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Principal's Report

At the commencement of each new term the college holds a formal School Assembly in the hall. As we have grown to be a school with an enrolment of 1400 the School Assembly is now held in two sessions for the Junior School and the Senior School. The School Assembly is a celebration of student achievement in every aspect of life at the college; academic, cultural, sporting and student leadership. The first School Assembly of the year welcomes the new year 7 students to the college and the final School Assembly in term 4 is a farewell to the year 12 students as they prepare for the final exams.

Each School Assembly has a theme with an address from the Principal and the School Captains. In term 1 the focus was the importance of building a strong school community and taking care of each other during good times and hard times, particularly in the context of the February bushfires that ravaged the State. Every member of the Brentwood community contributes to our individual and collective sense of wellbeing and belonging by showing each other courtesy, respect and kindness.

In Term 2 students were asked to reflect upon our school's values, and the way in which our school community helps to shape each person's individual set of values. Martin Luther King Jr and President Barack Obama were referred to as historical and contemporary examples of leaders driven by a strong moral compass and a desire to change the world.

At the commencement of this new semester a third significant focus within our school community was highlighted which is our philosophy of 'Personal Best' that centres upon each student's sense of personal motivation and goals. Students were asked to consider what motivates them to improve and succeed.

Setting personal goals is something that we are all encouraged to formulate and to work towards. In every aspect of our lives, be it at school, at work, at home or in our recreational pursuits – we strive to improve ourselves. This doesn't mean that we must be "the best", but simply that we must strive to do "our best". This doesn't mean being perfect, and it doesn't

mean that we can't make mistakes, rather, that in striving to achieve our personal best, we improve ourselves.

Personal achievements don't just magically happen. It takes:

- Participation
- Planning
- Practise
- Patience &
- Persistence

Each of us may have people who support us in all of our endeavours but fundamentally the motivation to succeed must come from within. The conversation that happens inside our own heads is critical to our success.

Staff

This semester we have welcomed Ms Leah Clark to our college. Ms Clark is teaching year 8, 9 and 10 mathematics. At the end of term 2 the college farewelled Ms Joanne Craig who has returned to Ireland to teach after time spent in New Zealand and Australia.

At the end of semester 1 Mrs Dawn Lawless retired from her position as gardener at Brentwood Secondary College. Dawn commenced her time at Brentwood as a parent volunteer in the canteen and in the garden. She has been on staff part-time for the last twelve years. Significantly for a gardener of her talent and passion, this has coincided with a period of drought which made her work even more challenging. Dawn has designed the garden and created a beautiful environment for all of us to enjoy every day. The beauty of the gardens is often commented upon by visitors to our college. She has supported school events such as Presentation Night and Gala Music evenings with her talent for using plants as decoration and has often adorned the staff room with floral arrangements that have left staff in awe of her artistic skill. In the canteen Dawn's sandwiches are legendary amongst the staff with new teachers being advised to watch the newsletter for when Dawn is on canteen! On behalf of the staff, students and parents of Brentwood we offer Dawn our thanks for her contribution to the college and best wishes for her future endeavours.

Barbara Laidlaw, Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, **or** as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office. Please note that late applications cannot be processed.

Claire Hutchinson, Accounts

Invitation to Year 7 Parents

The year 7 TLC classes have been busily preparing replicas of artefacts from ancient Egypt. Their work will be showcased in our simulated museum exhibition which will be open for viewing for those interested in seeing our students' interpretation of ancient history.

We would like to invite family and friends of year 7 students to attend this "Antiquities Roadshow" which will be held in the TLC building on Thursday 30 July between 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm.

TLC Team

From the Woodwork Room

Could all Term 2 woodwork students please collect their remaining models. Mr Costin is very quickly running out of storage room.

If models are not collected by 31 July they will be removed and disposed of.

Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal

Graphical Calculator Advice for Students Studying Yr 10 Maths in 2009

Background Information

Due to the introduction of the CAS Maths Methods course and the wide range of graphical calculators available, VCAA has published a list of approved graphical calculators. As a consequence, the college graphical calculator recommendation for Brentwood students now depends on the year level of the student and their VCE course selection. Students and parents should read the following requirements and recommendations carefully and contact Mr. Chinnock if clarification is needed.

Note:

1. Only certain models of graphical calculator are approved for use in VCE exams.
2. All Yr 11 & 12 maths students are required to have a graphical calculator except for Yr 11 Foundation Maths.
3. Staff at the college are trained to teach and support students using Texas Instruments graphical calculators and will not be familiar with the use of other brands of graphical calculator.
4. The TI-Nspire is a graphical calculator that also has Computer Algebraic Systems (CAS) and is suitable for both General Maths and Maths Methods (CAS).
5. The complete documentation on VCAA approved calculators is available from the VCAA website (www.vcaa.vic.edu.au).

Students can successfully complete year 10 mathematics with only a scientific calculator, which they should already have, however, we would encourage students to move to a graphical calculator as soon as possible.

Students undertaking General Maths Units 1&2 and/or Maths Methods Units 1 & 2 in 2010 will be required to have the following graphical calculator TI-Nspire (approx. Cost \$185)

Where to purchase Graphical Calculators

Texas Instruments calculators can be purchased from a range of outlets including the one listed below.

Haines Educational, 20 Dalgety Street, Oakleigh
Phone 9568 6966

Denis Chinnock, Head of Mathematics

Year 8 Author Visit

On Wednesday 3 June Cath Crowley spoke to the year 8 students. Students and staff enjoyed hearing Cath's stories about growing up with older siblings, in particular the hammer story. Cath also talked about where she gets inspiration and ideas for her stories. Cath's book *'The life and times of Gracie Faltrain'* is one of the class novels for year 8.

Here are some examples of student feedback about Cath's presentations:-

"Cath Crowley's speech on Gracie Faltrain was really good and funny. Her explanation on how to write a book was entertaining and detailed."
Judith

"Cath Crowley's speech was very interesting and amusing. She was really detailed in her explanations of her ideas." Bhawanni

"She was funny and the stories she told about her life were very interesting." Keshia and Nadiya

Special thanks to Jess Blott 8D for thanking Cath on behalf of the year 8 students in her session and to Keshia Kim 8J and Nadiya Samadh 8G for thanking Cath on behalf of the students in their session.

Cath and Jess

Nadiya, Keshia and Cath

Thanks to all of the Brentwood staff who were involved in the organisation of the presentations. Special thanks to the Library team, the teachers who attended the presentations and Mark Oudshoorn.

The next author visit is on Tuesday 25 August when Michael Gerard Bauer will give a presentation to the year 9 students.

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

World Vision Leadership Convention

On Friday 12 June Michelle Watts, Aleesha Truman, Aaron Quick, Jessica Robinson, Jessica Blake, Eden Henry and Josh Sheppard took part in a World Vision Global Leaders Convention. Along with these eight delegates Justin Brown, Calvin Chan and Melanie Brown were volunteers leading over 400 secondary college students from all over Melbourne in activities and workshops educating them on the global food crisis.

All these workshops were based around the fact that a very small minority of the world has so much in terms of food and money and yet 923,000,000 people go hungry every day. The main objective of these workshops was to educate the participants so that these delegates could then go on to lead their schools to participate in the *40 hour famine* to stop injustice.

This year all the money from this event is going to where the global food crisis has hit the hardest, mainly Africa and Asia. Brentwood is one of many schools around Victoria and Australia which will be taking part in the *40 hour famine* this year. As we have joined World Vision's youth movement, Vision Generation (Vgen) this

year, we aim to have a higher participation rate than ever. Stay tuned for further *Vgen* activities and how you can help the millions of less fortunate children in this world have a voice.

Justin Brown and Jessica Blake on behalf of the Brentwood's Vgen group

Senior School

Gold Coast Camp

On the last week of term two, three full bus loads of year 10 students packed their bags and headed up to Queensland. Although the bus ride was long and many people were sleep deprived, we still managed to get excited upon our arrival at Wet n Wild. We had crossed the border into Queensland at 4.00am that morning. After Wet n Wild, we returned back to our accommodation for a hot shower and warm food.

The next day we went to Movie World and had many photos taken with famous movie characters. All of the rides were fun, however the Lethal Weapon was closed.

The next day we went to Dreamworld, which was by far the most fun. All the rides were great, despite the long queues and the tigers were quiet.

Finally, we packed our bags and went to Seaworld. The dolphin show was the best show but Jet Rescue was the best ride. We then went shopping in Surfers Paradise, boarded the bus and travelled back home.

Tiffany Youssef & Mel Bebonis, Year 10

Central Australia Camp

Saturday 20 June, 48 students and five staff along with bus driver Steve and Loriene, our cook, departed from Melbourne in the dark. Melbourne is ridiculously cold at 6.30am!

The first leg of our journey was to Adelaide with a stop at Ararat. The McDonalds was quickly overrun with Brentwood students. Adelaide proved a much needed rest after a day of travelling and we knew we had a 4.00am wake-up to continue on our way to Port Augusta then Coober Pedy where we stayed underground and had an interesting mine tour.

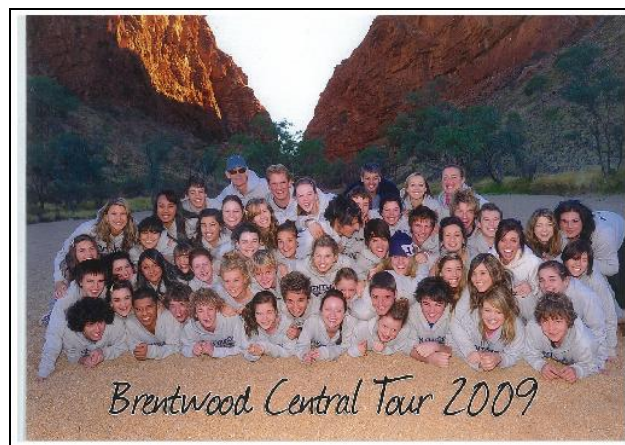
The weather began to warm up as we headed to Yulara where climbing Uluru was definitely a highlight. The first three days saw about 30 hours on the bus.

Monday was our first night tenting, Tuesday we woke up to dingoes howling next to our tents.

Continuing north, we visited sites such as Kings Canyon, Lost City and Garden of Eden rock pool. This walk was long but the scenery was well worth the 5.5km hike.

Thursday took us to 'The Alice', along the way we had a camel ride, an experience no one will forget. We visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service and donated the 'swear and fine' jar totalling \$238.95. Congratulations everyone!

Simpson's Gap provided us with lasting memories of our trip as we had a professional photo taken, all wearing our '09 hoodies.



Next we headed to Devils Marbles providing us the chance to stretch our legs and take more photos. Renner Springs, our camp by the highway, saw everyone sleep under the stars on top of the tents, a night that won't be forgotten.

Reaching the first licensed pub in the Northern Territory, The Daly Waters, was a chance to buy an ice-cream or souvenir.

Katherine was our next stop. A cruise up and back the first two gorges was fantastic and free time allowed us to either spend the afternoon in the pool or canoe with fresh water crocodiles.

At Kakadu the Yellow Waters cruise gave everyone a chance to see saltwater crocodiles and various wildlife.

Our way into Darwin resulted in stops at the Wangi Falls and the Mindil bead market where we witnessed Darwin's local night life in action.

Friday, our last day, took us to the Territory Wildlife Park, Darwin Museum and Fanny Bay.

A movie to end the trip and a Jetstar flight home saw us head into Melbourne and Central was over.

Thank you to Mr Watts, Ms Murray, Mrs Sahhar, Mr Miller and Miss Nash along with the coolest bus driver Steve and our fantastic meals from Loriene. This is certainly a trip that we will all remember with new friendships forged and shared experiences bringing us closer together.

Sebastian, Sophie & Jess, Year 11

Year 11 2010 Subject Choices

Students currently in year 10 will receive their application forms which need to be completed and returned at the student's individual counselling session, which will be held week four of this term beginning Monday 3 August. Students and their parents are reminded to purchase the Herald-Sun or The Age on Monday 27 July to ensure they have a copy of VICTER to check Tertiary prerequisites for 2012 entry. Courses will be confirmed after semester two results are available, prior to Orientation on 3 & 4 December.

Year 12 2010 Subject Choices

Students currently in year 11 will receive their year 12 application forms to indicate their preferred choice of subjects for 2009 on Monday July 20. This form should be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. The signed form must be returned when the students attend their scheduled session in the computer room with Mr Watts and Ms Wood which will be held in week four of this term beginning Monday 3 August. Subject choices need to be entered on the school Intranet before 5.00 pm Friday 14 August 2009.

Individual appointments for counselling can be made with the student managers or a member of the Careers and Pathways team at a mutually convenient time prior to this if students have concerns regarding their course of study for 2010.

Courses will be confirmed after semester 2 results are available, prior to the Headstart program which will run from November 30 until 4 December. This program is new this year and will be compulsory for all students enrolled in Year 12 at Brentwood in 2010.

SEAS (Special Entry and Scholarships) – Current Year 12 Students

Students in year 12 can have special consideration given to their application for a Tertiary place in 2010 if their VCE has been affected by long term illness, difficult personal/family circumstances or who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Full details of the categories under which students can apply is available on the VTAC website. Students require independent evidence for these applications and

should seek advice from Mrs Burke (nee Le Grove) and Mr Batalha ASAP to allow sufficient time for this evidence to be sourced.

There are also a large number of scholarships available both through this website and the websites of individual institutions. Students and their parents are encouraged to take the time to see what is available.

Guest Speaker for Year 12 English

All year 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend this presentation to be held in the SLC from 3:15pm to 4:15pm on Tuesday 3 August. The presentation will focus on preparing students for the Issues section of the final exam which is now less than 14 weeks away.

Interview Skills Workshop

The Careers and Pathways team have organised for James Lynch to speak in the SLC at 6:30pm on Wednesday 19 August. James has some very valuable tips for any students who may be preparing for an interview in the near future. So if your child is in year 12 and applying for any course that has an interview as part of its course selection (Medicine, Medical Sciences and the Arts) or they are in year 11 and will be seeking part time employment they are strongly advised to attend. Past students have commented on how valuable attending this seminar was. Please contact Mrs Marg Stanley or Mrs Jessica Oliver in the Careers and Pathways office if you have any questions.

Senior School Team

Eastern Zone Cross Country

With an early start and a cold, cold morning the cross country competitors who qualified for Eastern Zone travelled to Yarra Glen to compete. They were all rugged up and excited about the day ahead. We had competitors in each of the ten events available for the day and three teams.

It was a very exciting day for both Miss Bishop and me as we were able to cheer on the many students who represented Brentwood as they ran past us towards the finish line. A special mention goes to the two boys' teams (16 boys & 20 boys) that won Eastern Zone and have now qualified for the State finals in term three. Also Beth, Luke and Callan have all qualified individually to compete at the State finals as well. Fantastic achievements!

Final results:

Under 13 Girls

Nicole Adam

Luisa Grego 45/95
Bryony Large 38/95

Under 13 Boys

Steven Chrisicos 54/105
Harrison Kirby 52/105
Jacob Leece 69/105

Under 14 Girls – Team 5th

Taylah Bennett 14/95
Kristy Bourdakis DNC
Laurina Collyer 58/95
Jessie Hare 90/95
Jayde Viccars 17/95

Under 14 Boys

Luke Hadaway 52/95
Scott Johnstone 32/95

Under 15 Girls

Lauren Cruse 32/81

Under 15 Boys

Chris Brunton 43/88
Callan Burns 6/88

Under 16 Girls

Erica Purcell 60/65

Under 16 Boys – Team Gold

Leonard De Beer 21/62
Brandon Fredericks 9/62
Michael Ilett 50/62
Marko Ivosev 17/62
Luke Johnstone 8/62
Shaun White 23/62

Under 20 Girls – Team Bronze

Beth Alexander 7/62
Juliana Bedggood 39/62
Tayla Burns 46/62
Selena Shaikh 55/62

Under 20 Boys – Team Gold

Chris Birthisel 14/71
Musa Ma 42/71
Lachlan Mann 10/71
Nick Richards 13/71
Daniel Riddiford-Lajoie 36/71

Thanks to Paula Olson for helping officiate and Miss Bishop for all her encouragement of the runners.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Sport Round Up

Year 7 Girls' Soccer

This year the year 7 girls' soccer team travelled to Caloola Reserve in Oakleigh to participate in their annual round-robin matches with much anticipation. The team trained consistently for a month and developed very good team spirit along the way.

Our round-robin matches went well on the day with the team finishing with two draws, a win and one loss to the eventual winners of the district, Mt Waverley Secondary College.

All of the year 7 girls chosen to represent our college played with enthusiasm and endeavour. The team enjoyed a fun day out with the three year 12 student coaches, Georgia Delithodoris, Kate Martin and Victoria Chhen doing a great job in managing the team and supporting the year 7 girls to get the maximum effort as players on the ground.

Brentwood	1	Vs	Glen Waverley	1
(Kiara)				
Highvale	0	Vs	Brentwood	0
Brentwood	0	Vs	Mount Waverley	2
Wellington	2	Vs	Brentwood	4
			(Bryony 3, Maddison 1)	

Best players

Kiara Sumaratne	Maddison Radford
Bryony Large	Gemala Darmadi
Christina Papastergiou	

Jim Davatzis, Coach

Junior Boys' Netball

After weeks of team selections and training sessions our two netball teams competed in the Waverley District competition on Wednesday 24 June. There was a hot competition just to make these teams as we had enough boys try out to fill more than six netball teams. The boys all worked extremely hard at training to transfer their skills from the sports they play outside of school like football and basketball and adapt to the rules and strategies required to play great quality netball.

We began the day a little nervously, and were picked up early for infringements such as stepping and replayed ball. However, the boys quickly learnt from their mistakes. Soon it was great interceptions, accurate passing and shooting, awesome defence and terrific team play, characterising our matches. The 'B' team lost only one match for the day to the Mt Waverley Secondary College 'A' team and the Brentwood 'A' team also only lost one match for

the day – to the Brentwood ‘B’ team!!!!
Sometimes you can take things for granted in sport.....

The other schools in our district soon discovered the talent and discipline our teams possessed as Brentwood finished the day winning both the ‘A’ and ‘B’ competitions. A fantastic effort! Eastern Zone awaits.

Thank you to our fantastic student coaches Casey Hare and Jessica Bond who helped at training and on the day, and to Jordan Cavanagh and Liz Hall who helped at training. Thank you also to Nathan Fredericks who scored on the day, as for the second year in a row, he has been selected for this team but was unable to compete due to injury.

Finally, I would like to commend all of the boys on their terrific attitude and application at training and especially during the Round Robin Competition. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary and they were terrific representatives of the college.

‘A’ Team

Nic Bloomfield	Matt Howard
Luke Pappon	Jack Barbour
Cameron Hall	Luke Hadaway
Alex Liolios	Rob Tomlin
Brereton Vickers-Burrows	

‘B’ Team

Sam Williamson	Daniel Fredericks
Adam Smith	Scott Johnson
Scott De Luca	Jason Ly
John Kim	Cody Remmington
Dean McGrath	
Nathan Fredericks – Injured (Scorer)	
Student Coaches: Casey Hare and Jessica Bond	

Suzanne Plant, Coach

Community Corner

Whealers Hill Cricket Club inc

Junior Cricket Registration Day for Milo ‘In2Cricket’ program (5-10 years), Under 12, 14 and 16’s is to be held on 9 August from 10.30am

– 12.00pm at Brandon Park Reserve (Melways 71 C8). Free coaching clinic (starting at 10.30am sharp) and sausage sizzle.

Challenged By Your Child’s Asthma? ‘Parenting Children with Asthma’

The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult. You can complete the survey at: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email: caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au)

Canteen News

Mon: H Paterson, L Howard
Tues: J Stebbing, M Yegorian
Wed: H Fox-Harrison, **Help Wanted Please**
Thur: **Help Wanted Please**
Fri: M Hayes, M Leece, B Kuek

New:
Soup \$2.00 per cup
Hot Chicken Satay Rolls \$3.50

Carol & Liz

Brentwood Secondary College

CALENDAR TERM 3 2009			
Week	Day	Date	College Program
1	Monday	13 July	Term 3 Commences
2	Thursday	23 July	2010 Presentation Ball Meeting
	Friday	24 July	State Cross Country
3	Thursday	30 July	Antiquities Roadshow 4.30 – 6.00pm TLC Centre
	Friday	31 July	Music Madness
4	Tuesday	4 August	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling English Competition Year 7, 8 and 9 students
	Wednesday	5 August	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling Gala Music Evening 7.30pm
	Thursday	6 August	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling Maths Competition
	Friday	7 August	Year 11 2010 Choices Due
5	Tuesday	11 August	Year 12 Dress Up Day Education Sub-Committee Meeting 6.00pm Resources Sub-Committee Meeting 7.10pm
	Thursday	13 August	Year 9 & 10 Sport Rock Eisteddfod Heat Cyber Safety Junior School Presentation 2.00pm Cyber Safety Parent Presentation 7.00 – 8.30pm C Block
	Friday	14 August	Year 12 2010 Choices Due
6	Wednesday	19 August	Year 12 VTAC Information 7.00pm
	Thursday	20 August	English SAC Periods 3 & 4 Keys Please Evening 6.45pm C Block
7	Monday	24 August	Year 8 Sport School Council 7.00pm
	Thursday	27 August	Parent Teacher Interviews – All families 4.00 – 7.00pm
8	Tuesday	1 September	Year 11 German Trip to Hahndorf/Barossa Valley Education Sub-Committee Meeting 6.00pm Resources Sub-Committee Meeting 7.10pm
	Thursday	3 September	District Athletics
9	Tuesday	8 September	Year 7 Sport
10	Monday	14 September	Sister School visit to Japan School Council 7.00pm
	Wednesday	16 September	VCE Music Evening 7.30pm
	Friday	18 September	Year 12 English October Test p4-6 School Ends 2.30pm