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Principal's Report

This week the three major building projects completed over the past 15 months were formally declared open by Maxine Morand, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development, Minister for Women's Affairs and Member for Mount Waverley. These projects included the redevelopment of the Science and Mathematics wing, the construction of the new gymnasium complex and the construction of the Thinking, Learning and Creativity (TLC) centre.



A formal ceremony took place on Tuesday morning in the TLC. Invited guests included members of the Brentwood School Council, representatives from the Department of Education's Eastern Regional Office, representatives from Baldasso Cortese Architects, Hede Architects and Melbourne Construction and Coatings, Brentwood staff and a wonderful group of year 7 students.



It is perhaps worth noting the final sums of money invested in these three major projects during 2006 and 2007. There have been three key contributors to this investment: the Victorian government - \$2,040,000; the federal government - \$1,050,000; and the Brentwood college community - \$1,881,000. School Council first began saving for the gymnasium complex in 2001.



In total \$4,971,000 has been spent on improving the physical learning environment for our students. I think everyone would agree the results are brilliant. School Council has identified a Performing Arts theatre as the next major project and J block will hopefully be redeveloped soon as part of the Department's Building Futures program.

Best wishes to all members of the Brentwood community for a safe and happy holiday.

Vicki Forbes, 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

20 Mar	End of Term 1
21 Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday School Holidays Commence
7 April	Term 2 begins
8 April	Eastern Zone Swimming
10 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
11 April	Year 7 Round Robin Sport

Immunisation Schedule 2008

Dates for your diary

A full explanation of the Immunisation Schedule was included in last weeks newsletter.

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

Thank You to Our Host Families

German Exchange Program 2008

For the past 2 weeks Brentwood families have hosted a group of 16 German students as part of our Exchange Program with Erasmus Gymnasium in Denzlingen in southern Germany. The visit is almost over and the German group will be going home after the Easter weekend. They have had a wonderful experience so far, largely due to the warmth and generosity with which they were received by their hosts.

While at school, the German students participated in classes with their hosts as well as special classes in Art, Geography, Sport and Food Technology, visited German classes and had a chance to meet many of our students. Our students were keen to get to know them and are disappointed that the visit was not longer.

Our host families provided a range of opportunities to experience our lifestyle and visit places we sometimes take for granted. Sightseeing included Healesville Sanctuary, a day at Philip Island, afternoons at the beach, shopping at Chadstone, going to local sporting events, but when chatting with the German students, it is obvious that their time with their host families was the highlight. They felt welcome from their first arrival and have enjoyed the company and the opportunity to make lasting friendships.

The following host students and their families have made our exchange program possible. Their generosity and care of our visitors has made the visit a huge success.

India Donaldson, Simone & Ivor Donaldson, Jai, Kurtis, Murphy & Remington,

Chantelle & Brittany Sanford, Yasmin and Gary Sanford,

Elena Vukanovic, Mara Savic, Jovana, Nikol & Kristina,

Michelle Watts, Sonya & Ian Watts & Catherine,

Gabrielle Tarabolsi, Irene & Bernard Tarabolsi, Joshua & Sophie,

Tom Petronik, Jeanette & Alan Petronik & Cassandra,

Daniel Feldtmann, Gayle & Colin Feldtmann & Darren,

Natascha Amend, Diana & Wolfgang Amend, William & Jessica,

Sophie Smith, Belinda & Neville Smith & Adam,

Megan Butterworth, Stephanie & Russell Butterworth, Jacinta, Courtney & Bart,

Jack Tyrrell, Pina & Malcolm Tyrrell, Sam & Kate,

Jane Hart, Tracey & Paul Hart, Anthony & Renee,

Patrick McLeod, Iris & Bryan McLeod & Angus,

Chris Robinson, Irene & Stephen Robinson & Ashleigh,

Stephanie Ecker, Sheryl & Markus Ecker & Tiarne,

James Chanter, Jennifer & Brendan Chanter & Lauren

Another five families stepped in on short notice to host a further 5 German students for 3 nights. This group spent most of their exchange time in Horsham, but travelled to Melbourne to meet up with the main group, prior to their camp in Port Campbell.

Jessica Shaw, Leanne & Andrew Shaw
Jackie Leggatt, Barbara & David Leggatt
Kristen Moore, Leonie & Malcolm Moore
Tim Rowe, Judith, Gregory & Cassie Rowe
Emma Mossenton, Lynette & Ken Mossenton

Exchange programs are great fun and a valuable opportunity for our students to become aware of the wider world in a very personal way but depend on the support of Brentwood families.

Thank you to all our host families for making this year's exchange program such a great success. I hope that you have also enjoyed your involvement.

Ursula Fisher, Head of LOTE

Year 11 Legal Studies Barwon Prison Report

On Tuesday 18 March, the Year 11 Legal Studies class went to Barwon Prison in Lara, near Geelong. After an early morning start of 7:00am, and a 1½ hour bus ride we arrived at the maximum security prison, situated in what seemed to be the middle of nowhere! After a debrief from the prison guard we were taken through the state of the art security systems. This included a drug and explosive scanner and two metal detectors. When we got inside the prison gates, we found out that Barwon Prison is located on 30 acres of land and currently holds approximately 261 prisoners; this has been downgraded as approximately 464 prisoners used to be contained there. Inside the prison, there are different facilities including 2 metal factories, 1 wood factory, the kitchen, the visitor centre, and their 4 units of cells. The high profile prisoners such as the underworld and terrorist suspects are kept in an isolated jail inside Barwon.

We were taken into the Visitors Centre where 6 prisoners were waiting our arrival. The class split into 2 groups and each group had a turn at interviewing all of the prisoners. Their crimes included murder, armed robbery and fraud and drug related offences. They all had different stories ranging from living a life of crime to committing a one-off incident that resulted in them going to jail. All the prisoners were serving a term of at least 6 years. The students quickly realised that fictional prison TV shows tell a very different story to the reality of prison life that occurs at Barwon.

All the students were intrigued with their life stories and learnt a lot about the prison system; something that is reinforced through the course material we study in class on criminal law.

Many thanks to Mrs. Lamond for accompanying us on the day.

Jessica Oliver, Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher.



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Judy Anderson, Year 7 Coordinator

Sports Roundup

Brentwood Sport

What a busy term 1! So much so that the Year 7 summer round robin is scheduled for the first week back next term - we just couldn't possibly fit it in. We have had 10 teams win the District competition against our local schools so far – Ashwood, Glen Waverley, Highvale, Mount Waverley, Wellington, and Wheelers Hill. Well done to the summer round robin teams who have made it through to the Eastern Zone Competitions held later this year. A special mention goes to the Intermediate (year 9 & 10) teams who won 6 of the 7 sports; almost a clean sweep!

Supercoach

Miss Nash
Miss Hatley
Mrs Plant
Mr Hose
Mr Hunt
Miss Hatley

Mrs Rizzo

Mr Rutherford

Team

Year 8 Girls Volleyball
Year 8 Boys Volleyball
Year 8 Girls Softball
Intermediate Boys Cricket
Intermediate Girls Cricket
Intermediate Girls Volleyball
Intermediate Boys Volleyball
Intermediate Boys Baseball

Miss Nash Intermediate Girls Softball
Miss Hatley Senior Boys Volleyball

Thank you also to all the staff who continue to coach, and the new staff who are keen to coach. Your dedication and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by both the students and me.

The Eastern Zone Swim team are competing next term on Tuesday April 8th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Good luck to those 21 swimmers involved.

So what's on for Term 2 - after Easter?

Brentwood's Footy Fun Run (April 24) is the House Cross Country event and the selection trials into Brentwood's Cross Country Team, where students are encouraged to wear their footy team's colours and run the 3km/5km course from Napier Park to Jells Park. At the end of the event students have a sausage sizzle lunch and a kick of the footy before heading back to school to be dismissed. If you are keen to perform well and make it into the schools cross country team, now would be the time to start preparing for the day.

Interschool sports available for year's 7-10 students to try out for are Badminton, Soccer, Football and Netball. All four sports are available for both boys and girls. Remember students will need to listen to the *daily student bulletin* for meeting times, try outs and training sessions when advertised. You are most welcome to try out for more than one sport but you can only commit to one sport as they are all played on the same day at different venues.

Senior students (yr 11 &12) – this is your last round robin day for the year. You have the choice to compete in Badminton, Soccer, Netball, Football, Table tennis, Squash, Hockey and Basketball.

Sports Uniform

Students and student coaches need to be in the full Brentwood Sports uniform – BSC navy blue shorts, BSC navy blue polo, and BSC spray jacket/rugby jumper. Casual clothing is not tolerated - Students will be asked to remain at school and they will not be allowed to compete if in casual – teams can be penalised at competitions. As the weather (hopefully) turns colder students will need to wear warmer clothes to interschool sporting competitions. Students may need to purchase the navy blue track pants – these pants have no stripes down the side, no fancy logo, and are navy blue (same as spray jacket). Also parents please **label all uniform items** – it can't be returned to your child if there is no name on it. Thank you for your cooperation.

When students return to Brentwood, from Interschool sporting competitions, they will be asked to remain near the gym with their coach until the final 3.04pm bell is rung for dismissal. Senior students (year 11 & 12) are able to sign out in the SLC. If a team returns before the commencement of period 6 or the commencement of an earlier class, students will be required to attend the remainder of classes for the day.

Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator

New Records

After further examining the athletics results I have discovered some outstanding performances from a number of athletes at last week's athletics carnival. We have 6 new records for 2008.

U/14	Triple Jump	Em Paolucci 9.64m (2007, Georgia Corbett)
U/15	Triple Jump	Georgia Corbett 9.45m (1990, K. Notman)
U/15	Long Jump	Tim Rowe 5.52m (2006, Chris Toth)
U/21	200m	Tara White 25.87 sec (2007, Tara White)
U/21	1500m	Emily Alexander 5:58.91 min (2007, Emily Alexander)
U/21	Javelin	Emily Alexander 28.10m (2000, Jodie Bird)

Congratulations of these achievements.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Intermediate Girls Cricket

In the words of Stewie Griffin, "Victory is ours!". Our intermediate girl's cricket team absolutely demoralised that opposing teams during Monday's district sports competition and sailed their way into zone competition.

The day involved playing 4 games (9 over innings) against Mount Waverly S.C., Highvale S.C., Glen Waverly S.C. and Wheelers Hill S.C. with Brentwood winning each and every game. Our best batting results include 0 wickets for 75 runs (off 9 overs!) and our best bowling figures for the day was 5/20.

Our best batswoman for the day would have to go to Madaleine who was forced to retire on 20 runs on two occasions and batted well in the other two innings. Other notable batting performances were from the big "Gilchrist" hits from Vanessa Joyce and the clever "Tendulkar" style of batting from India Donaldson. We were also blessed to have so many talented bowlers which included India, Lucy, Evelyn, Vanessa, Madeleine and Emily.

I must say that all the girls fielded exceptionally well but the classic catch would have to go to Evelyn who took a screamer in fine leg. A huge thanks must also go to Tyler Harrison who would have to be the most dedicated, responsible and hard working student coach ever and to his father, Neville, who showed up every Friday after school to help train the girls.

Well done and I can't wait for zone!

"The Invincibles"

Student Coach: Tyler Harrison

India Donaldson (Captain)	
Emily Cross (Vice Captain)	
Lucy Hague	Madaleine Vantarakis
Melanie Simpson	Simone Sierig
Melanie Murray	Sally Verdaasdonk
Vanessa Joyce	Evelyn Tsiambouris
Tiarne Ecker	Nicky Smith

Mr Hunt, Coach

Boys Intermediate Volleyball Report

On Monday the 17th March, on a 39 degree day, the intermediate boys' volleyball team went to Springers in Cheltenham for interschool sports. The two teams were:

A Team	B Team
Tim Rowe (Captain)	Mason Chan (Captain)
Brandon Fredericks	Jake Bennett
Abou Jammeh	John Theos
Sina Roshan	Chris Robson
Josh Isaac	Levon Lyimo
Jack Roper	Michael Paolucci
Ashley Savanah	Mak Piljevic
Philip Vang	George Deng
Jake Lindrea	

The B team won 4 of their 5 games, including a straight sets win against Ashwood and a thrilling fight back against Wheelers Hill. Unfortunately, in the final we lost to Glen Waverley.

The A team played two games and won both convincingly. A highlight of the first game was Ash's fancy footwork, as he used his silky soccer skills to great effect. In the final, a very pumped A team beat Highvale to make it through to the zones next term.

It is hard to nominate best players as all the boys played their hearts out in stifling conditions. Sina and George made some killer serves, while Josh, Brandon and Jack were so athletic they spent half the games on the floor! Mak and Levon were the most improved players on the day, growing in confidence during each match. Mason and Tim

led their teams ably, demonstrating great leadership potential. All the boys were well behaved and never displayed less than first class sportsmanship. They are fine representatives of our school.

Special thanks go to Dave Mathers and Chris Toth, our student coaches, and to Jake, Mason, Ash, Jack, Brandon, Sina, John and George for acting as linesmen and scorers for other games. Zones, here we come!

Jake Bennett and Marie Rizzo

Community Corner

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Canteen News

Welcome back everyone

Mon: I. Willmott, M. Yegorian, J. Hadaway
Tues: S. Barber, M. Ilalverachchi
Wed: C. Huebner, A. Schaefer
Thur: **Parent Teacher Interviews**
Fri: L. Smith, M. Tyler, M. Williams (L)

Thank you everyone.

Shirley & Carol
