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Mr Leon Lilly
Mr David Shelton

Principal's Report

Victorian Red Cross Bushfire Relief Fund

The response of our school community to the enormous needs of fellow Victorians who have been affected by the bush fires has been outstanding.

On the Casual Dress Day held last Friday 13 February our college raised the outstanding sum of \$11, 281.65 in ONE day!

Congratulations and thank you to all members of our school community for being so caring and generous.

The envelopes used for donations will be distributed to students during Home Group to be returned to parents. The amount in each envelope was checked and the envelopes have been stamped. Parents are asked to retain this envelope for their records if they wish to claim the donation as a tax deduction.

Thank you to Blackburn Rubber Stamps for donating the receipt stamps. The college has made a donation to the Red Cross equivalent to the value of these stamps.

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Dates and Deadlines

23 Feb	School Council
26 Feb	District Swimming English Faculty's VCE Parents Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm
27 Feb	Senior Sport 7.00pm
2 Mar	Year 7 Study Skills (Periods 2 & 3)
9 Mar	Labour Day
10 Mar	Year 9 & 10 Tennis Education Sub-committee 6.00pm Resources Sub-committee 7.10pm
11 Mar	Year 9 & 10 Sport Year 12 English SAC
12 Mar	Succeeding at Year 7 TLC 7.00pm
16 Mar	Year 8 Sport
17 Mar	Athletics Sports
18 Mar	Year 7 Injections
23 Mar	Year 8 Study Skills (Periods 2 & 3)
24 Mar	Active Life Challenge 6.30pm
26 Mar	Year 12 English – Guest Speaker VCE Afternoon
27 Mar	Year 7 Sport
2 April	State Swimming Parent/Teacher Interviews 4.30pm : families A-L
3 April	School Ends 2.30pm
Term 2	
20 April	Term 2 Commences
23 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4.30pm : families M-Z

Senior School

Congratulations to the Year 12 Students.

We would like to congratulate the year 12 students on the positive start to their final year. Beginning with the year 12 camp, establishing good work ethic in class and for the excellent turn up at our pancake breakfast. We especially liked the attire from our Bananas in Pyjamas to our boys in nighties. We congratulate the participants at the Swimming Carnival and look forward to sharing many more positive events in the coming weeks and months.

Year 10 Queensland Camp

All year 10 students were invited to attend the year 10 camp to the Gold Coast, currently all places have been filled and there is a waiting list. If there is enough interest a third bus will be organised for the camp. If you are interested in attending the camp please place your name on the waiting list at the main office. Please contact Mr Gamble or Mrs Hender for more information.

Year 11 Central Australia Camp

With only 15 weeks to go, can we please remind parents/guardians to continue to pay the instalments for this trip. There will be an information night on Tuesday 12 May at 7.00pm, so all students and their parents should place this date in their diary. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Miss Wood or Mr Watts.

Communication is vital

It is in your child's best interest to keep the relevant Student Managers informed of any issue or concern that may impact their learning at school. In this way we can ensure the best possible support systems can be put in place and all students are able to achieve their personal best.

Special Examination Arrangements Applications

Any student studying a Unit 3 or 4 subject this year who may have a physical/learning disability, hearing/vision impairment or health impairment that may impact their mid year and end of year examinations, should see Mr Batalha or Miss Le Grove ASAP for an application. Please contact us if you have any questions about this application. Applications close in early March.

SEAS – Special Entry and Scholarships

Students in year 12 applying for university or TAFE places at the end of this year, maybe eligible to apply for SEAS. SEAS Access and

Equity is open to all students whose education has been adversely affected by their life

circumstances during the course of their VCE, for example: difficult family circumstance, personal disability, long-term medical conditions. Students are required to show how their circumstances have impacted on their studies. Applications must be accompanied by supporting evidence from an independent source, which may include a medical practitioner, psychologist, member of the Senior School or Wellbeing team. Full details of criteria and the requirements for meeting them are available on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au). Please contact Mr Batalha or Miss Le Grove for more information. It is important that students give their Student Managers early notice of any circumstance that may affect their final years of schooling. We encourage open communication between students, parents/guardians and the Year 12 Student Managers to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Monique Le Grove, Joel Batalha, On behalf of the Senior School Team.

The Daniel Draper Memorial Staff v Student Cricket Match

The 5th annual Staff v Student cricket match was played on the school oval on Friday, 13 February. Looking to break a two match winning streak by the staff team, the students were keen as ever to wrest back the Daniel Draper Shield from their more experienced opponents.

Many of the students impressed throughout their time at the crease. Tye Harrison, Jake Pappon, Dylan Whitfield and Phil Murray all reached the retirement score of 30, taking advantage of some generous bowling from the staff side whilst reminding all and sundry of their skill and technique. A couple of balls were lost over fences whilst others were stopped short by some great fielding. Although the outfield was small and fast, the students were not able to absolutely unleash their fury on the bowling. By the end of their 20 overs, the students had amassed 4 – 155; competitive, but not unreachable.

The wickets were shared amongst the staff side, with Mr Miller, Mr Davatzis and Mr Hayes all claiming a scalp. Mr Hose ran out the college

vice-captain Jack Tyrell with a deadly throw from mid off, to end his innings.

In reply, Mr White got off to a flyer with the shot of the day – a scorching cover drive off school captain Ricky Alabaster. Alas, like many of his colleagues, he was unable to capitalise on his start. Mr Oudshoorn, Mr Gamble and Mr Hose all got starts in the top order but were dismissed before reaching 30. Mr Miller was holding his own and seemed to be the key to victory.

Many of the student bowlers were proving a handful – Ricky Alabaster, Nick Richards, Jake Pappon, Paul Adams and the surprise packet Chris Toth, all claimed at least one wicket. The tail continued to chip in and Mr Lilly looked like the player to take the staff to the finishing line. By this stage Mr Miller had reached 30 and was forced to retire. Mr Lilly was run out soon afterwards, which left the students with 2 wickets to get in order to seal the victory. Mr Exton and Mr Belford kept the runs ticking over and by the time the final over came, the staff side required 9 to win.

Mr Exton was bowled by Paul Adams with the first ball of the final over and Mr Miller came back to the crease needing to score 9 runs off the last 5 balls. What happened next will go down in cricketing folklore and will be talked about for many years to come...

Paul Adams' next two balls were too good for Mr Miller and this meant that 9 runs were required off the last 3 balls. The next ball saw Mr Miller smack the ball into the air. Ricky Alabaster dropped a tricky chance and the staff managed two quick runs. With 7 now required off the last 2 balls, the students looked to have victory in their grasp. A single was scored off the penultimate ball, leaving the staff requiring 6 runs off the last ball. Mr Belford was bowled and the students thought they had won. However, Rod (the guest umpire for the day) signalled a "no-ball". Mr Miller and Mr Belford took advantage of the confusion and ran a quick single. Because of the "no-ball" and the quick thinking of the staff, it meant that 1 ball still had to be bowled and 4 runs were required for a staff victory. Mr Miller managed to get willow on leather, but he managed only 2 runs. The result... the students won by 1 run!

The exciting climax of the match will take some beating in years to come. However, all agreed it was a fitting end to a great contest. Special thanks to Rod for his umpiring, Mr Shelton for

scoring and the SRC team for providing the refreshments. Congratulations to the students. You won't be so lucky next year!

Staff

Mr Oudshorn
Mr Lilly
Mr Rutherford
Mr Miller
Mr Gamble
Mr Hose
Mr White
Mr Belford
Mr Hayes
Mr Davatzis
Mr Wright
Mr Exton

Students

Paul Adams
Nic Richards
Tye Harrison
Chris Petalas
Ryan Fabrici
Jack Tyrell
Jake Pappon
Ricky Alabaster
Phil Murray
Chris Sutherland
Rory Neate
Chris Toth

Bill Exton & Mark Oudshoorn

2009 Science Competition

The ICAS Science Competition is on again this year on Wednesday 10 June. This is an international competition coordinated by the University of NSW and is open to all students of all abilities across Years 7 – 12.

Why participate?

The competition gives students the opportunity to discover their science talent, encourages critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. All participants will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement, ranging from High Distinction to Participation as well as an individual report on their strengths and opportunities for improvement. They will be supplied a confidential password which will enable them to view their results online and they are also able to track their personal improvement from year to year on the website.

What does it involve?

The competition involves the students working through a paper which will have a total of 45 multiple-choice questions. Students will be given 60 minutes to complete the paper.

What do students need to prepare?

Previous years competition papers will be made available for practice in the lead-up to the formal competition on 10 June.

The competition will take place in the school gymnasium on the morning of 10 June and the cost of entry is \$7.00. Students wishing to enter must complete the entry form (available from the Science staff room) and return it to their science teacher and pay the fee of \$7.00 directly to the

main office (receipts will be issued). All entries must be received by **Friday 1 May** in order to meet registration deadlines.

Any questions regarding the competition should be directed to the students' science teacher or email Gary Hayes, Head of Science at (hay@brentwood.vic.edu.au)

Gary Hayes, Head of Science

Canteen News

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton
Tues: D Lawless, M Yegorian
Wed: L Bult, M Hollingwoth, **Help Wanted**
Thur: C Williams, C Prosser
Fri: R Attwood, J Hadaway

We still need help for a couple of hours on a Tuesday, Wednesday and 3rd Friday of the month.

Carol & Liz

Community Corner

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Information Session Tuesday 24 February 2009 at 7.30pm. Venue: Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury.

Find out...

- ⇒ Which destinations/programs are available?
- ⇒ Which country suits your goals/expectations?
- ⇒ When is the best time to go?
- ⇒ Who are the host families?
- ⇒ What are the costs?
- ⇒ How do I apply?

Speak to S.C.C.E. staff, returned students, their parents and international students. Just turn up on the night. For more information, call S.C.C.E. on 1800-500-501 or check www.scce.com.au

Scoresby Junior Football Club

Players are required for the Under 13 side, boys and girls (born in 1996). Please call Marty Jenkins (President) 0415 577 945, Jeff Raymer (coach) 0438 350 743 or Brad Hardy (Team Manager) 0411 047 709 or email scoresbyjnr@efl.or.au for more information.

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