



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

There are always many things happening in facilities provision and maintenance in a work place that houses over 1500 people daily. This report will provide an update on plans for the future, discuss some of the current issues with the maintenance of our facilities and seek assistance from the college community.

As previously reported, the college applied for Commonwealth funding through the Building Education Revolution (BER). It is pleasing to report that the college received a grant of \$200,000 under the National School Pride program of the BER. Whilst the list of projects has not been finalised as some of the quotes for works have not come in yet, the projects that will most probably proceed include replacement of power switchboards, upgrades to paths and floor surfaces, completion of a shade structure and garden beds around the TLC, construction of additional basketball courts, replacement of classroom and library furniture, painting, modifications to the hall lighting and sound system and installation of rainwater tanks.

The final list of projects must be completed within the next couple of weeks and forwarded to DEECD for approval. Works should start soon after the approval.

A group of people, including the Green Team, have been considering how to best use the \$50,000 Commonwealth solar energy grant. The possible projects are water storage, building shade structures and replacing old lighting with energy saving light fittings. To access the grant the college must install a two kilowatt solar power system, which will consume at least half of the grant. The agreed proposal is to install the solar power system and install energy saving light fittings. The solar power system will help reduce the college's carbon footprint and it

will assist the teaching and learning program as students will be able to monitor energy consumption and production at any time through a web based interface. The cost and energy saving to the college through the installation of low energy fluorescent tubes will save 15 watts per tube, which is significant given that we have thousands of fluorescent tubes.

Finally there is a matter of concern which places the safety of our students and staff at risk on a daily basis. The issue concerns those parents who drive their children to and from school. The traffic is very congested around the college, particularly in the morning. It does not help when parents park in driveways and no standing zones to drop off or pick up their children. Of particular concern are those parents who drive into the college grounds and complete a circuit of the roundabout or drive straight through the staff car park, often at speed. Parents are asked not to drive onto the college grounds. This practice is a danger to students and staff and creates unmanageable traffic congestion. The best thing to do is to drop your children off in one of the side streets. You will find parking easier and students will benefit from the exercise that they get walking the short distance to the college.

On a positive note, the Intermediate Girls' Softball team won the State VSSSA Finals, the Intermediate Boys' Baseball team and Senior Girls' Softball team were runners up at VSSSA State Championships. Well done to all of the students and Ms Plant, Mr Rutherford and Ms Nash.

*Gordon Claney, Acting Assistant  
Principal*

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## Dates and Deadlines

25 May	School Council 7.00pm
27 May	Year Level Assemblies
28 May	Year 11 Study Day
29 May	Year 7 Badminton Unit 1 Exams commence
2 June	Year 8 Sport
4 June	Year 8 Badminton
5 June	Unit 1 Exams finish Year 10 Exams commence
8 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
9 June	Unit 3 Exams commence Education Committee 6.00pm Resources Committee 7.10pm
10 June	Year 10 Exams finish Science Competition
11 June	GAT Test – All Unit 3 & 4 students
12 June	Report Writing Day
15 June	Year 10 VCE Parent Information Evening
16 June	Year 7 & 10 Injections
17 June	Year 10 to VCE Information for students Periods 3 & 4
19 June	Year 7 Sport
22 June	Year 11 Central Trip Year 10 Camp School Council 7.00pm
24 June	Junior Girls/Boys Football and Netball Year Level Assemblies
26 June	Reports Distributed School ends 2.30pm

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## Attendance: It's Not OK To Be Away!

Brentwood was recently audited in regard to our student attendances. This is very important for our level of school funding, but the underlying reason for a huge focus on student attendance is that student absence from school impacts on learning. Brentwood was congratulated on their level of student attendance and also the processes in place at the college to ensure student attendance is closely monitored. All of our student managers, home group teachers and Mrs Jan Smith, our Attendance Officer have worked very hard to achieve this result.

The following educational article from the publication titled '2008 Learning Curve' author Mick Walsh emphasises the important role both the college and parents have in ensuring that students attend school regularly. Let's ensure that we continue to work together to maintain our high standards of student attendance.

*Junior School Team*

*Many students have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences which are more often than not, unnecessary, and for reasons fairly low on the 'important to my future' scale.*

*To reach their potential at school, students need to attend regularly. This means a few days off per year due to genuine illness – not a 9 day fortnight which accumulates to 25 days absent, 150 periods absent, the equivalent of 5 school weeks absent in a year. How could any student be expected to keep up with work in such circumstances? Parents - you have a critical role to play in protecting your own child's future.*

*Absences can be minimised by arranging dental and doctor's appointments after school or during the holidays – you need to book ahead, why not book now for school holidays later in the year. Shopping, helping at home, and visiting relatives may all seem important at the time – but not as important as a person's future.*

*We (parents and the school) need to work together to help students to understand the importance of being at school whenever possible, and that trivial reasons for absence are not sufficient to discharge parents' legal responsibilities.*

*Schools and parents have a legal responsibility to account for the whereabouts of young people daily (and in the evenings as well).*

*Studies show there is a far greater chance of students becoming early school leavers and/or long term unemployed adults, if they don't attend school regularly.*

*Should you require support in saying no to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.*

*We all can work together to make a difference to your student's future.*

*Be on time, Be at school, that's the rule!*

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## Senior School

On Tuesday lunchtime a group of year 12 students took on the staff at Netball. With the pressure of SACs and exams looming it was some time for light-hearted fun. The students walked in very confident of a victory however, the staff walked away victors 18 – 4.



Next week we see the year 12 students take on staff at War Ball. All students are welcome to come and watch in the gym.

Year 12 students have all received a Navigator and exam timetable. The VCE Navigator contains information on the GAT, special provision, examination timetables, examination rules and approved materials and equipment. Care especially needs to be taken in regards to reading the start time and location. For example the GAT is being run in three rooms – the individual timetable will state which room the student is in.

All students enrolled in a Unit 3 & 4 subject are required to sit the GAT on Thursday 11 June. On this day there will be no formal year 11 and 12 classes running.

Year 10 and 11 students have also received their exam timetable and instructions. Students are to attend school in full school uniform and are required to only be in attendance for their exam. Where possible year 11 students will continue to attend their year 12 Advance Placement subject during the exam period. Should a student be unable to complete an exam due to a timetable clash or illness, they are to contact their student manager and reschedule the exam.

### *Senior School Team*

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## **Career News**

### **Defence Force**

The Defence Force is no longer visiting individual schools in favour of running information sessions in regional locations.

When: Thursday 28 May 2009 – Defence Careers “Taking you places” 6.30 pm

Where: East Ringwood Community Centre, Knaith Road, Ringwood

Register by contacting 13 19 01. Parents are welcome to attend with students

### **Bricklaying TAFE Taster**

Holmesglen TAFE Chadstone Campus

Year 9 & 10 students would you like to experience a ‘hands on’ chance at trying the bricklaying trade - 40 hours over five consecutive days from 1 to 5 June. This is a free program.

See Mrs Stanley in Careers if interested in a trial bricklaying week at TAFE

### **UMAT**

A reminder to year 12 students interested in medical or paramedical careers you should all have applied for the UMAT exam by now. The deadline is early June.

*Margaret Stanley, Careers & Pathways Manager*

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## **Sport Round Up**

### **Intermediate Boys Football**

On Monday 18 May our Intermediate Boys Football team travelled to Burwood Reserve for our district round-robin competition.

Throughout the pool matches our dominance was easy to see and we consequently decimated all other teams, posting the following results

Brentwood def Ashwood 85- 2

Brentwood def Mt Waverley 68 - 7

Brentwood def Highvale 77- 6

After these solid results we were pitted against our arch rivals Glen Waverley in the final, who we easily dispatched 82 to 0. Overall a very pleasing day, but the hard work has just begun with the zone finals another step up.

Best players on the day were: Scott Tunnicliffe, Josh Williams, Lin Jong, Michael Illett and Kieran Kennedy.

Congratulations to all boys for their excellent team spirit.

*Adam Pirrie, Coach*

### **Junior Golf**

On Thursday 1 May, our junior (years 7, 8 & 9) golf team competed in the Waverley District Tournament at Tirhatuan Lakes Golf Course.

Starting in very wet conditions (but thankfully finishing in sunshine) the Brentwood team performed to their best to complete the 18 hole stroke competition.

## **Team**

Alex Vaudeau 9C            Robert Tomlin 8J  
Jake Lever 8B              Luke Pappon 8B  
Randy Lek 7H

Congratulations to Robert Tomlin and Jake Lever who finished in the top either to qualify for Eastern zone to be held later this month at Churchill Park Golf Club.

*Ashley Cooper, Team Manager*

## **Intermediate Girls' Soccer**

On Monday 18 May the intermediate girls' soccer team set off to play in their round-robin match at Coloola Reserve, Oakleigh.

The scene was set for a great team performance as the squad consisted of 17 very worthy and capable soccer players. There were high hopes internally, especially amongst the coaching staff about our team finishing at the top of their pool.

Each of the players were quite calm, ready, focussed and strategically adept before and at the start of their first match against Wheelers Hill Secondary College.

Game one didn't disappoint and we were quickly off to a flyer. The score line was eight – nil at half time.

The second half was no different as the team was even more determined to add to the score line winning by a large margin.

Game two against Glen Waverley was a close contest. Each team had their chances and with a little more persistence and effort we finished the match worthy winners. A great team effort with each player playing a hard and tough game to advance to a semi-final game.

Our semi-final match was against Wellington Secondary College. This match was a little lacklustre in the first half as our girls were a little flat. However, they did start to pick-up their work rate in the second half scoring some brilliant goals to run out comfortable winners.

The final was against Mt Waverley Secondary College. This match was played in good spirits and both teams were evenly matched until a goal was scored at the end of the first half. Our second half effort was phenomenal to say the least. Against the wind we scored another five goals to run out worthy winners and Champions of the Waverley District in 2009.

We can now all look forward to Eastern Zone with enthusiasm.

## **Scores**

Brentwood 15 Vs Wheelers Hill 0  
(Cassie 4, Kristy, Mary, Chloe, Christine 4, Jan, Melanie 3).

Brentwood 2 Vs Glen Waverley 2  
(Melanie 1, Kristy 1)

## **Semi-final**

Brentwood 3 Vs Wellington 0  
(Nicole 2, Melanie 1)

## **Final**

Brentwood 6 Vs Mt Waverley 0  
(Melanie 4, Casse, Kristy)

## **Team**

Melanie Murray (Vice-Captain)	Kristy Bourdakis
Christine Koutsimanis (Captain)	Cassie Rowe
Amira Slim	Mary Papastergiou
Elle Tiganis	Sally Verdaasdonk
Nicole Balodimos	Sophie Tarabolsi
Jessica Powers	Jan Mustac
Tessa Leigh-Lancaster	Christina Koutsimanis
Melissa Bebonis	Simone Sierig
Chloe Nanscawen	

*Jim Davatzis, Coach*

## **Intermediate Boys' Soccer**

On 18 May a group of what can only be described as "Legendary Superstars" made their way to Wheelers Hill Secondary College with high expectations of going home as district champions.

The first game was against Wheelers Hill and for the first five minutes Brentwood could not get into the rhythm, leaving the first half goalless by both teams. As the second half started, Wheelers Hill scored an easy goal and the team needed a boost of encouragement. This led to a goal kicked by Erick and left the final score a draw.

The second game was against Glen Waverley. Garen scored a low left footer outside the box and then Erick chipped a goal behind the keeper after a great run. Kevin, Rico, Ashaan and Matthew also played really well. While on the side lines Marvin, Frias, Matthew and Daniel chanted enthusiastically to keep morale high. We won 2 (Brentwood) – 1 (Glen Waverley).

We had made it to the semi final against Wellington Secondary College. On several occasions Jeff crossed the ball from a corner kick and we were unlucky on several occasions to obtain a goal. The team fought right until the end. Unfortunately, an off side call from the

umpire cost the game for the Legendary Superstars.

A big thank you to all the team, who played hard and kept their morale high at all times. A special thank you to Erick for all his help with the organisation and coaching.

### ***Victoria Gallucci, Coach***

#### **Intermediate Boys' Baseball**

The day started with a match against Geelong High School. The match was a close encounter from start to finish with the lead changing on three occasions and never any more than two runs either way. In a high standard match there was excellent pitching from Sam Kassianou and Tom Maxfield. Excellent hitting and base running from Sam Kassianou, Nathan Thiele, Alex Tapanes, Jake Matchett and Tom Maxfield saw Brentwood amass nine runs. Leading by one run in the last innings the Brentwood boys showed excellent character to hang on for a nine all draw. With the winning run on third base Sam struck out the final batter to save the game.

In game two we played Trafalgar Secondary College winning 11-8. Alex Tapanes kept us in front 9-7 and Jake Matchett pitched the final two innings for one run, to hold out a competitive and gritty opposition. Highlights were 12 foul balls from Jake a massive hit over centre field from Alex Tapanes and hits from Rainer Deitenbach and crunching blow from the state pitcher from Ben Richards. Brett Tyler continued to catch all fly balls in the outfield and Matt Alexander picked a walk to allow two further runs to score and sure up our hold on this game.

The stage was set for a "do or die" game against St Helena Secondary College, with the winning team advancing to the final. Facing a Victorian state pitcher, who was throwing very fast, the boys set about winning this game in a very positive fashion. The first two batters, Nathan and Sam hit strongly and both scored runs. The game was to be a very tight and tense encounter, with Brentwood maintaining a 2-0 lead until the third innings when St Helena levelled the scores. With no further score until the fifth innings both pitchers dominated the game. Tom Maxfield was "on fire" for us throwing hard, fast and with excellent control. In the fifth a crunching blow from Alex "The fridge" Tapanes drove in two runs to put Brentwood in the box seat 4-2. St Helena responded with one run of their own and a 4-3 lead to Brentwood with one inning to play. No runs for Brentwood when they batted and it was all down to the final fielding innings. Tom Maxfield, absorbed the pressure and continued to

throw well. He struck out the final batter and Brentwood had won.

Onwards to the final against a very impressive Rosebud Secondary College outfit. Tom Maxfield, pitched two further scoreless innings. After two innings, Brentwood lead 1-0, due to Tom stealing three bases on a wild throw to second base. The game continued to be tight into the third and with bases loaded and the score 1-1, Sam's excellent pitching saw a Rosebud batter sky a high ball into the outfield. Despite a 30 metre run and a desperate dive from Brett "6 catches" Tyler the ball just evaded his glove by centimetres and three runs scored. After a controversial strike three call was denied the batter was awarded a "walk" and due to the "9 batter rule" three runs were scored. Trailing 7-1, Brentwood continued to fight on scoring one more run and getting two runners on base. In the end the boys went down 7-2, not without pushing Rosebud all the way.

Congratulations to all the members of the team on coming second in the state. A special thanks to Chris Renwick for attending the Eastern zone and State Finals despite a severely injured ankle. Your base coaching and enthusiasm was much appreciated.

#### **Team**

Jeff Bere	Matt Alexander
Luke Ludorf	Jake Matchett
Brett Tyler	Nathan Thiele
Sam Kassianou	Alex Tapanes
Tom Maxfield	Rainer Deitenbach
Chris Renwick	Peter Khrustal
Ben Richards	

### ***Geoff Rutherford, Coach***

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#### **Canteen News**

New Cheese & Bacon Rolls \$2.00 – Available Recess Only

Thursday & Friday

Hawaiian Salsa Burgers \$4.00

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton, L Howard (L)

Tues: D Lawless, M Yegorian

Wed: L Bult, M Hollingworth

Thur: C Williams, C Prosser

Fri: M Hayes, B Kuek, M Leece

### ***Carol & Liz***

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