1 (12-15, 15-5, 10-4). Our final game for the round robin was against Wellington which was good serving practise for some of the boys, we won 2 – 0 (15-5, 15-8). This led us into the finals against the undefeated Glen Waverley team.

It was held on our “home” court, the girls had come over to cheer us on, the ‘B’ team were revved up and pumping the boys up even more, we really really wanted it, we really really deserved it!

The first set was nerve racking but we won 15-13. The second set was just as close but this time Glen Waverley had it up on us winning, 13-15. It couldn’t get any closer!! The final set was only going to be scored up to 10 with a winning margin of 2 points. They had the serve and had a great server who was winning many points for them, before we knew it the score was 4-9, Glen Waverley had 4 match points. We won the next rally and then the next and it kept going until the scores were 9 all... Brentwood had the upper hand and the momentum was with us! Our cheer squad was going crazy, the boys on court remained calm, Glen Waverley won the next point to have another chance at winning the match! We got it back and before we knew it the scores were 10 all.

The captain stepped up to the mark, all eyes were on him, he had to serve it over, 11 – 10! We were looking at match point for the first time in the game! Blake had to do exactly the same thing again, it was a good serve and the rally between the 2 teams seemed to go for ages until finally a quick hit over the net landed on the floor on Glen Waverley’s side... we had WON!! The crowd went wild and it was just awesome!

Congratulations ‘A’ Team – breaking a 10 year record, Glen Waverley have always dominated senior volleyball at district but not this year!! ☺

The ‘B’ team did just as well as the ‘A’ team. Their commitment to the many training sessions came through on the day with some great serves and passes over the net in their first match. It was against Wellington which they won easily, 2-0. Their second match was against Wheelers Hill, the boys played a great match with some really strong plays and spikes winning in the end 2 – 0. Their last game was against Mount Waverley which they lost 0 – 2. They only had to play 3 games during the day and made it to the final to play off for 1st and 2nd. They won their final, 2 sets to 0, finishing on top of their pool which was a fantastic achievement.

I would like to thank Brodie Hodic for his assistance with umpiring during the day. I would also like to thank the parents that came along on the day for their support, it was very much appreciated!

A Team

Blake Roberts (Captain)	Reyne Harris
James Black	Kyri Konstantinides
Leo Lyimo	Chris Toth

Steve Geogiou
Michael Papargiris

Martin De Luca

B Team

Michael Genitsaris (Captain)	Joshua Allwright
Simon Genitsaris	Jason Szeto
James Lomax	Jack Tyrrell
David Bedggood	Gavin Cruse
Glen Teramaki	

Sarah Hately, Coach

Year 8 Girls Softball

Most of our sensational team from last year plus a few new team members fronted up for training less than 8 weeks after the end of our successful campaign in year 7.

The girls are now much more knowledgeable about softball strategy and tactics and they can all bat confidently and powerfully. We worked very hard to improve our teams weakness, which was our defensive fielding skills and although there is still a way to go, we have made great progress.

The team powered its way through our two pool games defeating Wellington 25-5 and Mt Waverley 26-9.

Our final was against Wheelers Hill and after our Captain Cassie won the toss for the third time, we battled first and quickly exerted our authority on the game. Cassie pitched accurately and Meg caught strongly. Georgia was catching everything at first base and Adele, Sienna and Kate were not leaving any defensive holes in our infield. Jenny, Meaghan and Alysha were backing up everything in the outfield. Wheelers Hill were no match and the final score was Brentwood victorious 12-5.

Well done to Caitlin whose batting has improved enormously and to Jess returning from injury. Our two new players Emily and Meaghan both did a terrific job as relief pitchers – a crucial role the team needed them to fulfil.

Thank you our two scorers Lisa and Amy and our three student helpers, Kat, Rachel and Micha who also helped setting up and packing up the venue. We now have a well deserved rest before Eastern Zone finals in November.

Suzanne Plant, Coach

Community Corner

Student Exchange Australia

In July 2008 students aged 15-18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid

capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. More information call 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au.

Canteen News

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith-Borsboom,
V Mason

Tues: N Parnavitana, M Levey

Wed: C Brown, L Howard

Thur: C Ryhanen, C Kirwan,
C Williamson

Fri: **Good Friday**

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol

FIRST	SURNAME	INTERVIEW ROOMS	FIRST	SURNAME	INTERVIEW ROOMS	FIRST
Judy	ANDERSON	C3	Victoria	GALLUCCI	G10	Kim
Melissa	ANTONIUK	TLC2	Robyn	GAMBLE	G8	David
Sonja	ARDLEY	TLC3	Lynda	GOTZ	SLC	Thea
Kate	ATKINS	C4	Darren	GRANTHAM	G9	Fiona
Frank	ATTARD	G9	Kelly	HALL	SLC	Jessica
Susan	BACH	ABSENT	Glenda	HANSLOW	TLC4	Mark
Kerry	BAINBRIDGE	TLC6	Sarah	HATELY	G2	Adam
Joel	BATALHA	C5	Robyn	HAWLEY	TLC5	Suzanne
Cameron	BAULCH	G3	Gary	HAYES	G8	Jane
Danielle	BINAISSE	G9	Nicholas	HENDER	G10	Gillian
Emily	BISHOP	G2	Briony	HENEBERRY	TLC6	Marie
Fern	BRISBANE	C2	David	HOSE	G2	Lauren
Sue	BROWN	C2	Ashley	HUNT	C3	Geoffrey
Margaret	BRUDENELL	TLC4	Margaret	JUNOR	SLC	Zoe
Sarah	BURROWS	TLC2	Katrina	KATZ	C4	Judith
Tracey	CAMPION	G11	Belinda	KEMP	G11	Katharine
Denis	CHINNOCK	SLC	Arvin	KUMAR	SLC	Pamela
Monique	CHISHOLM	TLC2	Jennifer	LAMOND	TLC4	Clare
Gordon	CLANEY	G10	Monique	LE GROVE	C4	Margaret
Angela	CODY	G11	Leon	LILLY	C4	Tracey
Ashley	COOPER	TLC5	Michelle	LUCKMAN	TLC5	Pramila
Paul	COSTIN	G12	Cheng	MA	G8	Angelique
Joanna	CRAIG	SLC	Daniel	MACKAY	TLC5	Tony
Anna	CROW	TLC3	Jo	MARVEGGIO	TLC2	Lakshmi
Jim	DAVATZIS	G3	Sophie	McCLUSKEY	G8	Tony
Frosso	DAWOD	TLC2	James	MCKENZIE	TLC5	Matthew
Fiona	ERWICH	C5	Narelle	MCNEILL	C2	Narelle
Lucia	ESTATE	G12	Michelle	MEADOWS	TLC6	Raquel
Tina	EXTON	G11	Evan	MILLER	TLC3	Leigh
Bill	EXTON	C4	Suzanne	MORRIS	TLC4	David
Ursula	FISHER	G11	Jessica	MURRAY	G9	Katie
						Tony