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Principal's Report

On Friday 11 September, twenty year 9 and 10 students and three staff members (Ms Champion, Ms Saliba and Mr Lilly) will fly from Melbourne to Osaka via Hong Kong for the exchange visit to Ono Senior High School. This exchange with Ono occurs annually with the two schools alternating the year of their visit. The trip includes visiting Himeji Castle, Hiroshima Peace Park and a day at Tokyo Disneyland. The tour party returns from Tokyo to Melbourne on 28 September. This trip will be a great experience for all attending.

Congratulations to Michael Zhan of year 8 who has been awarded a medal for scoring the highest mark in his year level in the State for the 2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Michael won the award in English. Michael will be presented with his medal and a special certificate at an awards ceremony, which will be held on the Friday 27 November.

Congratulations also to Dane Rhind of year 9 who has been selected as a player to tour with the Victorian Schools Rugby Union. The 27 day tour includes the United Kingdom and Ireland. To reach this elite level in a sport takes persistence, determination and talent and we are all sure Dane will enjoy this trip at the end of the year.

In the principal's report of the last newsletter it was noted that VCE unit 4 subjects were rapidly drawing to a close and that examinations in all VCE subjects will commence in earnest with the English examination on the 30 October. The Age published an Examination Guide on 7 September, which is a must read for all parents and students studying year 12. An article on student stress discussed the "two Ps" – perfectionism and procrastination. The author advised that rather than striving for perfection, students should strive to do their personal best. On procrastination, the author suggested several strategies: study at the same time each day and each week, set half hour goals, revise with someone else,

prioritise revision tasks and "reward" yourself after a study session. Parents have a major role to play in assisting their child to prepare for the examinations. It is a stressful time for all of the people involved with a person in the family studying year 12. Try to keep your child's life as normal as possible. Some sacrifices from the rest of the family may have to be made to ensure that good study conditions and sufficient study time is available. Encourage your child to seek the help of their teachers early in their preparation for the examinations.

The traffic conditions in and around the college at the start of the day and the end of the day are a concern to the college and local residents. It would help if parents did not use Heath Street to drop off and pick up students. There are side streets available that could be used for this purpose. Local residents complain about parents parking over and in private driveways. Council has been advised by residents that this is a continual problem. Parents should not drive onto the college grounds as this presents a potential danger to students.

The following key information is provided for those planning holidays.

- Classes will finish at 2.30pm on Friday 18 September.
- Term 4 commences on Monday 5 October.
- The 2010 school year commences for students on Monday 1 February.
- The 2010 school year commences for staff on the 27 January.

Mr Gordon Claney, Assistant Principal

Dates and Deadlines

14 Sept	Sister School visit to Japan School Council 7.00pm
18 Sept	Year 12 English October Test p4-6 School Ends 2.30pm
6 Oct	VCE Music & Arts Night 7.30pm

Year 7 Wave Pool Excursion

All year 7 students are now required to return their permission form and money to the main office.

Mr David Hose, Head of Health and PE

Year 8, 9 and 10 Subject Charges

All students have been given an invoice this week, showing the subject charges for their electives for Semester 2, 2009.

It would be appreciated if students could pay for these electives as soon as possible at the General Office.

Mr Mark Oudshoorn, Sign Up Co-ordinator

Year 9 – Author Presentation

Michael Gerard Bauer entertained the year 9 students in the Library on Tuesday 25 August. Michael's stories about the times he fainted when he was an altar boy were a hit with his audience.

He talked briefly about his books – '*The running man*', '*Don't call me Ishmael*', '*Ishmael and the return of the Duongs*' and '*Dinosaur knights*'. Michael explained where he got his inspiration for '*Don't call me Ishmael*', how his son designed the front cover and gave a short reading of how Ishmael got his name.

The students and staff enjoyed Michael's presentations. Damon thanked Michael on behalf of the students who attended one presentation and Mia thanked Michael on behalf of the students who attended the other presentation. Michael's presentations were part of the celebrations for Book Week.

Damon and Michael Bauer

Mia and Michael Bauer

Ms Margaret Brudenell (Teacher/Librarian)

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.

Any student who has made an application for SEAS and is required to submit a statement of support, is to provide this documentation to Mrs Burke or Mr Batalha by Friday 18 September.

Personal impact statements also need to be finalised by the student online, 6 sessions were held this week to help students with their impact statements, if you missed yours please see Mrs Burke or Mr Batalha ASAP.

Senior School Team

VCE Music and Arts Night

Brentwood's year 12 Studio Arts and Music students and teachers would like to invite you to attend their annual VCE Music and Arts Night on Tuesday 6 October.

The evening will take place at 7pm in the school hall.

Please come along and enjoy an evening where students are able to showcase their exhibits and entertain you with a wide selection of music.

Ms Anne-Marie Boyle, Music Teacher

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

Earlier this year 29 students from years 7 to 10 participated in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. The Mathematics Challenge is quite rigorous and students are competing against the very best mathematics students throughout Australia.

Each student is required to attempt to solve and write-up solutions to 6 challenging problems within a three week period. Just to attempt all of the set tasks is a major achievement in itself – well done to our competitors.

Our students all performed exceptionally well and Brentwood should be very proud of their achievements.

Each student will receive a certificate.

The students who participated were:

Jonathan Liu	Karan Aggarwal
Kimberly Ho	Eric Au
Fiona Ng	Jimmy Ha
Jarred Gallina	Samantha Hooi
Holly Johnson	Gregory Lobo
Elise Richardson	Phillip Luu

Crystal Dao	Aswiniy Uthayakumaran
Serene Lim	Michael Zhan
Austin Peach	Marcus Chuo
Florian Kobelt	Abhishek Rajendran
Hayden Lim	Jack Barber
Bhrgan Paramanatham	Naveen Sreekumar
Shalini Uthayakumaran	Shalit Millawitiya Arachchilage
Visai Muruganandah	Achuthan Ranganathan
Madara Abeykoon	

Mr Denis Chinnock, Head of Maths

International Student Forum

On Thursday 27 August 2009, we were lucky to be able to attend the International Students Forum held at Wellington Secondary College. It was the first time that this event had taken place.

There were many international student representatives from schools in the eastern region such as Mount Waverley SC, Glen Waverley SC, Rowville SC, Highvale SC, Wheelers Hill SC, Box Hill HS, Parkdale SC and Brighton SC and of course many from Wellington Secondary College.

International Students' Coordinators from each school, officers from the International Education Division, representatives from the Monash City Council and Monash Church of Christ also took some time off their busy schedule to attend the forum with us.

After a warm welcome by the Principal and International Students' Coordinator of Wellington SC and a lively and heart-warming sharing by students of different schools about their experience in Australian schools, we had a delightful morning tea prepared by Wellington Secondary College.

In the second activity, all the students were given a chance to discuss in different groups and spoke about the issues that they face as international students. Some of the most common issues mentioned by each group were related to their English language learning, home stay problems and high cost of transport as they are not entitled to student concession card and the difficulties in making friends with local Australian students since they have different cultures and values.

There was also an activity whereby International Students Coordinators, ESL teachers and home stay provider representatives gave advice to students to help them get the most out of their living and studying in Australia.

The last session after lunch was when the students stated what they really want to get out of

their experience in Australian schools and came up with some solutions to the problems they face.

There were many different ideas coming from both students and teachers, such as organizing more social events so that international students can have more opportunities to make friends with local Australian students.

We thought it was a very informative and useful session as both students and teachers got a chance to share their experience and opinions freely and came up with many great ideas and ways to enrich international students' experience in Australia. We would like to thank Mrs Weeraratne for giving us the opportunity to attend the forum and for Mrs Low for accompanying us to the forum.

Written by Maggie Wei and Roxy Hoang
Mrs Lakshmi Weeraratne, International Student Coordinator

Youth Environmental Conference

On 28 August eight members of The Green Team along with Miss Nicholas and Mr Smid attended the annual Youth Environmental Conference at Melbourne Girls' College.

The conference was an amazing demonstration of the hard work and determination of Melbourne Girls' Colleges Environmental Club. The theme of the event was 'Green Networking'. We built relationships with other passionate sustainability campaigners such as students, companies, council representatives, Indigenous Australians, grassroots organisations and other community members.

We heard from Linh Do, a 21 year old who started the campaign 'Change A Million Light Bulbs'. Linh succeeded in convincing one million people to change their light bulbs in less than a year. She has also trained with Al Gore. Linh is an amazing example of what young individuals are capable of.

Another keynote speaker was Ellen Sandell, the founder of the award-winning Leadership in Environmental Action Program and an active member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Ellen spoke about what the future might be like as a result of climate change. She spoke of the Bangladesh people and said "the population there is 147 million, and almost all of the country is less than 10 metres above sea level. If the seas rise by one metre by the end of the century, one-fifth of Bangladesh will disappear". Ellen finished with the powerful motto, "If not you, who? If not now, When?"

The conference was an inspirational way to network with other schools and professionals within the area of sustainability. Furthermore, it was an opportunity to impress the other delegates of the hard work and passion of the Brentwood Green Team.

Miss Thea Nicholas, Environment

Australian Economics and Business Studies Competition

Year 10 student Chris Barber has performed to an extremely high level in the 2009 Australian Economics and Business Studies Competition. Chris, along with a number of his peers in the Year 11 Economics class, completed the multiple choice competition in early May of this year. The competition is nationwide and this year over 8,000 students from over 250 schools participated. The material is not specifically based on the material studied in class; rather, it tests general economic knowledge and the ability to problem solve using economic thinking.

Chris, his father Russell, younger brother Jack and I attended the presentation evening at the PricewaterhouseCoopers building in Southbank on Tuesday evening. Chris' performance in the competition placed him in the top 3% of all participants in the state; in real terms, he was in the top 15 students, a terrific achievement. Chris received a certificate of High Distinction, as well as a \$50 prize.

I congratulate Chris on his level of achievement, particularly given that he is studying Year 11 Economics as a Year 10 student. He was given the opportunity on the evening to hear from economists from competition sponsor PWC as well as the University of New South Wales, giving him insight as to how his abilities might take him in the future.

Mr Mark Oudshoorn, Yr 11 Economics Teacher

Sport Round Up

Year 8 Boys' Hockey

On Monday 24 August, the year 8 hockey boys set off to Waverley Hockey Centre in Ashwood to battle it off with the other teams within our district.

Our team consisted of:

Reyne Doyle (captain)	Alex Lim
Matthew Vavasseur (v/cap)	Adam Ly
Brayden Fraser	Heath Harrison
Adam Hollingworth	Ryan Defry

Anthony Gulifer
Scott DeLuca

Karan Aggarwal
Ben Roberts

Our first game was at 9:55am against Wellington. The forecast was for storms and hail but luckily the rain held off. The whole team, including my fellow coach David Bugge and me, felt pretty confident that we would succeed.

We started off well and the defence stepped up so that they could not score against us. A great shot at goal by Adam Hollingworth resulted in us winning 1-0.

Our second match was played against Brentwood's arch rivals, Glen Waverley. Although our confidence was not showing, we could hold our heads high. Good, solid defence by Reyne Doyle and Ben Roberts kept them from scoring and the final score was 0-0.

The third game was played against Mt Waverley. Great ball skills and running by Matt Vavassuer and Alex Lim intimidated our opponents and they were unable to score. We desperately needed to score to get into the finals and unfortunately, after many near misses we didn't score and once again we had a nil all draw.

With no chance of us being in the district final, we played off for 3rd and 4th against Wheelers Hill. Unfortunately we lost 0-1 and finished 4th overall.

Well done to all the boys in the team. They did a great job and didn't let the frustrating time get in the way of having fun. Also big thanks to Mr Hose for organizing everything and helping out with the training sessions. Also thank you to Daniel Bugge for coaching with me.

Lisa Burns (Coach)

Mr David Hose, Head of Health and PE

Junior Squash Competition

Brentwood entered a Boys' and Girls' team in the competition held on Tuesday 8 September.

Unfortunately one of the boys could not make the event. Despite this the three remaining players made an impressive effort and gained valuable experience for future competitions.

The girls played exceptionally well and defeated Mount Waverley Girls' Team by 3 rubbers to 1. They will next play in the Zone finals next term.

All in all it was an enjoyable day with the behaviour and attitude of the students being a

credit to the school. With thanks to the team members.

Boys:

Dylan Panacheril (Capt)
Randy Lek
Suleman Farid

Girls:

Katelyn Harper (Capt)
Ashleigh Robinson
Georgia Milne
Jennifer Cho

David Newcombe, Coach

District Athletics

Brentwood did extremely well at the 2009 District Athletics carnival last week.

Overall

1 st	GWSC	1332.5
2 nd	Brentwood	1071
3 rd	MWSC	1004.5
4 th	Wheeler's Hill	893
5 th	Wellington	626
6 th	Ashwood	609
7 th	Highvale	432

More details to come next week.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

Canteen News

Mon: V Sullivan, L Shaw
Tues: HELP WANTED, J Stebbing
Wed: J Stebbing, S Wines
Thur: C Williamson, C Kirwan
Fri: J Knight, H Chui (L)

Carol & Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS

GWUC FETE

The Glen Waverley Uniting Church Fete will be held on Saturday 17 October from 8.30am to 2.00pm at the corner of Bogong Avenue and Kingsway, Glen Waverley. Stock up at our stalls for cakes, jams, arts and craft, plants and some things for Christmas. See our range of pre-loved clothing, books and treasure. Sample the range of cooked food. Keep fit on pedal cars. Enjoy free animal farm, face painting and entertainment by puppet show, dance, song and live bands.

All proceeds to the mission outreach program work of the GWUC – local and overseas recipients received over \$20,000 from last year's fete.

If you wish to help the outreach, donations of goods for the fete can be delivered to the church on Friday 16 during the day until 9pm and on Saturday 17 from 7.30am. For Public Liability reasons, no used electrical goods will be accepted or sold at the fete. Also no bedding.



ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardians have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria can apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 5 November 2009.

If you have served in Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2010, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.