



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

Term 3 coincides with the long summer break in the northern hemisphere. In recent years this has become the time of year when DEECD and many organisations such as the Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) invite eminent speakers from within the international education fraternity to Victoria. It is an opportunity for school leaders to participate in seminars designed to stretch our thinking and challenge teaching practices in our schools. Over the last four or five years all Victorian state school principals have attended the annual 'Big Day Out'. This conference was an innovation as it brought all principals together in the one venue on the same day to hear about future directions in the Victorian education system. It was a powerful way of reinforcing to all participants that we are leaders within a very large system which is responsible for the learning of the vast majority of students in this State.

Last Friday the 'Big Day In' was held and this saw a change in the organisation of the day. Principals of each region met together for the morning and then broke up into network groups to participate in workshops for the afternoon. The Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) conference was held at Etihad Stadium. Professor Richard Elmore from Harvard University has been a regular presenter at these conferences and has also worked with principals in the EMR. This year all participants read his book titled '*Instructional Rounds in Education*' which formed the basis of the afternoon workshops for every network in the state.

At the EMR 'Big Day In' we were fortunate to have Dr Douglas Reeves deliver the morning keynote sessions. Dr Reeves is a very accessible presenter who has undertaken extensive research in school education and the impact that numerous factors, from socio-economic background to variations in methods of

assessment by teachers, can have on students' learning. Amongst the many areas that Dr Reeves covered in his presentation he emphasised that there is a clear link between a student's participation in co-curricular activities and improved academic performance. He showed data that indicated participation in between one and four activities produced optimal positive impact on academic performance and more than six co-curricular activities generally had a detrimental impact on students' academic outcomes.

Within the Brentwood Secondary College learning community students' participation in the schools' extensive co-curricular program is celebrated every week in this newsletter. Parents and students may not be aware that every one of these co-curricular activities is conducted by staff who volunteer their personal time to provide students with the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the wider school program. Brentwood students have the chance to strive for their personal best in many ways: in the very many sports included in inter-school sport program, in the Performing Arts, many music ensembles and in public speaking through the debating team. The co-curricular program also includes many opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills: the SRC, the V-gen, the Green Team, Peer Support Leaders, VCE Supportive Friends, school ambassadors, the library monitor team, the sound and lighting team and the hall crew. This broad-ranging co-curricular program enriches Brentwood students' experience of school life, encourages their strong sense of belonging and pride in their school, and fosters strong relationships with their teachers. As Dr Douglas Reeves said to the EMR principals, the co-curricular program also provides students with the opportunity to optimise their academic outcomes.

*Barbara Laidlaw, Principal*

## Celebrations!

### Rock Eisteddfod Team

Congratulations to the students and staff of the Rock Eisteddfod team for their fabulous performance on Thursday 13 August at the Hisense arena. It was a wonderful effort and they walked away with five awards for the best Choreography, Concept, Drama, Soundtrack and Stage Use. They have won through to the final on Thursday 17 September and rehearsals are well underway.

### Boys' Intermediate Netball

Congratulations also to Mrs Burke and the Boys' Intermediate Netball team who won the State Championship played at Jells Park yesterday. It was a pleasure to watch the grand final as the game went goal-for-goal until the final quarter when the Brentwood boys pulled away from Melton Secondary College to win 16-10. The nine players will be able to proudly wear their championship victory which will be embroidered onto their Brentwood sports polo shirts!

*Barbara Laidlaw, Principal*

### Dates and Deadlines

27 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews – All families 4.00 – 7.00pm
31 Aug	Year 8 Sport School Council 7.00pm
1 Sept	Education Meeting 6.00pm Resources Meeting 7.10pm
3 Sept	District Athletics
8 Sept	Year 7 Sport
14 Sept	Sister School visit to Japan School Council 7.00pm
16 Sept	VCE Music Evening 7.30pm
18 Sept	Year 12 English October Test p4-6 School Ends 2.30pm

### Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is being conducted next week. Surveys have been posted to selected families today Friday 21 August. Please return these surveys by Friday 28 August.

*Barbara Atkinson, Office Manager*

### 2009 Science Competition

Students of Brentwood have achieved excellent results in the recently completed 2009 ICAS International Science competition co-ordinated

by the University of New South Wales. This international competition has over 1.5 million entries annually. At Brentwood, school house points have been awarded on the basis of each student's individual results. Congratulations to all those who participated; achieving a high standard against such a quality field of candidates is a terrific effort.

I would like to formally recognise the following recipients of Distinction and High Distinction awards:

Year 7	Kimberley Ho, Austin Peach
Year 8	David Lee, Marcus Chuo, Sze Khim Hiew, Samantha Hooi, Naveen Sreekumar, Wickie Xu
Year 9	Bathusan Elango, Deepika Gunda, Angus Leung, Jonathon Tay
Year 10	Nicole Tay, Sharon Tay, Alan Leigh-Lancaster, Jessica Robinson

All participating students will receive a certificate and an individual report on their personal performance relative to a number of benchmarks. Students who have entered over successive years are also able to monitor and review their learning progress by identifying strengths and weaknesses with the help of their individual feedback report (which is also available to them online via their personal login).

Congratulations again to all who have entered this year. Certificates will be distributed in home-group.

*Gary Hayes, Head of Science*

### Year 7 Antiquities Road show

The 2009 TLC Antiquities Road show was an outstanding success. TLC students were asked to present an artefact they had produced during their study of Ancient Egypt. On display were items ranging from intricate Egyptian amulets, to dioramas and an almost life sized sarcophagus. The standard of work produced by our Year 7 students was quite amazing. It proved to be a very difficult task compiling a final list of award winners as there were so many wonderful items produced by the students. Prizes will be awarded at a year level assembly.

Congratulations go to the following prize winners:

Principal's Award: Ashleigh Fazlic  
Junior School Award: Kaitlyn Moon  
Technology Award : Jarred Gallina  
Art Award: Stephanie Babinczky  
Curriculum Award: Nicole Adam

Most Original : Kyle Sutton  
Best Team Award: Fiona Ng, Kimberley Ho  
Most Popular Award: Kurt Benjamin  
Honorable Mentions:

Eliza Darby  
Griffin James  
Hollie Knock  
Claudia Filipic  
Swathi Sankaran  
Joe Jeans  
Luisa Greco

***J Marveggio***  
***Head of Curriculum***

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## **Sport Round Up**

### **Intermediate Squash Teams**

Last Thursday the year 9 & 10 squash teams played at our District Competition. The boys' 'A' Team in particular was one of our strongest to date and proved this by winning a massive 19 out of 20 matches.

The match of the competition was where our number two player, John Angus was up against a much larger Mt Waverley competitor. John kept his composure to run the opponent around the court and win in an impressive straight set victory. In short, the boys have now qualified for the Eastern Zone competition on October 22 and we wish them well for this day.

Both the other boys' 'B' Team and the girls' team played very well and beat all other teams except Mt Waverley.

All students showed great team spirit and sportsmanship on the day and are to be congratulated for their efforts. A big thank you is also extended to the parents for their support with the afterhours training, to Mulgrave Country Club for the use of their squash courts and to Ms Nash and Mr Newcombe for help with transport and training.

### **Boys' 'A' Team**

Leonard De Beer	John Angus
Beau Howland	Hargun Butalia
Patrick McLeod	

### **Boys' 'B' Team**

Chris Robinson	Bathusan Elango
Alan Leigh-Lancaster	Luke Whitfield
Damian Maciszewski	

### **Girls' Team**

India Donaldson	Cleone Tan
Madeleine Vantarakis	Anderson Blanche

***Tony Watts, Team Coordinator***

## **Girls' Zone Football**

On Wednesday 29 July, the year 7- year 9 girls' football team headed out to Dandenong for Zone football, after successfully winning all games against our district.

Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work. The back line played their role, the midfielders just kept running and the forwards kicked goals, can't ask for much more. The first game we played was against Emerald Secondary College and was a ripper to watch but unfortunately we went down by five points.

We still had a chance to make it to State and we did all we could to get through, beating Fairhills Secondary College with a score of 18-0. We received a forfeit for our last game as the other team didn't turn up on the day. It came down to percentage and unfortunately we didn't get through to State.

Well done to all the girls on and off the field for their hard work, the girls who participated were:

Holly Johnson	Meg Wrench-Joseph
Taylah Bennet	Amanda Guardiani
Lauren Cruse	Kate Richards
Cassie Ferguson	Megan Rogers
Stephanie Mann	Souad Janzerli
Stephanie Missos	Natalie Merkli
Georgia Harkness	Natalie Wilkinson
Ellen Phillips	Adele Fox
Lisa Burns	Mary Papastergiou
Melanie Stone	Alex Knock
Sophie Tarabolsi	

Thanks to Miss Bishop for the work she put in and the student coaches Callan Burns and Chris Renwick.

***Chris Renwick and Melanie Stone***

## Year 8 Girls' Netball – Zone Competition

On Wednesday 12 August the 'A' and 'B' teams met outside the front of the gym ready for a jam-packed day of netball.

The 'A' team had a few key players missing with injury, Sian Creighton (centre court player) and Shannon Cross (defence) and also Taylah Bennet playing with a very severely sprained and bruised wrist. Two of the girls, Sarah Hesketh (defence) and Cassie Ferguson (centre court) from the 'B' team moved up and stepped into some big shoes to fill - which they did!

The 'A' team had the first game. They played against Monbulk and went straight into the systems and defensive plays they had practised. They came out with a remarkable win of 28 – 1. The 'B' team had their first game against Upwey and had a really tough battle. They ended up losing 10 – 19 but played some really good netball.

Our 'A' team were on again this time against Rowville. We knew this was going to be one of the toughest matches of the day due to a strong opposing side. But in the end, due to some great defence, we were able to walk away with a draw 19-all. The 'B' team was on again and knew they were up against some tough opposition as the height of the shooters and defenders was quite daunting. The girls tried their best but were not able to come away with a win, losing 6 – 24.

The 'A' team had their final match which they had to win to stay on top of their pool. They were up against Box Hill High School. Once again, due to some great goaling, defensive work by both the centre court players and defenders, and some great timing the girls were able to beat Box Hill by 10 goals. This meant that the 'A' team had finished on top of their pool, which was a fantastic achievement for a bunch of girls that had never made it this far before! The 'B' team wanted to finish on a high and they made sure of that! All of the girls played really well in the final match to come away with a win, 18 – 5 against Box Hill High School.

The 'A' team were into the cross over semi-finals. This meant that they had to play against the team that finished second in the other pool, Canterbury Girls' High School. The other pool was the tougher one, however, the girls had the belief that they could beat this team. We started off really strongly, getting a 3 – 0 lead in the first few minutes of the game. We then dropped our

heads a little when the opposition threw a few goals in a row to get on top of us. We were 7 down at half time. After a little pep talk reminding the girls about the fun of the game and to enjoy themselves, the girls tried their best to claw back. We were unable to defeat such a strong side losing by 16 goals in the end.

All of the girls were shattered but have since come back from this with vengeance and want to make up for it next year. I wish all the 'A' and 'B' girls the best with their future netballing paths. All of them were stars on the court and will continue to shine for many years to come! Well done girls! Very proud of you! Georgia Taylor and Bianca Dinardo were my student coaches on the day. They were so helpful and I was grateful for their assistance on the day and in the training sessions beforehand. Thank you so much girls!

### 'A' Team

C/WA/WD	
Jessie Hare	Erin Crowe
Maddie Truman	Sian Creighton – injured
Cassie Ferguson	

GD/GK	
Tayla Roy	Steph Mann
Shannon Cross - injured	Sarah Hesketh

GS/GA	
Lauren Dinardo	Taylah Bennett
Steph Missos	

### 'B' Team

C/WA/WD	
Jade Viccars	Lucy Palmer
Mackenzie Curtis	

GD/GK	
Steph Gardner	Monique Longo
Brittany Kiegaldie	

GA/GS	
Taylah Cheesman	Karly Lloyd-Smith
Bhawanni Kirkland	Eliza Hansen

*Sarah Hately, Coach*

## Intermediate Boys' Netball – State Champions!

The state finals were played yesterday at Waverley Netball Centre. Lucky for us we did not have to travel far; some schools came from Bendigo and Wodonga to play. Our first game was against Belmont High School (Geelong). The best thing about this game was the pride and passion our players demonstrated in their convincing win 19-10. We had three teams in our pool to play and we came up against Wonthaggi Secondary College next. We beat them convincingly 18-8 after a slow start. The team were impressive with their skill, teamwork and encouragement of each other. Our last pool match was against Melbourne High School and this game would decide who finished first or second before the cross over semi. It was very close at half time, but Brentwood dug deep and intercepted many balls which they converted into goals. We won the game 17-14 ensuring top spot and cross over semi final game against Elizabeth Murdoch College.

The semi final began as nail biting, but excellent goaling by Andrew Owen and Alex Tapanes, who are potentially the best netball goalers I have seen in a while, kept us in the game. We began to pull away with excellent intercepts by Ben Richards, Chris Renwick. The final score was 25-15.

We had made it to the grand final against Melton Secondary College. We had solid defence work by Tim Rowe and John Creighton, as well as great offense by multi-talented player Alec Farragher. Matt Hesketh played amazingly in the centre court. But let's face it; Lin Jong was a star who shone all day! Our final score was 16-10 and we were crowned state champions.

Thanks to all the parents who came to watch throughout the day and Mrs Laidlaw who came to watch the grand final.

Coaches: Danni Colosimo and Cecilia Faalili

Players:

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

***Super Coach: Monique Burke***

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## Community Corner



### Knox Youth Council 2010-2011

Are you aged between 12 & 23 years? Do you live, study, work or hang out in the City of Knox? Do you have ideas & energy? Do you want to have a say about local issues?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these questions, Knox Council is currently seeking a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20 passionate and committed youth representatives. You are invited to attend an information session and complete an application form. Information sessions will be held at the Knox Youth Information Centre, Ground Level, Capital City Blvd, Knox Ozone, Wantirna South on Monday 31 August at 6.00-7.00pm or Wednesday 9 September at 5.00-6.00pm. Applications close Friday 2 October.

Copies of the application form and information can be found at [www.knox.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/youth) or by contacting Kate Arnott, Knox City Council Youth Services on **9298 8868** or email [kate.arnott@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:kate.arnott@knox.vic.gov.au)

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### Canteen News

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Howard (L)  
Tues: C Williamson, M Yegorian  
Wed: M Hollingworth, M Yegorian (L)  
Thur: C Williams, C Prosser  
Fri: J Hadaway, L Whelan

***Carol & Liz***

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