



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

It is that time of the year when all Brentwood Secondary College students are fully locked into pre-assessment study mode. All students should be preparing for end of semester assessments and making sure that work requirements are completed and submitted on time. It is a busy time for teachers and students alike and thus it is vitally important that all students give themselves a chance to achieve results that reflect their personal best efforts. Please note 12 June is a state-wide pupil free day. The teachers at Brentwood will be using this day to mark exams, complete the marking of work requirements and to write reports.

By the end of this week all year 11 students will have completed their Unit 1 exams. The Student Managers in Senior School have been impressed by the mature and diligent manner in which the year 11 students have approached the exam period. Students will receive feedback on their exam performance when they return to timetabled classes on 9 June.

Year 10 exams began today and will continue into next week. All year 10 students need to ensure that their final preparation this weekend is relevant and thorough in order to maximise the prospect of their exam results being an accurate reflection their true capabilities. This exam period is a great opportunity for year 10 students to gain valuable experience in exam technique: preparation which includes writing timed responses to practice questions, observing exam protocols and managing those predictable exam nerves!

Next week the first VCAA exam period for 2009 will commence. Students who are currently studying Unit 3 in

Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology should be completing their revision and practicing past exam questions. The Brentwood community wishes these students well and trusts that their performance will reflect the quality of their preparation.

All students in the college who are undertaking a year 12 subject will be required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Test) on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Student performance on the GAT is used as a statistical moderator for VCAA results. It is also used as part of the middle band selection process for selected universities.

### Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robert Tomlin of year 8 for qualifying for the VSSSA Golf finals for the second year in a row. The finals will be held in October and I am sure Robert will acquit himself very well. Best of luck Robert.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

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## Dates and Deadlines

8 June	Queen's 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 – Pupil free 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

## H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu)

As parents and students would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about H1N1 Influenza can be referred to any of the following:

- The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007
- Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- Your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places (including school) and close contact with others.

The Department of Human Services is also asking parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7)

days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE THE SYMPTOMS OF A COLD SUCH AS SNEEZING, COUGHING AND/OR A HIGH TEMPERATURE.**

*Barbara Laidlaw, Acting Principal*

## Senior School News

### Year 10 Camp

Queensland is now less than 3 weeks away, and there are a lot of excited people ready to board the bus for our long journey. We currently have two places available for camp. Interested students should see Mr. Gamble or Mrs. Hender as soon as possible. A reminder to families that the last payment for camp is now overdue. You can make payments at the general office during business hours.

### Year 11 Central Tour

The Central Tour is only two weeks away and all students attending are eager to start this exciting adventure. If you still need to arrange the \$65 Hoodie payment, could parents/students please pay the office by the end of next week. We would like to hand these tops out just prior to the camp at our final student meeting in week 9.

### Year 11 2010

As students begin to think more seriously about their future, we are offering information sessions to both students and parents.

Wednesday 17 June, VCE student information, periods 3 and 4.

Monday 15 June, VCE parent information night, 7pm, C block.

VCE information booklets will be made available to both parents and students at these events.

Term 3, Week 2 (TBA) – Alternative Pathways evening

### SEAS Applications

Special Entry and Scholarships open at the beginning of July. These applications will require supporting documentation. Students who

intend to apply will need to speak to their Student Managers as soon as possible regarding their applications.

### ***Senior Student Managers***

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#### **Damon Radford**

Damon Radford won bronze on Sunday at the State Schools Individual Fencing Championships at the state and national high performance fencing center.

Damon put in an exceptional performance against more experienced kids in the under 15's foil semi finals. He was only knocked out of gold medal contention by 15 points to 12. A very small margin considering his opponent recently won an open classification regional event against adults!

### ***Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator***

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#### **Sport Round Up Year 8 Boys Soccer**

On Tuesday 2 June, the Brentwood boy's year 8 soccer team took part in the district round robin at Wheelers Hill Secondary College.

In their first pool match against Highvale, Brentwood started tentatively in the opening half but managed to keep the lion's share of possession. The pressure finally told in the second half and David Lee showed true striker's instinct as he took advantage of a goal mouth scramble on 21 minutes to score the winner. Highvale put Brentwood under a lot of pressure in the last 5 minutes but the unorthodox acrobatics of goalkeeper, Karan Aggarwal, helped Brentwood preserve their lead as they triumphed 1-0.

The second pool match against Wheelers Hill was undoubtedly the stage for Brentwood's finest performance of the day. Brentwood dictated the pace of the game from the offset and scored early thanks to a superb cross from Ozzie Salahi-Bilgin that was met by a perfectly timed run from John Kim who headed the ball past the outstretched goalkeeper in to the bottom corner. A second half penalty from Sami Mourad killed off the opposition as their playmaker was marked out of the game by captain, Anthony Andara. Credit should also go to James Nguyen who put in a tremendous last ditch tackle to preserve the lead earlier in the match and to Ozzie Salahi-Bilgin

who ran himself in to the ground throughout the game. The 2-0 victory gave Brentwood a real chance of reaching the final.

There was disappointment in the third pool match against Glen Waverley as the opposition raced to a 2-0 advantage inside the first ten minutes. It took a while for Brentwood to settle in to the game and there were some tired legs out on the pitch but thanks to a tactical masterstroke from coach, Chris Petalas, Sami Mourad was able to score with just about the last kick of the game to make the final score 1-2.

Brentwood therefore qualified for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff, and took to the field against Mount Waverley. Mount Waverley started the game stronger and raced in to a 2-0 lead. Matt Vavasour took advantage of great work on the wing from Jack Barber to bring the game back to just one goal, but before half-time, Mount Waverley had scored two more, making the score 4-1. Brentwood rallied in the second half with Sami Mourad unleashing a 25 metre screamer to ensure his place as top scorer for the day, and John Kim scored his second, beating the goalkeeper after being put through one on one. However, it was not enough, as Mount Waverley ran out 5-3 winners.

The year 8 boys put in a fantastic effort and their sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat, was excellent. Well done, boys! There will always be next year!

#### **Team**

Karan Aggarwal	Ben Kneale
Jarrold Norman	Sami Mourad
James Nguyen	John Kim
Anthony Andara	Ryan Muir
David Lee	Matt Vavasour
Jack Barber	Anthony Gullifer
Ozzie Salahi-Bilgin	Ryan Defry
Ben Roberts	Scott Cooling

#### **Coaches**

James Roberts	Chris Petalas
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### ***Stephen Belford, Manager***

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#### **Community Corner Healthy Families**

Discover an easier way to be a Healthy Family in Monash. Jump online to discover tips about healthy eating and ways to be an active family.

You can obtain information on recipes, links to seasonal produce, healthy lunch box ideas, email a doctor or dietitian, local family activity ideas, how to read labels, handy kitchen hints and fresh food market locations.

[www.healthyfamiliesmonash.org.au](http://www.healthyfamiliesmonash.org.au) or phone 9569 5077.

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: Public Holiday  
Tues: S Barber, D Lawless  
Wed: C Huebner, D Benjamin, M Yegorian (L)  
Thur: S Remmington, I Willmott  
Fri: Report Writing Day

*Carol & Liz*

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