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Principal's Report

With two weeks of term 3 left it seems as if 2009 has simply flown by. Students studying VCE unit 4 subjects have just eighteen days of timetabled classes left in addition to the October tests. Many of our VCE teachers are offering additional programs for students during the term break in order to maximise their preparation for the final exams and I hope that you encourage your son or daughter to make the most of the opportunities available to them. The outcome from the final exams for year 12 is the springboard that propels them into the next part of their life and they need to ensure that their achievements are indeed their personal best.

*Watch your thoughts; they become words
Watch your words; they become actions
Watch your actions; they become habits
Watch your habits; they become character
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny*
(Anon)

I encourage you to consider the words above in conversation with your son or daughter. Art Costa, an internationally renowned educationalist promotes 16 habits of mind for people of all ages to practise in order to deal with problems, dilemmas and enigmas. One habit he recommends is to practise managing impulsivity – the art of thinking before acting and thinking before speaking. With the end of year assessment period looming, stress levels in your sons and daughters will rise. Everyone –parents, siblings, teachers and the students themselves will benefit by practising this habit and remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.

Parent/teacher interviews took place last week. This form of communication allows the parent, teacher and student to gain a clearer understanding of a student's progress - academically, socially and attitudinally. The beaming smiles on

students' faces as they departed interviews, gave a clear indication of their levels of achievement gained through perseverance with and commitment to their studies. In most cases both student and parent were present at the interview providing a forum for clear communication and teamwork to consider improvement. One of the issues identified by teachers is that some students and parents who could benefit from discussing strategies for improvement in academic progress did not book an interview. We provide interim reports on student progress and use the reports to indicate whether an interview is necessary or not.

The time available for interviews was a departure from the practice offered by the school over the past eight years, and has been brought about by external restrictions on the way the school operates.

Encouragement for students to take pride in their school, in their school environment and in themselves, is a team exercise. It would assist us greatly if you could ensure that students arrive at school in full school uniform, thus reinforcing our uniform policy and helping to engender a positive school culture. Students have been informed that there will be a focus on school uniform by all staff on Monday 7 September. There will be random spot checks on uniform across the school following this date in order to remind students of the uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

David Shelton, Assistant Principal

Parent Opinion Surveys

Please return surveys by
Monday 7 September

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Dates and Deadlines

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

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 14 October, 2009 at 7pm.

Mrs Fiona Erwich, Head of Senior School

2010 Year 11 Central Australian Tour to Uluru, Kakadu and Darwin

Students in year 10 who wish to apply for next year's Central Tour can obtain an information notice from the Senior School office in P10. Please note that the tour costs around \$1570 and leaves from the 19 June to 3 July, 2010 (last week of term two – first week of holidays) and has a \$300 deposit with the reply slip due to the front office by the end of this term. The first 48 students to pay the deposit will be accepted with a waiting list established to determine further interest for a second coach. Please see Mr Watts if you have any questions.

Tony Watts, Yr 11 Coordinator

Year 12 English Presentation

Bob Hillman, the Chief Assessor for the English Exam, will be at the school on Tuesday 15 September speaking to the year 12 students. The session will run from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. All year 12 students are expected to attend this session in the Senior Learning Centre. Bob Hillman has been visiting our school for a number of years now and his advice and discussions have been very worthwhile for our students.

Joel Batalha and Monique Burke - Year 12 Student Managers

Advanced Placement - Year 9 Parents

Parents of current year 9 students are invited to a brief information evening on Tuesday 15 September in the Senior Learning Centre at 7pm. Student managers will outline the procedures for offering a student an advanced placement and the subject in which places may be available in 2010. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the short presentation.

Suzanne Plant and Fiona Erwich, Heads of School

Sport Round Up

Junior Squash

Last week saw the heats for the Eastern District. Brentwood entered both 'a boys' and a girls' team'.

Both teams performed well with the girls narrowly missing out on the next round being beaten by Mt Waverley by a narrow margin.

The boys fought equally well but lost to some particularly strong competition from the eventual winning team: Highvale (A).

Thanks should go to the team members who have shown enthusiasm throughout and played well despite a lack of time for training.

Boys:

Michael Rotondo (Capt.) Jimmy Ha
Benjamin Kneale Jason Ly
Angus McLeod

Girls:

Erin Keily (Capt.) Amy O'Brien
Esta Kocsis Sophia Desiatov

I hope all will consider signing up again in next year's competition.

David Newcombe, Coach

Year 8 Boys' Table Tennis

Four year 8 boys represented the college in the District round robin at Dandenong Oasis Table Tennis Centre on Monday 24 August. While the team did not win a match on the day, they were extremely close in three matches and with a bit of luck we could have ended up with a win or two. Our matches against Glen Waverley and Wellington were split 3 games all, but on a count back we lost both matches on the number of sets. We lost our match against Highvale 4 games to 2 and our final match of the day, against Mt Waverley, was a 6-0 whitewash. The team of Eric Au, James Nguyen, Armand Lombard and Anthony Andara played with good spirit all day and represented the college well. I would like to congratulate them, and also thank my student coaches Samuel Deng and William Jiang of year 9 for organizing the training sessions and helping out on the day.

The girls' team also competed on the day; their student coaches Meg Wrench-Joseph and Melanie Stone have written the report for them. I would also like to thank them for their dedication to coaching and organising the girls and also for their help throughout the day in scoring and keeping the day running.

Year Eight Girls' Table Tennis

On Monday 24 August our year eight girls competed at the Dandenong Table Tennis Centre. All the girls played very well on the day and a special mention goes to Sonia who was a star player on the day. Unfortunately we were unable to win the majority of the games and make it through to zone, sometimes only losing by a couple of points! Altogether we would like to congratulate our team on a great effort.

The results were as following:

A Team

First match vs. Glen Waverley, Won 3 games, Lost 3 games, lost overall 13 sets to 12

Second match vs. Mt Waverley, Won 2, Lost 4

Third match vs. Wellington, Won 1, Lost 5

Fourth match vs. Highvale, Won 3, Lost 3, Won overall 11 sets to 10

Fifth match vs. Wheelers Hill, Won 6, Lost 0

So overall, won two matches, lost three.

B Team

First match vs. Glen Waverley, Lost 6-0

Second match vs. Wellington, Won 3, Lost 3, Won overall 12 sets to 9

So overall, won one, lost one.

And the girls who competed on the day were:

Natalie Wilkinson	Naomi Foo
Sonia Ramza	Lily Liang
Emily Kwan	Janell Ooi
Cassandra Ngu	Laurina Collyer

All the girls did a great job and we were proud of their efforts, we would also like to thank Mr. O as the teacher who accompanied us on the day.

Meg Wrench-Joseph and Melanie Stone

Mark Oudshoorn, Coach

Senior Girls' Basketball

On Monday 17 August, the senior girls basketball team travelled to Dandenong Basketball stadium to compete in the Eastern Zone finals. They had great games on the day and competing extremely well.

Game 1: The first game saw us come up against Upwey and we were off to a flying start being 11-2 early on but Upwey came back hard and at half time we were 15-13 up in a close encounter. Our scoring had dropped off but thanks to a long range 2pt shot from Evelyn Tsiamboris we were on our way again and ended up winning the game 24-19. Gabbi Tarabolsi starred with 15pts and Brianna Smith controlled the middle of the court well! A great start to the day.

Game 2: Game 2 saw us up against Rowville and it was a very close. Paula Mann got us off to a great start with 5 early points including a big 3 pointer from out wide! We were down 13-14 at half time and although

the girls fought really well we ended up losing the game 19-24 after Rowville got some late points.

Game 3: Our last game saw us come up against Box Hill Senior Secondary College who are renowned for their Basketball teams. The BHSSC team had beaten the other teams quite convincingly throughout the day looked quite confident at the start of the game and were not expecting the challenge from our team. It was a slow start and it took quite while for the first points to be scored. With only 5mins to go in the first half we found ourselves 2-1 up until Emily McCluskey forgot it was only 5 on the court and not 6. We received a tech foul and BHSSC took the lead. This opened up the scoring and after a great late drive to the net by Brianna Smith we finished the half 7-5 in front! The second half saw a fired up BHSSC come and our girls tired after some big early games. The end result was 31-9 but we fought well to the end.

Some highlights of the day included, Fiona Jong and Veeh Teremaki playing in Dunlop Volleys and Evelyn getting her high score on her Hoops iPhone App. All up it was a great day and all the girls played really well! Thanks to Kyri Konstantinides for scoring,

and Nathan Madder for coaching the girls on the day.

Mr Miller, Team Manager

Canteen News

Mt Franklin 600ml Water now \$2.00

Mon: K Adams, A Teng
Tues: S Barber, D Benjamin
Wed: C Huebner, D Benjamin
Thur: S Remmington, I Willmott
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler

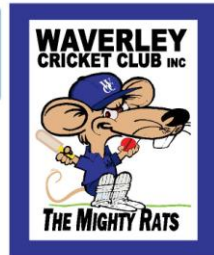
We also need extra help for Friday, please.

Carol & Liz

LOVE CRICKET? WANT TO PLAY THIS SEASON?

If you would like to play cricket then Waverley Cricket Club would like to welcome you. We are a family orientated, multicultural friendly club.

The club is affiliated with the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association. (BHRDCA) Both our grounds are located at Lum Reserve in Wheelers Hill. Melway Ref: 71 F11



We are involved with the Milo in2cricket program for boys and girls from ages 5 - 10. We welcome any new comers to be involved with this program.

We have 3 senior teams (including a one day side) and junior teams for 10 - 16 year olds.

**The season starts in the first week in October.
If you are interested in playing cricket this year we would like to hear from you.
Junior Registration Day will be held at the Club on Sunday the 13th September at 12.00 noon.**

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