



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

In the last week of Term 3 Brentwood Secondary College sent a group of 20 students and three teachers to Japan from 11 September until 28 September. The students attended Ono Senior High School and lived with host families during their stay. All students had the chance to experience Japanese culture and education, an experience I am sure they will never forget. The group also visited Hiroshima and Tokyo and many of the students also travelled extensively with their host families. The Brentwood community can be very proud of the students who represented them in Japan. All students are to be congratulated for both their attitude and their commitment to the program. Congratulations also to Ms Zoe Saliba and Ms Tracey Campion for their leadership over the 18 days, their level of professionalism and competence was exceptional – well done! We look forward to students and teachers from Ono Senior High School further enhancing our sister school relationship when they attend Brentwood in 2010. I would encourage all parents to think about hosting one of our Japanese visitors when they arrive next year.



The VCAA October/November examination period has now begun for our VCE students. LOTE oral examinations, Music and Theatre Studies Performance examinations are held throughout October.

In preparation for the written examinations, which commence on 29 October with the English examination, students have completed October tests in all subjects. Students have taken full advantage of these practise examinations by approaching them with great maturity. This year Brentwood also conducted a full day of October tests during the recent school holidays and employed exam supervisors who are external to the school. The purpose of this is twofold: to provide students with further practise at working within formal exam conditions and to increase the number of days available for exam revision prior to the swot vac week. By reviewing their performance on these tests students will be able to focus their revision during their remaining classes.

We know that all the hard work and preparation that students have put in not just this year, but in their preceding 12 years of schooling will be rewarded when they receive their results in December. Year 12 teachers will continue to be available to assist students with their preparation even after their classes finish on Wednesday 22 October. Parents of year 12 students are advised to encourage their sons and daughters not to drive to school on the final day as this is an emotional time for many students.

During the first week of this term Brentwood students participated in the Eastern Zone athletics championships at Knox Athletics track. Well done to all athletes and good luck to the six students who will now compete in the State Finals. Well done to Ms Nash for once again encouraging and coaching our athletes.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

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## **Australian Mathematics Competition**

On 6 August, 200 Brentwood students from years 7 to 11 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition attracts over 500,000 entries including many overseas entries. As always some of the questions were difficult, however, it was very pleasing to see the concentration and effort applied to the questions by our students.

Our competitors achieved excellent results including five High Distinctions, 74 Distinctions and 96 Credit awards.

Congratulations to all of our competitors, each competitor will receive a certificate.

High Distinctions were achieved by:

Serene Lim	Year 7
Michael Zhan	Year 8
Phillip Luu	Year 8
Samuel Deng	Year 9
Jacky Tu	Year 10

Distinctions were achieved by:

### **Year 7**

Austin Peach	Felicia Chuo
Crystal Dao	Sadhani Ranasinghe
Saaranka Poonkundran	Shalini Uthayakumaran
Arushan Dushyanthan	

### **Year 8**

Eric Au	Naveen Sreekumar
Matthew Xu	Marcus Chuo
Luke Wang	Wickie Xu
Gregory Lobo	Kenrick Lim
Sumana Vatula	David Lee
Tom Blanche	Patrick Tieu
Jason Ly	Nicholas Andreopoulos
Trang Ly	Yueh-Shin Chen
Grant Ong	Helen Mok
James Nguyen	Samantha Hooi
Natalie Wilkinson	Grace Wan
Simon Lao	Yang-En Ong
Bhawanni Kirkland	Denver Huynh
Sindhu Thevalingam	Armand Lombard
Oliver Tang	Sarah Hesketh
Aaron Tran	Charissa Yeong
Chiu Wei Teo	Emily Kwan
Zoe Yap	Karan Aggarwal
Sze Khim Hiew	

### **Year 9**

Angus Leung	Leslie Leong
Hamish Chau	Helena Le
Jamie Tran	Deepika Gunda
Soojin Ahn	Benjamin Ong
Thanh-Truc Pham	Bryant Huang
Mia Piljevic	Vi Dang-Le

Zachary Pellow  
Sangmin Lee

William Jiang  
Anchisa Funchien

### **Year 10**

Sukarnan Thevalingam	Erick Bakhaazi
Alan Leigh-Lancaster	Joshua Wan
Omar El-Khub	Rico Kobelt
Anna Zhang	Morris Tang
Sharon Tay	Chris Barber
Alistair Yap	Jintian Yu
Madaleine Vantarakis	Shivani Amin

*Denis Chinnock, Head of Mathematics*

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## **New South Wales International English Competition**

In August of this year over 600 Brentwood students in years 7, 8 and 9 sat the NSW International English Competition. This month we received our results. One hundred and thirty students scored Credit certificates, fifty students scored Distinction certificates and three students scored High Distinctions. These are outstanding results. Indeed, one of our students from Year 8 English Enrichment scored the highest or equal highest result in the State for Year 8 and will be awarded a medal in November.

It is recognition of the quality of Brentwood's TLC, enrichment and mainstream programs that the year level means are comparable to government and non government schools that only enter selected students in order to maximise their results. At Brentwood, all Junior school students are entered and paid for by the College in order to provide parents, students and teachers with an independent measure of reading comprehension. This valuable data is then used by teachers to greater inform their judgements in regard to VELS' Progression Points in end of year reports.

I congratulate all students who participated and achieved their Brentwood best!

*Fern Brisbane, Head of English*

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## **Junior School Debating**

On Tuesday, September 15, Brentwood's Junior School Debating Team competed in the final round of the Debating Association of Victoria's Junior School program, and convincingly won.

I would like to congratulate our Team members:

Sam Cosentino  
Corinne Sanders

Cindy Ly  
Penny Toniolos

Over the month these students have competed in a range of training sessions and debates in order to prepare them for the all Schools Debating Competition which commences in year 9. I would like to thank Ms Katharine Seyler, who has coordinated the program for a number of years with great success, for our teams at 9, 10 11 and 12. Ms Seyler is on leave next year and Mr David Newcombe and Mrs Jane Sahhar will be taking over in her absence.

We wish teachers and students great debating in 2010.

*Fern Brisbane, Head of English*

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## **Careers Report**

It is a very busy time of year for Careers! Our year 12 students have been very busy finishing registering for university and TAFE courses through the VTAC process and we wish them well for their upcoming exams. In other news, we have been counselling many year 11 and 10 students about their VCE subject selections and the possible future pathways they are currently considering; whether that be university, TAFE, apprenticeship, etc. Even the year 9 students are starting to come and see us to complete "Career Interest Tests" which has been great to see!

Here are just a few things that we want all parents and students to be further reminded about:

### **Year 10 Work Experience Reminder**

Work experience is running in week 8 of term 4: Monday 23 November - Friday 27 November 2009. Work experience is a compulsory part of our year 10 program and if students have not organised any work experience, they will be required to attend school.

Could all year 10 students who have organised their work experience but have not completed the [Safe@Work](#) modules please come to the Careers Office to complete the modules required on the computer? It is a legal requirement that these modules are completed and we do need a copy of the certificates on file to verify that you have successfully completed the modules you need to have for your work experience.

If you have organised work experience but have not collected the Work Experience Arrangement form from the Careers Office, you will need to do so as soon as possible.

### **Year 9 and 10 students who are interested in a TAFE Taster or GAP Program**

We have limited numbers of TAFE Tasters and GAP program opportunities at TAFEs such as Box Hill Institute for those students who are interested in going to TAFE for 1 day a week in 2010. Courses vary from IT, Floristry, Horticulture and Electrical, Plumbing, etc. Please note, there are costs involved, depending on the type of course you plan to study. See the Careers team for more information.

The year 9 "Getting the Edge" Careers Program is running in week 9 of term 4: Monday 30 November - Wednesday 2 December 2009.

Just to let you all know all year 9 students must attend the 3 day "Getting the Edge" Careers Program which is being run at the school on Monday 30 November - Wednesday 2 December 2009. This program introduces students to the world of resume writing, team building skills, applying for jobs, hearing from guest speakers from a variety of different vocations and completing the computer module tests in preparation for year 10 work experience. Full school uniform must be worn during this program. Please note, this will be an alternative program to normal classes, so no normal classes will be running at this time. If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact the Careers team for more information.

*Margaret Stanley, Jessica Oliver and Paula Olson, Careers Team*

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## **VET Showcase Dinner**

On Wednesday 16 September I had the pleasure of attending the VET Showcase Dinner at Holmesglen TAFE where two of our students have completed a Certificate in Hospitality, Food and Beverage this year.

Christine Cho 12B and Kara Gray 12C have had the opportunity to gain hands on skills in an operational restaurant under the supervision of their hospitality teachers.

We were treated to an exceptional meal that was cooked by the students in the Hospitality and Cookery Certificate, including smoked Tasmanian salmon for entrée; chermoula marinated chicken breast for main course and sticky date pudding for dessert.

Congratulations to Christine and Kara who have completed this certificate in addition to their VCE.

**Monique Burke, Senior School Manager**

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## **You and the Law**

On Thursday October 8, the two year 10 CO 412 “You and the Law” classes of Mr Davatzis and Mrs Oliver, had a guest speaker from the Victorian Police Academy, Detective Sergeant Jill Dyson, who spoke to us about police powers.

Detective Sergeant Dyson spoke about the right to silence, the power to take finger prints and DNA samples, and the powers of arrest. She also touched on the forensic procedures that take place at a crime scene. Many potential forensic scientists were disappointed to hear that it’s not like you see on CSI! The incursion went over periods 2 and 3, and during recess, six students were invited to attend a morning tea with Detective Sergeant Dyson and Mrs Laidlaw, which was both interesting and informative.

All of the students were attentive and fascinated by the presentation, and found it to be greatly useful to their study of the subject. All in all, the incursion was a complete success and a wonderful addition to the subject’s curriculum, and we all are very thankful to Detective Sergeant Jill Dyson for donating her valuable time and coming to speak to us about police powers. We would also like to thank her daughter, Kathryn de Sousa, who is in Mrs Oliver’s class, for volunteering her Mum to come and speak to us in the first place and making this possible.

**Jessica Robinson, Year 10 CO 412**

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## **Junior School**

Term 4 is always very busy for the Junior School students. In addition to their important studies and preparing for end of year assessment, there is a full calendar of co - curricular events. To help you prepare for what can be a very hectic time for families, the following dates can be placed on the fridge or entered onto the family calendar.

9 Oct	Zone Athletics
13 Oct	Year 7 Author Visit
19-21 Oct	7A – 7E Camp
21–23 Oct	7E – 7J Camp
28 Oct	Year 7 Injections

10 Nov	Year 7 Parents and Students Year 8 (2010) Information Night 7.00pm
12 Nov	Year 7 Music Night 7.30pm

30 Nov – Dec 4	Year 9 Getting the Edge Careers Program
7 Dec – 11 Dec	Year 8 Camp Roses Gap, Grampians
7 Dec – 11 Dec	Year 9 Camp Tasmania Tour
7 Dec	Year 7 2010 Parent Information Night
8 Dec	Year 7 2010 Orientation Day
14 Dec – 16 Dec	Year 7-9 Activities Week
15 Dec	Presentation Night.
16 Dec	Year 9 Graduation from Junior School Celebration Lunch

In addition, individual students will be involved in class excursions and Eastern Zone sporting competitions if their teams were successful in term 1. At year level assemblies this week, year 8 students were given a term 4 school calendar to help them organise their school commitments.

Please contact the relevant student managers if you need additional information about any of these events.

**Junior School Team**

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## **Community Corner**

### **Highvale Primary School 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Join Highvale in experiencing school as it was in 1969 and how it is today. Classroom activities, art display, memorabilia, Butterfly trail opening, food and drink, rides, clowns, choir and cutting of the cake.

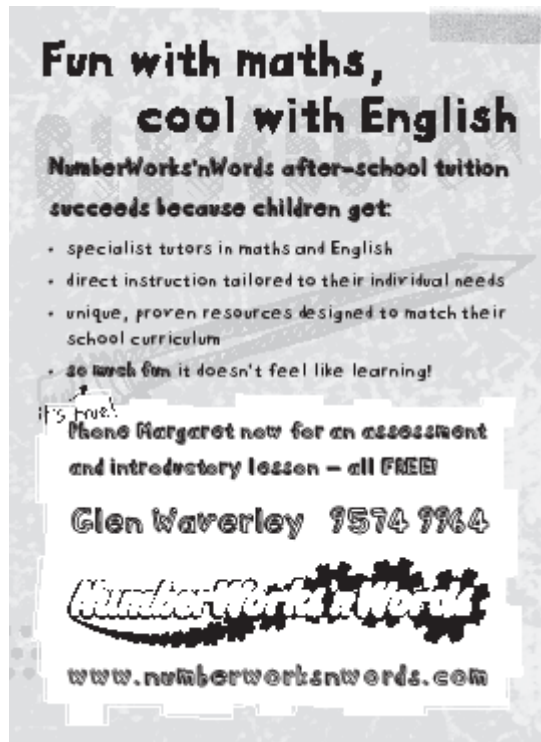
Date: Sunday 18 October  
11.00am to 4.00pm  
Where: 33 Ashton Street  
Glen Waverley

### **GLEN WAVERLEY TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY**

Date: Sunday 25 October  
Time: 11.30am to 2pm

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## Canteen News

Mon: S Newsom, J Smith, A Hardy  
Tues: M Levy, E Lown, R Valkanis  
Wed: J Stebbing, S Wines  
Thur: C Williams, S Remmington  
Fri: L Whelan, Help Wanted Please

*Carol & Liz*

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## Brentwood Secondary College

### CALENDAR TERM 4 2009

Week	Day	Date	College Program
1	Monday	5 October	Term 4 Commences
	Wednesday	7 October	VCE Music 7.30pm Year Level Assemblies
	Friday	9 October	Zone Athletics Year 12 October Tests
2	Monday	12 October	Year 12 October Tests
	Tuesday	13 October	Year 12 October Tests Year 7 Author Visit Education Sub-Committee Meeting 6.00pm Resources Sub-Committee Meeting 7.10pm
	Wednesday	14 October	Theatre Studies Performance
	Thursday	15 October	Theatre Studies Performance
	Friday	16 October	Theatre Studies Performance
3	Monday	19 October	Year 7 Camp 1 Begins – Homegroups 7A – 7E Monday - Wednesday
	Tuesday	20 October	State Athletics
	Wednesday	21 October	Year 7 Camp 2 Begins – Homegroups 7F – 7J Wednesday - Friday Year 12 Final Assembly Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
4	Monday	26 October	School Council 7.00pm
	Wednesday	28 October	Year Level Assemblies Year 7 Injections Junior School Concert (Periods 5 & 6)
	Thursday	29 October	Year 10 PEP Day
	Friday	30 October	Year 12 VCE Unit 4 Exams Commence
5	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3 November</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>
6	Tuesday	10 November	2010 Year 8 Information Night 6.00pm Student Media Presentation Night 6.30pm Education Sub-Committee Meeting 6.00pm Resources Sub-Committee Meeting 7.10pm
	Wednesday	11 November	Year 11 Study Day
	Thursday	12 November	Year 11 Exams Commence Year 7 Music Night 7.30pm
7	Monday	16 November	Year 11 Exams continue
	Wednesday	18 November	Year 10 Exams Commence Year 12 Formal
	Friday	20 November	Unit 4, Year 11 & Year 10 Exams Finish
8	Monday	23 November	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 11 to 12 Course Confirmation School Council 6.30pm
	Tuesday	24 November	Year 11 to 12 Course Confirmation
	Wednesday	25 November	Year Level Assemblies Year 9 Maths Exam (Periods 5 & 6)
	Thursday	26 November	Year 11 Formal
9	Monday	30 November	Year 9 Getting the Edge Careers Program Year 10 to 11 Course Confirmation Year 11 to 12 Head Start Program – All Week
	Wednesday	2 December	Year 9 Getting the Edge Careers Program Finishes Year 10 to 11 Course Confirmation Finishes 2010 Year 8 Sign Up Year 10 Graduation Dinner
	Thursday	3 December	Year 10 to 11 Orientation Peer Support Training
	Friday	4 December	Year 10 to 11 Orientation Peer Support Training
10	Monday	7 December	Year 8 and Year 9 Camp Week 2010 Year 7 Parent Information Evening
	Tuesday	8 December	2010 Year 7 Orientation Day
11	Monday	14 December	Activities Program
	Tuesday	15 December	Activities Program Presentation Night 7pm
	Wednesday	16 December	Year 9 Graduation from Junior School Celebration Lunch Reports Distributed at 2.30pm
	Thursday	17 December	Environment Day
	Friday	18 December	Environment Day