



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

The Brentwood calendar has again been very busy. The whole college was entertained last Friday with our annual Music Madness 'battle of the bands' competition. This is an event organised and run entirely by the students for the students. The SRC, ably led by Patrizio Briganti, and the Sound and Lighting team, led by Fiona Jong, deserve special mention for their tremendous efforts in staging the Junior and Senior Performances. A full report including the winning performers appears later in the newsletter.

The annual Antiquities Roadshow, displaying our year 7 students' wonderful work in the TLC, was another huge success. On Thursday 30 July, the year 7 students proudly showed members of their families the culmination of their work in the 'Journey to Ancient Egypt' unit. Thank you to Mrs Jo Marveggio and all members of the TLC teaching team for their creative efforts displaying our students.

Music at Brentwood was again at the forefront this week as many of our talented students performed at our Music Gala evening on Wednesday night. A large audience was entertained with a wide music program including; classical piano pieces, new percussion and guitar ensembles, individual instrumentalists and large group choir and band performances. The standard of the performances was wonderful and all of the students involved, the instrumental music staff and our Director of Music, Cathie Presser should be extremely proud of the quality of music produced.

Every student in the Junior School sat the University of NSW English competition on Tuesday. On Thursday a cohort of 220 students sat the Westpac Maths Competition. The results from these

papers are used as a valuable source of data that teachers can utilise to help improve student outcomes in English and Maths. It also gives students an opportunity to experience exam conditions at Brentwood and to reflect on how they perform in this type of assessment environment. These examinations are very challenging and have the potential to test and recognise our full range of student abilities.

Congratulations to our Successful year 8 girls' Soccer Team who won the Eastern Zone Finals this week. This highly competitive team, coached by Ms McCluskey, will represent the school in the State Finals for the second year in a row. We wish them great success in their endeavours.

Good luck to all students involved in the Rock Eisteddfod next Thursday 13 August. There will be approximately 100 students participating and many hours of rehearsal, set painting and costume creation will come to fruition. We wish you all the best for your performance.

Finally, the last two weeks have been an extremely interesting learning experience for me, as Acting Assistant Principal while Leon Lilly has been on Long Service Leave. I have gained great insight into the workings of the college from a brand new perspective. Whilst there has been a lot of transfer of skills from my role as Head of Junior School, I have also spent a lot of time listening and asking questions to learn new procedures and skills. I have also been impressed by the insightful questions students have asked me about stepping into a new role and career progression.

*Suzanne Plant, Acting Assistant  
Principal*

## Dates and Deadlines

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

## Student Injuries and Insurance

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

- Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.
- Student accident insurance policies are available through private insurance companies to cover medical expenses not met by Medicare.
- Schools and DEECD are not able to advise parents on whether to purchase such an insurance policy or which policy to purchase as individual families have differing needs.

*Suzanne Plant, Acting Assistant Principal*

## Year 12 Information

### SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme

SEAS is for students who are applying to TAFE or University who have experienced educational disadvantage. SEAS allows tertiary selection officers to grant extra consideration for course entry to applicants, but it is not used as a replacement for course entry requirements. SEAS categories are:

Category 1	Mature age consideration
Category 2	Non-English speaking background
Category 3	Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
Category 4	Difficult family circumstances
Category 5	Disadvantaged socio-economic background
Category 6	Applicants from rural or isolated areas

Category 7	Under-represented schools
Category 8	Women or men in underrepresented disciplines
Category 9	Refugee Status

If you believe you meet one of these categories please see Mr Batalha or Mrs Burke ASAP as applications close soon. Brochures are available from the senior school office.

### Enrol to Vote Week

Enrol to vote week was held 27 July – 2 August, if you're 18 or over and an Australian Citizen you are required by law to enrol and vote. If you're 17 you can also enrol so you're able to vote when you turn 18.

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the senior school office.

### VTAC Information Session – Year 12

#### Parents

The Senior School team would like to invite you to an information session being held on Wednesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

Mrs Margaret Stanley and Mrs Jess Oliver (Careers and Pathways Team) will be discussing the process involved in applying for a TAFE or University course for 2010. They will also outline the different possible scenarios that your son/daughter may be faced with at the end of the year.

If you are planning to attend, could you please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Senior School office by Friday 31 July.

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I/We will be attending the VTAC Information Session on Wednesday 19 August.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HG: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Senior School Team*

### Music Madness

On 18 June, the SRC ran the third casual dress day for the year. On casual dress days, students at Brentwood are encouraged to come to school in casual dress for the small price of \$2. The school raised in excess of \$2000, an amazing

effort and one of the highest amounts raised in recent terms. The money collected was distributed amongst several areas in need of community assistance; Edson, Brentwood's World Vision sponsor child, research into juvenile diabetes and to a trust fund for two severely disabled twin girls from a local family in the Monash area.

This term, the SRC was proud to present Music Madness, our "battle of the bands" competition. Preparation had been underway for the past few months, and it came together with few technical errors. Held on Friday 31 July, the day was also casual dress day, which helped to fund the hiring of the various equipment required for sound and lighting.

Congratulations to all bands and soloists who performed, particularly the winners; Roger Lee (soloist) and Time, Place and Community (band), and the runners-up, Jayme James (soloist) and Inchoate (band). Laura Stillitano and Oscar Thorborg both did an amazing job and were brilliant MCs, hosting the morning and afternoon performances for the juniors and seniors respectively. The entire event is put together for the students by the students, and in particular I would like to thank the Sound and Lighting Crew, headed by Fiona Jong, and the Music Madness Team, Joshua Sheppard, Dharshi Hasthanayake, Shatha Sukkar, Sahana Ganesh, Mara Jefimovs and Ping Fang for their incredible effort and assistance during the lead up to and on the day of Music Madness.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, who generously supported the day with prizes:

- Boardworx (Brandon Park)
- Rebel Sport (The Glen)
- McDonalds (Wheelers Hill)
- Hairhouse Warehouse (Brandon Park)
- Jeanswest (The Glen)
- Sweet As (The Glen)
- Woolworths (Wheelers Hill)
- Kmart (Brandon Park)
- Subway (Brandon Park)
- Quadro (Brandon Park)
- Picture Corner (Brandon Park)
- Brandon Park Newsagency

*Patrizio Briganti, SRC President*

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## **Sport Round Up**

### **Intermediate Boys' Zone Netball**

On Tuesday I took 9 boys from year 9 and 10 to Waverley Netball Centre to play in the Eastern Zone finals. We had to play three teams in our

pool to be able to progress to finals with the other pool. We won our first two games comfortably against Scoresby and Emerald, we then lost by one to Doncaster in a very close match.

As we finished second in our pool, we played the top team in the other, this was against Camberwell High School. At the end of four quarters the game was a draw and we went into extra time, with three minutes each way. We won the heart stopping game by one. I couldn't watch the game I was so nervous and hid behind my hands!

The final was against Mooroolbark, it was 13 all at three quarter time, and the team went on to win 20 to 18.

Huge thanks to Danielle Colosimo and Cecilia Faalili for coaching, as well as the many parents who came to watch and encourage the team. Thank you also to Chris Renwick who was injured on the day and scored for the team.

A fantastic team – I look forward to the State Finals on Thursday 20 August.

Alec Farragher	Andrew Owen
Alex Tapanes	Lin Jong
Matt Hesketh	John Creighton
Ben Richards	Tim Rowe

### ***Monique Burke, Coach***

### **Eastern Zone Boys' Netball**

On Tuesday July 28, the junior boys' netball team competed in the Eastern Zone finals at the Waverley Netball Centre.

We started the day well with a good win against Emerald Secondary College. Unfortunately we could not repeat this result against Scoresby Secondary College and Box Hill High. We were all a little disappointed with our performance, as we just didn't play to the high standards that we expected of ourselves. However, our effort and commitment could not be questioned. The huge gains the boys have made in skills and strategic play will be a positive benefit to future Brentwood teams.

It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated group of students. Thank you to Casey, Jess and Liz for your work with the team at training and on the day. It was also wonderful to have the support of several of the boys' parents.

## **Team**

Nic Bloomfield	Cameron Hall
Matt Howard	Rob Tomlin
Sam Williamson	Alex Liolios
Daniel Fredericks	Luke Hadaway
Jack Barbour	Luke Pappou
Brereton Viccars-Burrows	

*Suzanne Plant, Coach*

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## **Community Corner**

### **Gymnastic Volunteers**

Gymnastics Australia is looking for volunteers to help with the 2010 Pacific Rim Championships that will be held in Melbourne from 29 April to 2 May. These Championships are held at two venues; Hisense Arena, and the State Netball & Hockey Centre. This prestigious four day international event will showcase the top gymnasts from ten countries including world powerhouses in gymnastics – China, USA, Japan & Russia.

See Miss Nash for an application form ASAP - closing date for applications is October 31.

### **Dads Matter**

Anglicare Victoria, Parentzone is running four interesting and informative sessions on 'What kids really need from their Dad'.

When: Wednesday August 12 – September 3 (four sessions), 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Where: Anglicare, Parentzone  
666 Mountain Highway  
Bayswater  
Cost: \$40 per person, \$20 Concession or by negotiation

For more information phone 9721 3646.

The guest speaker is Dr Bruce Robinson who is the author of the very popular books "Daughters and their Dads" and "fathering from the Fast Lane". Bruce is a very entertaining speaker and these sessions will be very valuable to all fathers.

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: L Shaw, V Sullivan  
Tues: **Help Wanted Please**  
Wed: C Huebner, D Benjamin, M Yegorian (L)  
Thur: S Remmington, I Willmott  
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams (L)

We have a vacancy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you can spare a few hours please phone the canteen on 8545 0313.

*Carol & Liz*

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