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Principal's Report

I would like to use this opportunity to inform you of facilities upgrades at Brentwood carried out over the Summer Holidays, those planned for the near future and ways that the Brentwood Community can help maintain our facilities.

The most obvious update has been the resurfacing of the main staff car park. Over the last few years we have conducted many repairs to the car park surface. The advice received from experts was that the surface could no longer be repaired satisfactorily, so it was decided to completely resurface the car park.

More hard surfaces were created at the front of the new gymnasium, providing playing surfaces for students and reducing the amount of dust and dirt carried into the gymnasium. Repairs to the surfaces in the west courtyard were completed and two new chess boards constructed from concrete tiles were laid in the east courtyard. The builders of the TLC completed concreting works at the front of the TLC.

The floors of the gymnasium and the hall were recoated as part of the program to maintain the floor surfaces in good order in this outstanding facility.

The renovation of A-Block is proceeding. New carpet was laid in the A-Block staff room and in the A3 and A4 classrooms. Many of the rooms in A-Block are being repainted. This maintenance will greatly improve the A-block classrooms, which have been in need of modernisation.

A major modification of the home economics area was conducted. A dividing wall between J1 and J2 was removed, making a large area for the kitchen. New stoves, bench convection ovens, an industrial dishwasher, a freezer and new refrigerators were also installed.

This area now provides modern facilities in a large and safe working space.

The school's plumber has been busy installing gas taps in G03, which will enable more effective use of this room as a science laboratory. He has also completed works on drainage and storm over flows to protect against flooding, in the event that it ever rains again in Melbourne.

Brentwood is proud of its facilities. Our maintenance worker Bernie Molloy works very hard and skilfully maintaining our facilities to a high standard. Whilst there is not much vandalism by students at the College, nonetheless, we do get frustrated having to repair facilities that have been damaged by a few students. I ask all parents to discuss with their children the senselessness of such vandalism, encouraging them to treat all facilities with respect and report students who maliciously damage school property. The school has a policy of charging students for repairs resulting from vandalism.

An area that our students cannot be proud of is the amount of litter that they leave in the yard. Again, I encourage parents to ask their children to make use of the bins provided in the yard so that we can maintain a litter free school which is healthy and safe.

Please note students should not be dropped off at school before 8.30am. Parents are also reminded that they should not enter the staff car park or the driveway in front of the gymnasium as this creates a dangerous situation for our students and staff.

Gordon Claney, Assistant Principal

School Council Elections 2009

As there were three candidates for the three parent vacancies on School Council, all three nominees have been duly elected to council for two years. A fourth parent expressed interest in nominating for council but withdrew their application. Thus a ballot was not required. In the newsletter of 13 February the number of parent vacancies was listed as two. This discrepancy was due to a clerical error.

Parent members 2009

Stuart Donaldson
Stephen Robinson
Gary Sanford

2011 Parent members 2008 - 2010

Allison Chellew
Helen Fox-Harrison
Tom Schouten

DEECD members 2009 – 2011

Barbara Laidlaw
David Shelton

DEECD members 2008 - 2010

Joel Batalha
Leon Lilly

There are two SRC members and two co-opted community members on council. The Principal is the executive officer of School Council. Thus there are 15 members of School Council. The College Business Manager, Graham Harvey, is a member of the Resources sub-committee and attends Council meetings but is not a member of School Council. As Acting Principal, Barbara Laidlaw is the executive officer of School Council for 2009. Gordon Claney, Acting Assistant Principal, has been co-opted onto School Council as a DEECD member.

Thank you to all members of School Council for their important and valued contribution to the Brentwood Secondary College community.

Barbara Laidlaw, Principal

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2009, Wednesday 13 May 2009 and Thursday 14 May 2009. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

If your child has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than **one** year, you should discuss with your child's teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test. Large print and Braille versions are available for students with visual impairment.

Students who are unable to complete the test on the designated days will undertake the task at some other time during the week of 12th to 15th May. Parents are advised **NOT** to make out of school appointments for year 7 and year 9 students on 12th, 13th and 14th of May.

*Kerrie Bainbridge,
Head of Interventions & PSD*

Dates and Deadlines

2 Mar	Year 8 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
19 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 4.30- 7.30pm
3 April	School Ends 2.30pm

Year 11 News

The year has gotten off to a fabulous start for the year 11's, as we welcome them into the Senior School community and they begin their VCE studies. Many students will now be sitting their first SACs and over the next couple of weeks the pressure will really start to hit home for some. The Wellbeing team spoke to the students this week about some helpful hints to keep their stress

under control and make sure they are working at their optimum. These included:

- Getting 8 hours of sleep
- Eating a healthy breakfast
- Finding a suitable way to have some downtime
- Having an effective study plan – that you stick to!

Obviously, there are times when circumstances impact on a student's ability to perform at their academic best. We have reminded students to keep the lines of communication open, enabling us and their teachers to help them achieve their personal best.

As well as academic pursuits, many students have started tripping the light fantastic and preparing for this year's Presentation Ball. We have around 45 couples participating this year, the largest group ever. It is great to see the students, boys included, enjoying the dancing lessons and giving their all in learning the steps and, for some, their left and right.

Final details are currently being put together for the Central Australia camp. Information will be passed on to the lucky 48 students very soon. This two week trip up the Red Centre to Darwin will conclude a very busy first semester for our year 11's. We look forward to seeing and helping celebrate their continuing success throughout the year.

*Mr Oudshoorn, Miss Wood and Mr Watts,
Year 11 Student Managers*

Year 7 Window

We would like to personally take this opportunity to congratulate all the new year 7 students and their families for the smooth start to the year. We know how daunting it can be to start at a new school and it's great to see that both the students and parents have adjusted and settled admirably.

We would also like to thank all the students and their parents for their support over the decision to postpone the Forest Edge camp. While this is disappointing to all concerned, bushfires are still active in the areas surrounding the Forest Edge camp in Neerim East. There is also considerable smoke in the area. Hence, with the safety of our students being our foremost concern, we stand by our decision to postpone the camp to a time later in the year. We are currently negotiating new dates and will let you know as soon as possible.

On a more cheerful note. The year 7's had a great time on the 19th Feb with the year 7 Activities afternoon. During the afternoon,

students got to show their sporting prowess with King Dodge Ball, Endzone, Newcombe and their superior knowledge on the brain teasing quiz. Afterwards, students along with their families, teachers and fellow students, got to enjoy a delicious BBQ in the hayshed. A big thank-you to all staff and students who helped prepare such an enjoyable afternoon.

We would also like parents to be aware of our upcoming "Succeeding at year 7" information evening which will be held on Thursday 12th March in the TLC. The session will be spent discussing strategies that will enable parents and students to build positive relationships and smart work practices throughout year 7. Notes have been sent home with your child and a RSVP is required by Friday 6th March.

*Sonja Ardley/Shane Hunt
Year 7 Student Managers*



Year 10 Students

The first Author visit for 2009 is on Monday March 2nd 2009, when all of the year 10 students will attend Jan Wositzky's 'Lest we Forget' presentation. The presentation involves "storytelling/musical theatre, with student participation, unique re-telling of the Gallipoli story, using Turkish and Australian literature, song and oral history. Contextualised within Australia's involvement in WW1." Jane's website: <http://www.storytellersguide.com>

Margaret Brudenell, Teacher/Librarian

Brentwood WINS!

Brentwood won 2 shields yesterday at the Waverley District interschool swimming carnival. It was a FANTASTIC day of achievement and I was so proud watching our swimmers compete. Of our 52 competitors, 23 Brentwood swimmers have now qualified to compete at the next level of competition at the Eastern Zone finals held on Monday March 23rd at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. These swimmers will be competing in 17 individual events as well as 7 relay teams. It is an outstanding achievement of our talented swimmers to qualify in so many events.

This year as Mr Lilly announced the aggregate points for each of the age groups, I knew Brentwood had done extremely well again from the number of events that we placed in the top 3 swimmers. We have won the Senior and the Intermediate Divisions. This is the best that Brentwood has ever done in the Swimming EVER! Mr Lilly said it was really nice to present the shields to our swimmers for a change! In 2008 we were 188 points away from winning overall and this year we were only 30 points!!! We are so close. Final results -

<p><u>Junior Team</u> 1st - Glen Waverley 2nd - Mount Waverley 3rd - Brentwood 4th - Wheelers Hill 5th - Highvale 6th - Wellington 7th - Ashwood</p>	<p><u>Intermediate Team</u> 1st - BRENTWOOD 2nd - Glen Waverley 3rd - Wheelers Hill 4th - Mount Waverley 5th - Highvale 6th - Ashwood 7th - Wellington</p>
<p><u>Senior Team</u> 1st - BRENTWOOD 2nd - Glen Waverley 3rd - Mount Waverley 4th - Wheelers Hill 5th - Highvale 6th - Wellington 7th - Ashwood</p>	<p><u>Overall</u> 1st - Glen Waverley 2nd - Brentwood 3rd - Mount Waverley 4th - Wheelers Hill 5th - Highvale 6th - Wellington 7th - Ashwood</p>

Swim Team

Adam Hollingworth
Alex Tapanes
Amanda Duong
 Annie Banks
Anthony Verity
 Austin Peach
Bec Corbett
 Brandon Fredericks
 Bryce O'Hara
 Callan Burns
 Carly Ioannidis
 Cassie Rowe
Chethana Yakupitiyage
 Chris Brunton

Chris Sutherland
Daniel Riddiford-Lajoie
Danielle Baldwin
Debbie Ng
 Deepa Gunda
Georgia Corbett
 Griffin James
Henry Chhen
Ilich Karpyn
Jacinta Dyson
Jack Roper
Jaqueline Feinberg
 Jayden Kelaart
 Jazmin Kocsis
 Jordan Peach
 Jordan Vantarakis
Joshua Hicks
 Karen Chiu
 Katelyn Harper
Kathii Fonda
 Keanu Hang
 Kimberly Chhen
Marko Ivosev
Michael Ilett
 Natalie De Luca
 Natalie Wilkinson
Natascha Amend
Nazeer Mohamed-Ali
Nick Verity
 Nicola Haily
 Rob Sumner
 Robert Ilett
Sandra Thong
 Sarah Bray
 Savini Kumaresan
Shaun Webber
 Taylah Bennett
 Visai Muruganandah

Bold names through to Eastern Zone Finals

Thank you to Ms Hately, Ms Warner, Mr Rutherford, Mr Barry and Ms Champion who all officiated and cheered on our swimmers for the day.

Kim Nash, Sport Coordinator

MUSIC NEWS

Music Captains 2009

Congratulations to the following students on their appointment to the position of Music Captain for 2009:

Hui Lin Ng & Melanie Brown - Snr Music Captains

Benjamin Drinkwater & Aaron Quick - Jnr Music Captains

Instrumental Music Program

Instrumental lessons are well under way. All students have been issued with a timetable

indicating their lesson times for 1st term. Timetables should be kept in the back of the student planner.

We still have vacancies in the following: violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone and percussion.

Please see Ms Presa or any of the Music Captains if you would like an enrolment form for any of the instrumental classes listed above.

Ensemble Program

The following Ensembles have commenced rehearsals for the year:

Snr String Ensemble - Monday lunchtime in A12
 Percussion Ensemble - Monday lunchtime in the Drum Room
 Snr Concert Band - Tuesday lunchtime in A12
 Choir - Thursday lunchtime in A12

New members are always welcome. Please come along to any of the above rehearsals and speak to the teacher in charge if you play an instrument and would like to join in. Junior Ensembles will commence later this term.

Cathie Presa, Director of Music

Student Representative Council

Last Friday, at Brentwood Community Centre, 37 enthusiastic students spent the day working with David Mould from *Second Strike*, on developing their skills to maximise their contributions to leadership in the college this year.

The new SRC members have been appointed and are eagerly waiting to do their part in making our school community a better place. I would like to congratulate the following students on their willingness to become actively involved in this role:

Lionel	Ha	7J	
Julian	He	7F	
Saaranka	Poonkundran	7B	
James	Tan	7C	
Sam	Yeung	7J	Secretary
Corinne	Sanders	8B	
Belinda	Donaldson	9J	Jr School Vice Pres
Aaron	Quick	9A	
Jess	Blake	10A	
Melanie	Brown	10B	
David	Michalowsky	10F	
Jessica	Robinson	10G	
Joshua	Sheppard	10H	
Nicole	Tay	10I	
Sharon	Tay	10I	
Linda	Tiew	10I	
Jacky	Tu	10I	
Sam	Winnicki	10J	Publicity
Paris	Ballis	11A	
Dora	Bebonis	11A	

Patrizio	Briganti	11A	President
Justin	Brown	11A	
Sahana	Ganesh	11C	
Dharshi	Hasthanayake	11C	
Mara	Jefimovs	11D	
Shatha	Sukkar	11H	
Victoria	Tang	11H	
Nathania	Tay	11H	
Terence	Avadiar	12A	Treasurer
Ping	Fang	12B	Vice President
Ruttanunt	Funchien	12C	Treasurer
Fiona	Jong	12D	
Christine	Leong	12D	
Jun – Wen	Lim	12D	Secretary
Hui Lin	Ng	12F	
Laura	Stillitano	12G	
Jack	Tyrell	12H	

Leigh Wright, SRC Coordinator

Canteen News

Mon: M Yegorian, K Adams, A Teng
 Tues: P Rindel, E Ho
 Wed: A Pygall, P Large
 Thur: L Airey, J Stebbing, H Fox-Harrison
 Fri: B Seracino, N Whitfield, M Leece

Carol & Liz

BRENTWOOD SC STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN

2009

I would like to thank Brentwood families for their interest in this tour. We have already received 27 expressions of interest and are waiting for a response from Ono Senior High School regarding the number of students they will be able to accommodate.

We have scheduled an information evening for Tuesday, March 10 from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm in C3 & C4 at Brentwood, in order to provide further information regarding the tour itinerary, costs and participation.

Because this meeting will take place after March 5th, the date originally advertised for deposits for this trip, the deposit date will be extended to Friday, March 20th, in order to allow families time to consider their involvement.

Please complete the attached form so that we can arrange sufficient seating. Light refreshments (soft drinks and biscuits) will be available.

Regards

Ursula Fisher
Head of LOTE



Please return to Mrs Fisher or your Japanese teacher by Wednesday, March 4th

Name: _____ HG: _____

× My parent(s) and I will be at the Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

No of family members: _____

× We are unable to attend the Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

Parent Signature: _____ Contact Ph. Number: _____