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Principal's Report

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) is committed to providing safe, secure and stimulating learning environments in all Victorian government schools. Student wellbeing and student learning outcomes are inextricably linked. Schools aim to promote an understanding of this link in both in the classroom and in the wider school environment. DEECD has recently released "*Effective Schools are Engaging Schools: Student Engagement Policy Guidelines*" to assist schools in the development of a new Student Engagement Policy. Brentwood Secondary College will update current policies and procedures to ensure that the college continues to provide students with a safe learning environment where risk of harm is minimised and where students feel physically and emotionally secure. The college will develop a Student Engagement Policy which will include the rights and expectations of every member of the school community.

As a result of the release of these guidelines Mrs Erwich, Mrs Plant, Mrs Wright and I attended an EMR briefing to set us on our journey towards developing this new policy. The Student Engagement Policy will be developed in consultation with representatives from all sections of the school community, students, School Council, parents and staff.

Students who will be studying in year 11 or 12 in 2010 have now completed their course counselling and course selection process. The team of course counsellors and the Senior School team are to be congratulated on the running of a smooth and efficient process. Well done!

Last night Thursday 27 August saw another successful round of parent/teacher interviews. As has been explained to parents previously, the time available for conducting the interviews was very limited. If there are parents who need to contact teachers, please make an appointment through the school office or send an e-mail to the teacher

concerned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers for their enthusiasm and professionalism on the evening. Brentwood Secondary College prides itself on its commitment to communicate with parents and carers.

Year 10 students and parents were given the opportunity to attend a Keys Please evening last week. Approximately 50 parents attended a presentation about L plate and P plate laws and the new logbook legislation. Thank you to the year 10 Student Managers, Mrs Kate Hender and Mr Robin Gamble for their support of the program and their organisation. Well done.

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys' Netball team who are now State champions, well done to all team members and their coach Mrs Burke. A special thank you to Ms Kim Nash for her fantastic work in organising the inter school sport program with such skill and enthusiasm.

Finally, could I ask for the support of all parents in getting your children to school on time. Attendance is a major focus of the new *Effective Schools are Engaging Schools* guidelines that I mentioned earlier in this article. Punctuality is a life skill and like all life skills, punctuality needs to be practiced. All students need to be at school by 8.50am at the very latest. They need time to get to their locker to be organised for period 1 and 2 and be at Home Group for announcements and roll marking. In this way every student starts the school day in an organised manner. The impact of students arriving late is disruptive for the office staff, the classroom teacher and fellow class mates. Most importantly, students who miss classes are missing valuable learning time which is not acceptable if students are to be encouraged to strive to achieve their personal best during their time at Brentwood Secondary College.

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Dates and Deadlines

31 Aug	Year 8 Sport School Council 7.00pm
3 Sept	District Athletics
8 Sept	Year 7 Sport Education Meeting 6.00pm Resources Meeting 7.10pm
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 which was posted home to randomly selected families, is now due to be returned. Please return the survey to the general office by Monday 31 August, 2009.

Barbara Atkinson, Office Manager

Enhancement Studies Information Evening

Current Year 11 students who are undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject this year and who expect to achieve a study score of 40 or higher are encouraged to consider completing a University level subject in 2010 as part of their VCE. These studies can only count as a fifth or sixth subject toward a student's ENTER, but a High Distinction will add 5.5. Students can speak to Mrs Erwich, Mrs Stanley and Ms Oliver if they are interested. Parents and students can also obtain more information via the Enhancement Website:-

www.monash.edu.au/study/enhancement/

This is also where they can register to attend the Enhancement Studies Information evening to be held at Monash University on Wednesday October 14, 2009 at 7pm.

Mrs Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School

Rock Eisteddfod Finals - Tickets

Brentwood has qualified for the finals of the Open Division of the 2009 Rock Eisteddfod - a fantastic achievement!!! For family, friends and other members of the Brentwood community who would like to come along to support our students, tickets are available for purchase through the College.

The final will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 17 September at Hisense Arena. Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased at the General Office. The College has only a small allocation of tickets, so you will need to get in as quickly as possible. If you miss out on the school's allocation, tickets are available through Ticketek.

Any enquiries regarding tickets should be directed to Mark Oudshoorn:
oud@brentwood.vic.edu.au

Mark Oudshoorn

Sport Round Up

Intermediate Girls' Hockey

The intermediate girls' hockey team competed on 13 August at the district round-robin day. The six schools were split into two pools. Brentwood competed against Glen Waverley S.C. and Wellington S.C. to qualify for a grand final spot.

In the first match against Glen Waverley we were unlucky to lose having only one goal scored against us in the final minutes of the match.

The second match against Wellington was more successful with the Brentwood girls winning the match! With one win and one loss, Brentwood was placed second in our pool. We had a second chance to qualify for the grand final by playing Highvale S.C. in the cross over semi finals. We drew with Highvale in the semi final 0-0. So we needed to have five penalty flicks to determine a winner, and luckily we won 1-0!! We won our spot to play off in the grand final this time against Wheelers Hill S.C.

Again, in an extremely close match, with the majority of the game in our attacking end, we lost in the final minutes 1-0. It was a great day out for the girls and second place is a great result.



Team members

Nicole Tay	Vi Dang-Le
Sharon Tay	Elizabeth Nguyen
Savini Kumaresan	Jovana Vukanovic
Jessica Powers	Taylah Linke-Collins
Senila Gunawardane	Jennifer Xu
Rochelle Fisher	Amanda Duong
Alex Huebner	Kylie Chan
Lakshmi	
Balasubramanian	

Kim Nash, Team Manager

Year 8 Boys' Basketball

After only 3 practices, the year 8 boy's basketball team set off to try to secure a spot at Zone.

The A Team's skills were tested early with two very close games against Ashwood S.C. and Mt Waverley S.C. The boys played well but lost by one point in each game. Their luck turned with wins against Wellington S.C. and Wheeler's Hill S.C, but this wasn't enough to take them to Zone.

The B Team started the day off with a win against Highvale S.C. Their winning continued against Wellington and Wheeler's Hill. However, Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley got the better of them resulting in their only losses for the day.

Good effort boys!

Special thanks to our fabulous student coaches: Lauren Cruse, Adele Fox and Callan Burns (scorekeeper).

A Team

Nick Bloomfield (Captain)	Brereton
Nathan Fredericks	Vickers-Burrows
Cody Remmington	Dean McGrath
Alex Liolios	Peter Verdaasdonk
	Darren Feldtmann

B Team

Rob Tomlin (Captain)	Jing Chan
Adam Smith	Luke Hadaway
Scott Johnstone	Matt Morton
Luke Pappon	

Melissa Antoniuk, Supervising Coach

Yr 8 Girls' Badminton

The year 8 girls' badminton team qualified to compete at the Eastern Zone finals early in term two. The girls had been training twice a week after school for some time and were ready to do their best at the competition.

Our first match was a bye because no school had been entered from the Dandenong Ranges District. So we got a chance to warm up properly and check out our competitors. Our first actual match was against Wantirna College where we defeated them quite convincingly 6-0. The next match was against East Doncaster S.C. where the competition was a lot closer and we won 5-1. Being undefeated in our pool saw the Brentwood girls play off the second placed team, Mullauna S.C., from the other pool in the cross over semi. Again the Brentwood girls were tough competition for any opponent and they won the match 5-1. This qualified us for the grand final against Balwyn S.C.. Each match in the grand final was extremely close in points. However the girls lost 1-5. Congratulations on coming runners up at Eastern Zone, a fantastic achievement.



Team Members

Grace Wan	Jasmine Sim
Cassandra Ngu	Janell Ooi
Esta Kocsis	

Kim Nash, Coach

Intermediate Girls' Eastern-Zone Soccer Finals

Our intermediate girls' soccer team travelled to Darebin International Sports Centre on Tuesday 11 August to represent the Waverley district in the Eastern Zone finals series. The team was well managed by our support staff including Georgia Delithodoris (12), Lizza Karabult (9) and Jonathan Meiyer (11).

Our team did not concede a goal in all three matches and was rewarded with four great goals against quality oppositions. The team was restructured to suit the draw and also we were missing our captain, Christine Koutsimanis (10) who was overseas. The majority of this team has not dropped a game over the three years of competing at both district and Eastern Zone levels. This is a direct result to the calibre of talent available and enthusiasm each one of the players bring to their positions when selected to play.

The team's results at eastern zone culminated in finishing equal first in pool two with seven points. However, due to a slightly better goal difference scored by Warrandyte Secondary College we were denied a place in the Eastern Zone grand final against Kew High School, who were the eventual winners.

Upwey 0 vs Brentwood 1 (Melanie Murray)
Fairhills 0 vs Brentwood 3 (Jan Mustac, Cassie Rowe and Mary Papastergiou)
Brentwood 0 vs Warrandyte 0

I am very proud of the team's performance at Eastern Zone in 2009 and the future of girls' soccer at Brentwood looks promising.

Well done and let's make it one better in 2010 for the Intermediate Girls' soccer team!

Team Members

Cassie Rowe	Melanie Murray
Sophie Tarabolsi	Mary Papastergiou
Kristy Bourdakis	Chloe Nanscawen
Jessica Powers	Elle Tiganis
Nicole Balodimos	Jan Mustac
Christina Huang	Amira Slim
Jenn Elphinstone	Cecilia Faalili
Sally Verdaasdonk	Tessa Leigh-Lancaster

Mr Davatzis, Coach

Canteen News

Mon: R King
Tues: J Stebbing, E Ho
Wed: A Pygall, P Lange
Thur: J Stebbing, --
Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield, M Leece,
L Mossenton (L)

Carol & Liz
