



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

Recently Ms Forbes announced to the staff and members of School Council that she has decided to return to her position as principal of Brentwood Secondary College. Ms Forbes has spent the past twelve months in the Eastern Metropolitan Region as Regional Network Leader (RNL) for the Waverley Network. The RNL position ends on 17 October and she will then take long service leave returning to school on 30 November. The current Principal Team will remain in their present positions until her return.

While Ms Forbes has been very successful in the position and is held in high regard by the twenty or more principals that she has worked with as their RNL, she is keen to be leading the Brentwood learning community once more, and interacting with students and teachers on a daily basis. On her return she will bring to the leadership of the college the benefits of this experience. She will once again provide the expertise that will ensure that this college has the vision and sustained focus on improving learning opportunities for students and staff alike.

#### Celebrations

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Just under half of our school population enrolled in the challenge and the completion rate was excellent. More details about the Challenge follow in this newsletter.

The Intermediate Girls' Soccer Team played in the State Championship at Darebin on Wednesday. It was exciting to receive the SMS updates from Ms Nash throughout the day! While the team didn't win they improved on past performance by winning two games and losing one. It takes a lot of practice

persistence to get a team to the State Championship and our thanks go to the players, coaches, Ms McCluskey and Ms Nash.

Last night the performance by the Brentwood team in the grand final of the Open Division of Rock Eisteddfod at Hisense Arena was absolutely FANTASTIC! It is with great pride and enormous pleasure that I announce that Brentwood achieved fourth place. Our performers won two categories out right which were for the Best Set Crew and for Student Achievement. This is the best result we have achieved in recent years and all of the students and staff involved are to be applauded for their wonderful efforts. The preparation for last night commenced in 2008 and in every way the Rock Eisteddfod embodies the application of the five P's: participation, planning, practice, patience and persistence.

By all accounts it was an enormously strenuous day. The allocation of rehearsal times and the order in which schools perform for the competition is organised by ballot. As luck would have it, Brentwood was the first school to rehearse on stage at 7:30am and then performed their routine before the judges fifteen hours later at 10:40pm! Congratulations to all of the performers for your wonderful team work, energy, enthusiasm and sparkle.

Finally, on behalf of the Principal Team and staff may I wish all students a very happy, safe and reviving holiday. The message from all of us to the year 12 students is to make sure that you find that essential balance between study and rest. Using the simple strategy of study timetable will help you to pace yourself and give you that reassuring feeling of having things under control.

*Mrs Barbara Laidlaw, Acting Principal*

## Dates and Deadlines

6 Oct	VCE Music & Arts Night 7.30pm
9 Oct	Zone Athletics Year 12 October Tests
12 Oct	Year 12 October Tests
13 Oct	Year 12 October Tests Year 7 Author visit Education Meeting 6.00pm Resources Meeting 7.10pm
14 Oct	Theatre Studies Performance
15 Oct	Theatre Studies Performance
16 Oct	Theatre Studies Performance
19 Oct	Year 7 Camps
20 Oct	State Athletics
21 Oct	Yr 12 Final Assembly Valedictory Dinner

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## Year 8, 9 and 10 Subject Charges

All students have been given an invoice 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*

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## 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*

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## Success With Premier's Reading Challenge – Maxine Morand Is Coming To Brentwood!

What a year it has been! This year, all year 7 and 8 classes along with selected year 9 and 10 classes, entered the Premier's Reading Challenge. A total of 642 students were registered and when August 31 rolled around, the website showed that 390 students had completed the challenge of reading 15 books. In addition to that 390, quite a number of other students did the reading, but

didn't get the 'paperwork' done. Of course it is hoped that every student who entered, did more reading than they otherwise would have. Research shows that students who read consistently perform better in their school work.

### Some stats for you:

- 92% of year 7 students completed the challenge
- 55 year 7 students read more than 30 books
- 158 year 7 students read more than 15 books
- 44% of year 8 students completed the challenge
- 14 year 8 students read more than 30 books
- 104 year 8 students read more than 15 books
- 51 year 9 and 10 students completed the challenge

12,709 books were verified as being read!

We would like to acknowledge some exceptional readers: Year 7 students - Alexander Liu and Han Bing Thang with 505 books; Michael Luu with 490; Grace Koh with 250; Elsie Richardson with 160; Emily Lim with 145; Kimberley Ho with 136; Crystal Dao with 117; Year 8 students - Bhawanni Kirkland with 124 books; Abishek Rajendran and Judith Ho with 99 and Year 9 student - Liza Karabulut with 54 books.

We are to be honoured with a visit from our local MP, Maxine Morand, Victorian Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development and Minister for Women's Affairs. Our success has come to her attention and she will visit on 22 October to award certificates to the top readers.

Congratulations to the students who completed the challenge and thanks to the TLC, English and Library staff who supported and encouraged students in the challenge.



Mrs Laidlaw addressing year 7 students at their pizza celebrations

Top year 8 readers receiving their certificates at their pizza celebration



Mr Lily addressing year 9 & 10 readers at their pizza celebration

*Mrs Barbara Smith, Head of Library*

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## **Monash Short Story Competition – Daniel Bugge**

On Saturday 13 September, Daniel Bugge of year 9 was awarded a Commendation in the 15-17 years age category of the 2009 Monash Short Story Competition, run as part of the 2009 Monash Literature Festival. This is a fantastic achievement and hopefully his example will encourage other writers at Brentwood to consider submitting their own work into future competitions. Daniel's story examined complex issues of family loyalty and revenge, together with a surprising twist at the end.

Congratulations Daniel!

*Ms Katherine Seyler*

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## **Year 9 Zoo Careers Conference**

On Friday September 11th 2009, a select group of year 9 students were chosen to attend a careers day at Melbourne Zoo. Once we arrived in the morning, we were instructed to choose which behind the scenes adventure we would like to participate in and to create our own information packages. During the course of the morning we had the zoo's education officer, a Zoo Keeper and an Anthropologist speak to us about their jobs. We learnt how you couldn't become a Zoo Keeper or have any other job at the zoo without starting at the bottom and having to make our way up. We were given time during our recess break to wander around the zoo before returning to the conference room to learn about what to do and what not to do whilst writing an application for work experience. We were again given more time to roam around the zoo to visit any of the

animals we wanted to. All of those who attended the careers day experienced a behind the scenes adventure. Some went to see the Australian animals, others went to see the bugs and butterflies, while a third group went to see the giraffes and got to feed them. Returning to the conference room a final time we heard from a community conservationist who told us about her job which sounded AWESOME!

All of the students who attended the careers day at the zoo really enjoyed themselves. On behalf of all of us, I'd like to thank Ms McCluskey for organizing this once in a lifetime experience for us and the other teachers who also helped.

By Jazmin Kocsis

*Ms Sophie McCluskey*

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## **Sport Round Up**

### **Year 7 Boys' Basketball**

'B' Team

Jordan Hearn

Julian Petris

Florian Kobelt

Cosie Renfree

Tomi Maddaford

Lachlan Razga

Warren Powers

Callan Burns, Coach

Chris Brunton, Coach

Brentwood vs Wellington - Won 9-5

The boys' first game was a ripper with the scores level at half time. The boys pulled through in the second half and outscored the opposition by 2 goals. We came away from our first game victors.

Brentwood vs Highvale - Lost 7-12

We came into our second game with plenty of confidence and we were ready to play. The first half was fantastic battle with us down 3-5. The second half was an arm wrestle with neither team backing down. Highvale scored a late 3 and a lay up to steal victory from us by 5 points. It was a brilliant effort by our boys.

Brentwood vs Glen Waverley - Won 8-4

The boys were determined to win after a disappointing loss. We came out firing in the first half and were up 4-0. We continued our scoring run and won the game 8-4. A very deserving win.

Brentwood vs Mt Waverley - Lost 11-26

The team came up against the tope team – Mt Waverley. The boys played really well and were only down by 1 at half time. Unfortunately we fell away in the second half and ended up losing 26-11, although the boys played a fantastic game.

Well done boys on a terrific day.

*Ms Sarah Hately*

### **District Athletics 2009**

The Waverley District Interschool Athletics was held on a windy day at Knox Athletics track. In the past few years Brentwood has worked towards achieving the goal of one day, winning an athletics shield. Back in 2006 the goal was to beat Mount Waverley – we accomplished that! The goal for 2007 and 2008 was to bridge the gap between Brentwood and 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 2006 it was 500 points difference, in 2007 it was a 300 point difference, in 2008 it was a 270 point difference, and this year it was a smaller 261 minor points. With Wheelers Hill doing exceptionally well again this year and Mount Waverley becoming stronger, the district competition has become much closer than in past years. It's looking good for a closer competition in 2010!

The gap between 1<sup>st</sup> place and us is getting smaller and smaller – In the next few years the District Athletics competition will be a tough meet to win. Brentwood athletes are happy, keen and motivated towards performing at their personal best. Brentwood prides itself on a high participation rate and athletes achieving their personal best.

We are bridging the gap between us and 1<sup>st</sup> place. It can be done! Well done to the Intermediate team who were a small 34.5 points off winning the divisional shield!

Final Results are -

#### **Junior**

1 <sup>st</sup> GWSC (393)	5 <sup>th</sup> Highvale (274)
2 <sup>nd</sup> MWSC (385)	6 <sup>th</sup> Ashwood (201)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wheelers Hill (317)	7 <sup>th</sup> Wellington (164)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Brentwood (284)</b>	

#### **Intermediate**

1 <sup>st</sup> GWSC (440.5)	5 <sup>th</sup> Wellington (232)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Brentwood (406)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Ashwood (165)
3 <sup>rd</sup> MWSC (332)	7 <sup>th</sup> Highvale (148)
4 <sup>th</sup> Wheelers Hill (296)	

#### **Senior**

1 <sup>st</sup> GWSC (499)	5 <sup>th</sup> Ashwood (243)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Brentwood (381)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Wellington (230)
3 <sup>rd</sup> MWSC (287)	7 <sup>th</sup> Highvale (10)
4 <sup>th</sup> Wheelers Hill (280)	

#### **Overall**

1 <sup>st</sup> GWSC (1332)	5 <sup>th</sup> Wellington (626)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Brentwood (1071)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Ashwood (609)
3 <sup>rd</sup> MWSC (1004)	7 <sup>th</sup> Highvale (432)
4 <sup>th</sup> Wheelers Hill (893)	

With a team of over 100 athletes, Brentwood has 34 students who have made it through to the Eastern Zone Competition in 33 events, and 3 relay teams. Eastern Zone is on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> (first week back in term 4) again at the Knox Athletics track. Well done to the entire team.

#### **Team members**

Thank you also to our officials on the day – Miss Warner, Miss Hately, Miss Bishop, Mr Rutherford, Mrs Junor, Mrs Meadows, and Mrs Plant.

**Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator**

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### **Canteen News**

Up N Go, Orange Juice, Frozen Yoghurt  
now \$1.80

Mon: K Adams, A Teng  
Tues: C Prosser, E Ho  
Wed: A Pygall, P Large  
Thur: S Remmington, I Willmott  
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, J Stebbing

Thank you everyone for all your help this term. Enjoy the holidays. Look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Carol & Liz*

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### **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.