



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

The Premier's Awards were presented last week to the top VCE students for the State across all government, catholic and private schools. I have great pleasure in informing you that David Wang, our Dux of School for 2008 received the Premier's Award for Economics. Our teacher of Economics, Mrs Linda Gotz and the Head of Senior School, Mrs Fiona Erwich were there to support and congratulate David on his achievement.

While a great achievement, it is one thing to be one of the students to achieve the maximum score of 50 for a VCE subject, but to be the top student across all school systems is about as outstanding as you can get in any study discipline. David is to be applauded for his dedication and application to study, without which such an achievement would not have been possible. This achievement would also not have been possible without the preparation and guidance given by his teacher Mrs Lynda Gotz, and on behalf of our College community, I would like to thank Lynda and all of David's other teachers who have helped prepare him for this achievement.

This week, a number of fifteen year old students from Brentwood participated in an extensive PISA testing program. The test assesses reading, mathematics and scientific literacy and ICT. The aim of PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) is not to test individual students, but to gather data in order to compare education systems around the world. Only a small number of schools are randomly selected for this international and highly regarded testing program and the data gathered from Brentwood students will help to provide an indication of how Australia's education system compares to systems from other countries around the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students who participated in up to four

hours of testing for their part in this very important international program.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the student competitors and coaches and the teacher coaches who give up their time for our sporting teams and bring about the continuing fantastic sporting achievements. This week the Intermediate Boys Netball team, coached by Mrs Monique Burke, won through to the State finals. Well done!

*David Shelton, Assistant Principal*

### Dates and Deadlines

4 Aug	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling English Competition
5 Aug	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling Gala Music 7.30pm
6 Aug	Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling Maths Competition
7 Aug	Year 11 2010 Choices Due
11 Aug	Year 12 Dress Up Day Education Meeting 6.00pm Resources Meeting 7.10pm
13 Aug	Year 9 & 10 Sport Cyber Safety Junior School Presentation 2.00pm Cyber Safety Parent Presentation 7.00 – 8.30pm C Block Rock Eisteddfod Heat
14 Aug	Year 12 2010 Choices Due
19 Aug	Year 12 VTAC Information 7.00pm
20 Aug	English SAC Periods 3 & 4

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## Education Maintenance Allowance

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 Friday 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.*

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

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

*Claire Hutchinson, Accounts*

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## Internet Safety Presentation

### Help Children Stay Safe Online

Young people have fully embraced the use of information and communication technologies to maintain contact with friends and make new ones. They send emails, create their own websites, post intimate personal news in blogs (online interactive diaries), send text messages via mobile phones, message each other through IMs (instant messages), chat in chat rooms, post to discussion boards and seek out new friends in teen community sites.

To help your children stay safe online, Brentwood Secondary College is hosting a Cybersafety Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersafety initiatives.

The Cybersafety Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help children stay safe online

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersafety trainer, Greg Gebhart, and is free of charge. Greg Gebhart is one of Australia's leading education technologists with more than 20 years experience in ICT and education. Greg

is recognised across Australia for his knowledge and passion for cybersafety education.

Brentwood is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. On Thursday 13 August, all year 7, 8 & 9 students will be attending a Cybersafety presentation in the afternoon. This will be followed by a presentation to the staff after school. On Thursday evening Greg Gebhart will present to the parents in C Block. It will commence at 7.00pm and conclude at 8.30pm. To register your interest in attending, please tear off the slip below and return it to the Main Office.

*Leigh Wright, Student Wellbeing Coordinator,  
Suzanne Plant, Head of Junior School &  
Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School*

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### Internet Safety Presentation – Greg Gebhart

I / we will be attending the Internet Safety Presentation on Thursday 13 August 2009.

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people attending the presentation.

Name:

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*(Please use block letters)*

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## Reflection Time/ My Learning Goals

At the end of last term, all students received their Semester 1 reports. Both students and parents will have a range of thoughts and feelings about both the overall results and the comments. You may be pleased, thrilled, or even a little disappointed. Now that Brentwood students have settled into their new classes, it is beneficial for everyone to reflect on their efforts last semester, re-read their teacher comments and to set some goals for the new semester for each of the subjects they are studying.

Be **positive** and think honestly about your aims and goals for the semester.

Be sure that the goals you set for yourself are:  
– your own  
– not those of friends

Your **goals** will cover different periods of time:  
– weekly  
– for the Term

- for the semester
- in three years' time.

Some people find it useful to:

- write them down
- record them on a cassette tape
- put them on a poster in their bedroom.

Being able to set goals puts you in **control** of your life, but if you are not sure where to start, look at your report and answer the questions below.

The areas I did well in, in Semester 1 are:

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The areas I need to improve in are :

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The areas I need help with are:

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The people who can help me are:

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My goals for this semester are:

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My long term goals are:

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Remember:

- there are many people both at school and at home who can support you.
- don't be afraid to ask for assistance.
- set some goals that are important to you.

***The Junior School Team***

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## **G'Day USA Program**

On 3 January 2009, 17 students and 2 group leaders from our school went on the G'Day USA program. We flew into San Francisco, where we stayed 2 nights in a hotel; we walked the Golden Gate Bridge, visited Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf.

We said goodbye to San Francisco and went to thrill seeking L.A. We stayed at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, the home of Snoopy, and spent our days at Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Santa Monica and Hollywood. The way to describe Disneyland would be the happiest place on earth. Knott's Berry Farm was for the adrenalin junkies. Universal Studios was a backstage pass to the movies. And finally, Hollywood, where we were lucky enough to see the big named stars on the ground (unfortunately none in person).

We then travelled to San Diego where we stayed with an American family; it was an experience none of us would trade in. Some of us were lucky enough to experience American basketball games, hockey games, water polo, outlet shopping and many more interesting attractions.

To sum it all up, America was a once in a life time experience and will be remembered by everyone. If you would like to participate in the 2011 G'Day USA program, an information evening will be held Wednesday 12 August, please read below for more details.

### **Invitation to Information Evening**

Further to information sheets being distributed at homegroup and sub school assemblies next week an invitation is extended to all parents and students who have expressed an interest in the G'Day USA Tour to America in January 2011 to an Information Evening.

The itinerary includes 4 days in Los Angeles where visits will be made to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm and San Diego. The group will also travel to an American High school where students will be hosted with American families, attend school, and enjoy sight seeing tours of the area. A three day stopover in San Francisco completes the tour.

All airfares, buses, transfers, hotel accommodation, entries to attractions, sightseeing tours, continental breakfasts at hotels and an E.W.T. windcheater are included in the tour cost.

The information evening for interested parents and students will be held at the school on:

Date: Wednesday 12 August 2009  
 Time: 6pm  
 Room: C Block

The teachers from your school who will be leading the group, together with a representative from E.W.T. will be in attendance to explain the Program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions you may have.

**Monique Burke, G'Day USA Contact**

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**Gala Music Concert**

The Gala Music Concert will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 August in the Hall. All students who are members of Instrumental Music Ensembles will be performing at this event. It is a great opportunity for parents and friends to share in the efforts and successes of our Instrumental Music students. Please come along to see and hear the following:

- ❖ Junior and Senior Strings
- ❖ Junior and Senior Concert Bands
- ❖ Choir
- ❖ Percussion Ensemble
- ❖ Guitar Ensemble
- ❖ Solo items

No tickets necessary. Entry is free.

**Cathie Presa, Director of Music**

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**Sport**

Brentwood has done exceptionally well in Term 2. We have had at least one team in all sports available at the Interschool round robin days, and we have filled almost every place at both the swimming and cross country carnivals.

Our participation in sport is fantastic. Without the dedication of the staff at Brentwood who give up their time to coach and manage teams, we would not be able to enjoy the friendly competition the Waverley District offers.

Below are the newest additions to the 2009 "Supercoach" list and the teams that have made it through to the Eastern Zone Competition to be played later on in the year. Congratulations!

<b>"Supercoach"</b>	<b>Team</b>
Mrs Burke	Intermediate Boys Netball
Mr Miller	Senior Girls Basketball A
Mr Romary	Senior Boys Basketball B
Mr Hose	Senior Boys Footy
Mr Rutherford	Senior Boys Badminton

Mr Cooper	Junior Golf
Mr Davatzis	Inter Girls Soccer
Mr Pirrie	Inter Boys Footy
Mr Pirrie	Yr 8 Boys Footy
Ms McCluskey	Yr 8 Girls Soccer
Ms Hatley	Yr 8 Girls Netball A & B
Miss Nash	Yr 8 Girls Badminton
Mr Rutherford	Yr 8 Boys Badminton
Miss Bishop	Yr 7 Girls Netball B
Mrs Plant	Junior Boys Netball
Miss Bishop	Junior Girls Footy

**So what's on for Term 3?**

Term 3 Interschool sports available for year's 7-10 students to try out for are Basketball, Table tennis, Hockey and Squash. 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.

Interschool Athletics is on Thursday 3 September at Knox Athletics Track. Please see the sports board for more information.

Again a friendly reminder about Sports uniforms. Students 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 clothing – teams can be penalised at competitions. As the weather is 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.

**State Cross Country**

Last Friday, Brentwood had 12 students represent us at the VSSSA State Cross Country Championships at Bundoora. It was an icy cold day with over 100 competitors in each event. Our students ran extremely well in the tough field of competition. They were also looking sharp in the new cross country and athletics singlets! Congratulations to the following students.

**Under 15 Boys' Individual**

Callan Burns 32<sup>nd</sup>/106

### ***Under 20 Girls' Individual***

Beth Alexander 13<sup>th</sup>/106

### ***Under16 Boys' Team***

4<sup>th</sup>  
Luke Johnstone 26<sup>th</sup>/104  
Shaun White 49<sup>th</sup>/104  
Leonard De Beer 51<sup>st</sup>/104  
Brandon Fredericks 69<sup>th</sup>/104  
Michael Ilett 76<sup>th</sup>/104

### ***Under 20 Boys' Team***

6<sup>th</sup>  
Nick Richards 30<sup>th</sup>/104  
Lachlan Mann 40<sup>th</sup>/104  
Chris Birthisel 59<sup>th</sup>/104  
Daniel Riddiford-Lajoie 79<sup>th</sup>/104  
Musa Ma 82<sup>nd</sup>/104

***Kim Nash, Sports Coordinator***

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## **Sport Round Up**

### **Intermediate Boys' – Eastern Zone Football**

On Wednesday 22 July the intermediate boys' football team travelled to Greaves Reserve for the round robin competition. Over the three games we achieved the following results

Brentwood 0.0.0 lost to Box Hill 6.8.44  
Brentwood 2.1.13 lost to Rowville 6.4.40  
Brentwood 3.3.21 lost to Upwey 6.1.37

It was an unfortunate day for the team with injuries and withdrawals hampering our efforts to be at our competitive best. Best players on the day were Michael Ilett, Callan Burns, Tom Jago and Dane Rhind.

***Adam Pirrie, Coach***

### **Year 8 Boys' Football**

The year 8 boys' also played at Greaves Reserve on Thursday 23 July and at full strength were looking to make an impact on the competition. Unfortunately the bigger bodied sides made it difficult for us to get our running game up and going and consequently we achieved the following results:

Brentwood 2.2.14 lost to Doncaster East 6.0.36  
Brentwood 1.2.8 lost to Upwey 5.2.32  
Brentwood 3.2.20 lost to Rowville 5.5.35

I have confidence that we can turn things around next year. Best players on the day were Matt

Howard, Adam Smith, Dean McGrath, Matthew Morton and Alex Liolos.

***Adam Pirrie, Coach***

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## **Community Corner**

### **Exchange Programs**

#### **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**

#### **Information Session**

Tuesday 4 August 2009 at Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury.

Find out...

- ⇒ Which destination/programs are available?
- ⇒ Which country suits your goals/expectations?
- ⇒ When is the best time to go?
- ⇒ Who are the host families?
- ⇒ What are the costs?
- ⇒ How do I apply?

Speak to S.C.C.E. staff, returned students, their parents and international students. For more information ring 1800 500 501

[www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au)

### **World Education Program (WEP) Australia**

Experience life as an overseas teenager during your summer holidays! World Education Program (WEP) Australia is in its last round of accepting applications for students to go to Germany, Italy, Spain, France and French-speaking Belgium this summer.

Request your information pack: Go online [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) or call us for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733. Attend WEP's Open Door Day: 15 August / 12pm – 4pm

Meet WEP staff and returned students to talk about your opportunity to discover the world on a student exchange.

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments.

### **Host Families Needed for Exchange Students**

We are hoping that you and your family are interested in the idea of choosing an exchange student to come and live with you for a half, one or even two semesters, sharing your lifestyle with a 15-18 year old girl or boy from Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Brazil. So if you can afford one extra at mealtimes, which is almost the only cost to you, have a spare bed and wish to make an overseas friend, possibly for life, For more information ring Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator (03)97584279.

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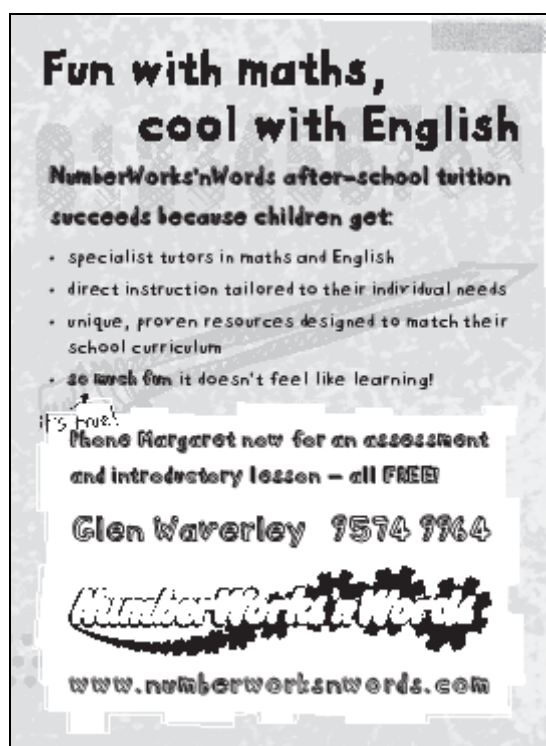
## Canteen News

Mon: M Yegorian, K Adams, A Teng  
Tues: J Stebbing, E Ho  
Wed: A Pygall, P Lange  
Thur: L Airey, J Stebbing, H Fox-Harrison  
Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield, M Leece,  
L Mossenton (L)

We have a vacancy for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. If anyone can spare a couple of hours can you please phone the canteen on 8545 0313.

*Carol & Liz*

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