

Newsletter

11th Edition

26 November 2018

The right to learn.

The right to be treated with respect.

The right to be safe.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS, PRINCIPAL

"Being the best you can be"



As part of Early Commencement, classes were held in the new building which is named after the greatest genius of all time, Leonardo da Vinci. da Vinci's areas of endeavour surpass anything ever encountered in one individual. He was an anatomist, architect, botanist, city planner, costume and stage designer, chef, humourist, engineer, equestrian, inventor, geographer, geologist, musician, mathematician, military scientist, painter, philosopher and physicist. Leonardo da Vinci demonstrated persistence in his quest for knowledge, making many mistakes, yet always learning, exploring and experimenting. He knew that learning from experience also meant learning from mistakes.

One of our longest serving teachers, Vikki Elliot will be retiring. Vikki started teaching at Bentleigh Secondary College in 1987. Her passion has been exhibited throughout her time at Bentleigh Secondary College in all that she does. Her contributions in developing an outstanding Food Technology curriculum is commendable. Vikki will be missed, however, she has agreed to support the college as a casual relief teacher.

Linda Richardson, has worked tirelessly to support the Science teachers in their practicals. For many years she has also shared the raising of the 'Seeing Eye' puppies with our students allowing them the experience of working as volunteers in the school. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Yvonne Sirianos will also be retiring. Her passion has been evident through the mentoring of our students over the years. She has undertaken many roles at Bentleigh Secondary College. Yvonne will be missed, however she too will continue to support the college as a casual relief teacher.

For a number of years Suzy Watt has supported our students to become debaters and represent the school. Her enthusiasm and support of students is legendary, Suzy attended all school performances (even on leave). She too will be retiring and has generously offered to support the Debating Team in 2019.

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Stuart Pearson has displayed many skills throughout his time at Bentleigh, undertaking the responsibilities of Head of Year 7. Stuart has accepted a position as Director of Outdoor Education. We wish him all the best in his move to a new role and school.

Luke Brookman has been on leave this year. He has accepted a Leading Teacher position and is moving to another school. An outstanding educator and leader, we wish him all the best in his new role.

Jake Cameron will be moving to a new school. As Head of Year 9, he has been instrumental in further developing our 'Learning Journey Program'. We wish him every success in his new role as Head of Middle School.

Chris Christofidis, will be transferring to another school. He has been an outstanding leader in the Senior School and an inspiring teacher of Mathematics and ICT. We wish him all the best.

Sophie Clark will be moving to the US in 2019. She has managed our PSD Program at the school and has played an integral role in supporting our students in the Wellbeing Centre.

Laura Main is also moving on to another instrumental position. Her passion and drive was evident in the support of her students and in preparing them for performances. We wish Laura all the best in her new role.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible work and contributions of our teachers and education support staff. At this time of the year, they are working incredibly hard at school and into the wee hours of the morning marking assignments and exams, writing reports and developing curriculum that ensures learning at Bentleigh is a curious and enriching learning experience.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MR MARC KOENIG, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The da Vinci Centre is open for business. Students have been excited entering their new learning spaces.



There has been rapid progress with Stage 2 building works as the scene changes from week to week. D Block is but a memory. It has been demolished to make way for our new second two court stadium. This is scheduled for completion in April/May next year.



J Block portables too have been relocated to the back oval. Four classrooms will be back in use by the start of 2019 while the other portables are in excess and will be removed. Over the break there will be a new pathway created between the Learning Centre and what was D Block to access the J Block portables. A new will also be installed around the Wetlands providing greater access for students.

The completion of the car park has been hampered by inclement weather so should be completed just in time for the holidays.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Josie Phillips, Head of Year 8

On Friday November 9, the 2019 Middle School Captains represented Bentleigh Secondary College at the Bentleigh Remembrance Day Service, commemorating 100 years since the Armistice was signed between the German and Allied Forces, bringing an end to World War 1. Our students proudly participated and paid their respects to the fallen by laying poppies on behalf of the college. The service and the address given by a representative of the RSL, gave us an opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifices made by our service men and women in World War 1. The moving words of 'The Ode' reminded us, as always, why we remember the contributions of Australia's service personnel in all conflicts: "Lest we forget".



WESLEY PARKIN, SOPHIE LAWSON
CAPTAINS

TEIA HERFT AND SONIA BROCH
DEPUTY CAPTAINS



EPIDEMIC THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

Ms Mary Gardner, First Aid Co-ordinator

Every year during grass pollen season there is an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms, and during grass pollen season there is also the chance of an epidemic thunderstorm asthma event. Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are thought to be triggered by an uncommon combination of high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, resulting in large numbers of people developing asthma symptoms over a short period of time.

Those at increased risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma include people with asthma, people with a past history of asthma, those with undiagnosed asthma (i.e. people who have asthma symptoms but have not yet been diagnosed with asthma). This also includes people with hay fever who may or may not have asthma. Having both asthma and hay fever, as well as poor control and self-management of asthma increases the risk further.

Bentleigh Secondary College is committed to ensuring that students are as safe as possible whilst at school. As part of this commitment, it is important that we are able to appropriately manage any medical conditions that may impact on the student's wellbeing whilst at school.

If your child has been identified as having asthma, please be aware of the above message. If your child does not present with asthma but you are concerned we request that you consult your doctor and complete a school asthma and camp management plan and return it to the school, so that we can be best equipped to support your child while at school.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mary Gardner, First Aid Coordinator at the school.

LIBRARY NEWS

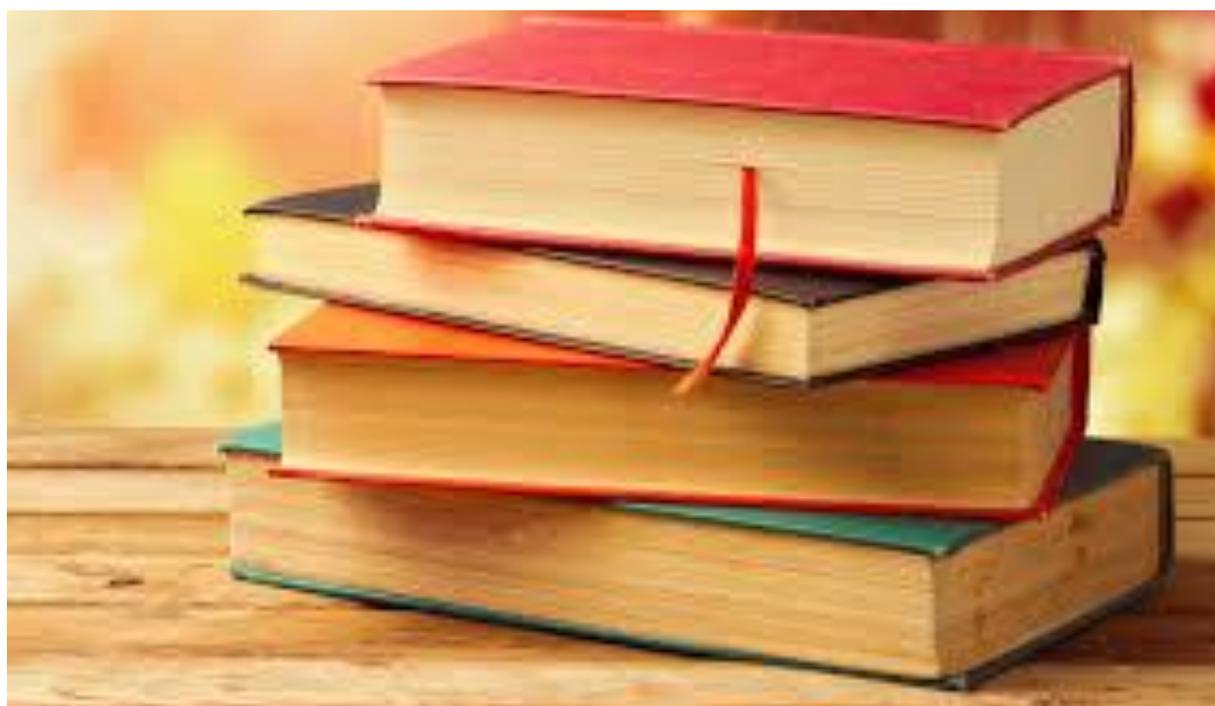
Library Team

As we are heading towards the end of another busy year could you please check your lockers and home spaces (under the bed) and return any library books.

There are still quite a few overdue books, so please have a good look around.

Remember come exam time, if you have an overdue book you can't borrow dictionaries or calculators.

Good luck with the exams and have a wonderful break.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MS LEANNE WINFIELD, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who completed their exams. It was a pleasure to see so many of them working so hard during the lead up study time. We look forward to seeing students at the Presentation Evening on Monday 17 December.

We are now in Early Commencement with some changes in the Senior Team:

Head of Sub School is still to be appointed, as Chris Christofidis has accepted a position at another school.

Head of Year 12 – Phoebe Lindsay

Head of Year 11 – Jenny Vlahandreas

Head of Year 10 – Hayden McLennan

We appreciate all of the work completed by Chris Christofidis, Claire Keep, Helen Arhontis, John Karydis, Felicity Campbell, Cameron Johnson and Dimi Charalambous and wish them all the best for their various endeavours in 2019. We are looking forward to the work we will do during Early Commencement, the revitalised VCE Centre and using the Da Vinci Centre. There are also some changes in operations in the Senior School in 2019. Year 10, 11 and 12 students will have assembly on Wednesday period 4 each week. For Year 11 and 12 students this will take the place of Home Group. The reason for this is that it provides an extended time and enables us to run whole year level events without interrupting the class room program.

Year 12 students are able to take study leave during study periods once their parent has signed the permission form. Year 11 and 12 students are able to take study leave on period 5 and 6 on Wednesday afternoons, provided there is no year level event scheduled at this time and their parent has signed the permission form. More information will be provided by Heads of Year Level through Compass Newsfeed.

Year 10 students have a new Careers and Mentoring Program on Wednesdays during period 4, 5 and 6. Students are expected to attend all of these sessions. This program covers a range of areas, some of these are: Work Experience planning, Course Selection Planning, sessions on Resilience, Mindfulness and Mediation, Driver Safety, Cyber Safety as well as how students can be effective students. Once again this enables us to work with students over an extended time without interrupting classes.

We are in the process of implementing the booklist for Early Commencement which means that we can use all of the available resources to start teaching in depth at this time.

It is vital that students read their English texts over the summer holidays in order to be prepared for classes next year. Students need to read these texts more than once over the course of the year to show the depth of understanding and the ability to write with complexity that is required at all year levels. We encourage parents to read as well.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Riley Cook, our Year 10 student was awarded his "Black Belt" in Karate on Sunday September 2, 2018.

Riley began Karate in Grade 1, and it has taken 9 years of lots of hard work & dedication for him to achieve this belt. What a great achievement, well done!



SPORT NEWS

Mr Toby Mahoney, Head of Sport

Year 7 and 8 Sport Gala Day

On Tuesday 13 and Friday 16 November most of our Year 7 and 8 students represented Bentleigh Secondary College at the Term 4 Kingston Gala day. Students participated in a range of sports, including: Lawn Bowls, Softcrosse, Handball, Frisbee and Cricket Blast. The Term 4 Gala Day gave students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of new sports and all students are to be congratulated on their positive attitude and participation.

A special mention to the Year 7 Handball Boys and Year 8 Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket Blast and Softcrosse teams who were crowned the Kingston Champions. Congratulations!



YEAR 7 HANDBALL



YEAR 7 SOFTCROSSE



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YEAR 8 FRISBEE



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STATE HOCKEY FINALS

Ms Rachael Rosenbrock, Head of Sport

We would like to acknowledge our girls Hockey team who participated in their State Hockey Finals on Wednesday 14 November. Unfortunately, we did not come away with the State Title, (we won 1, lost 2 games). However are so proud of the girls for making it to this level of competition.

The intermediate girls at Bentleigh Secondary College are very strong in sport, with many of these girls playing multiple sports across the year with so much success! Well done team!



STATE GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM

WELLBEING NEWS

Mr Wayne Davis, Head of Middle Wellbeing



PRESENTS
AN LGBTIQA+ AND FRIENDS

GLITTER AND GLOW

COME DRESSED AS YOUR TRUE SELF

December 8 2018
6:00-10:00pm

Get your tickets here

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/glitter-glow-tickets-51573075457>

or contact Bec for more info

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•No passouts•

•Drug, alcohol and smoke free event•





GAMEAWARE

Taking gaming from habit to hobby



FREE PROGRAM

4-day holiday program for 12-18 year olds
Follow up support sessions for gamers and families
Sustainable gaming contract encouraging self regulation

Dates: Jan 21-24th, 2019 with 4 followup family sessions
Location: Highett Neighbourhood Community House
2 Livingston Street, Highett, 3190

Register @ www.gameaware.com.au/programs



BODY PRIDE FORUM

for LGBTIQ identified young people



The Body Pride Forum is a facilitated forum for young LGBTIQ identified people to talk, in a safe space, about their relationship with body image. The forum will be facilitated by Eating Disorders Victoria and will feature a panel of guest speakers, including:

Jami Jones

Jami Jones has worked in youth work and community development for over 10 years, in roles ranging from research and policy to support, family work, program development and implementation. The broad theme for her work has been the impact of discrimination, particularly on young people, and how to work with communities around inclusion and social change. Jami is currently the Coordinator of Rainbow Network Victoria.

Rory Blundell is a 23 year-old non-binary Wiradjuri person who is actively engaged in the advocacy for LGBTIQ+ rights and wellbeing. Based in Melbourne, Rory has a strong passion for young people to be decision-makers in issues that affect them and their communities, and to lead positive change based on equitable practice.

Dani Leever/DL is a writer, workshop presenter, radio host and DJ. When they're not presenting to young people around Australia for anti-bullying organisation PROJECT ROCKIT, they're working with headspace as a youth mental health ambassador. Dani has written for SBS, VICE, Pedestrian.tv, Broadsheet, Archer, JUNKEE and a few more.

WHEN: Wed Nov 28th

WHERE: 360 Youth Resource Centre, Hawthorn Art & Culture precinct, Level 1, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

TIME: 6pm - 7:30pm (Snacks provided)

COST: FREE

REGISTER ONLINE: www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2CYBC

For more information call 1300 550 236 or email education@eatingdisorders.org.au



YOUTH SERVICES  

GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE



Summer Teen School Holiday Program

The very popular *Teen School Holiday Program* will run again during the January holidays.

Activities are open to young people aged 12 to 18 years, who live, work or study in Glen Eira.

Activities include Geelong Adventure Park, Amazing Race - City Dash, Sports, Movies and Bowling.



Bookings open Monday 3 December at 9am and close Friday 14 December at 5pm.

Bookings for all activities are made online and places are limited.

For a full list of activities and to book, visit the website.

[Register Online](#)



2019 Youth Leadership Team

Nominations are now open for Glen Eira Youth Service's 2019 Youth Leadership Team!

If you are looking to grow and develop as a leader, sharpen your networking skills and experience organising and running youth events – join the 2019 Youth Leadership Team and work with a group of dynamic young leaders making a difference for young people in the City of Glen Eira.

Who is eligible?

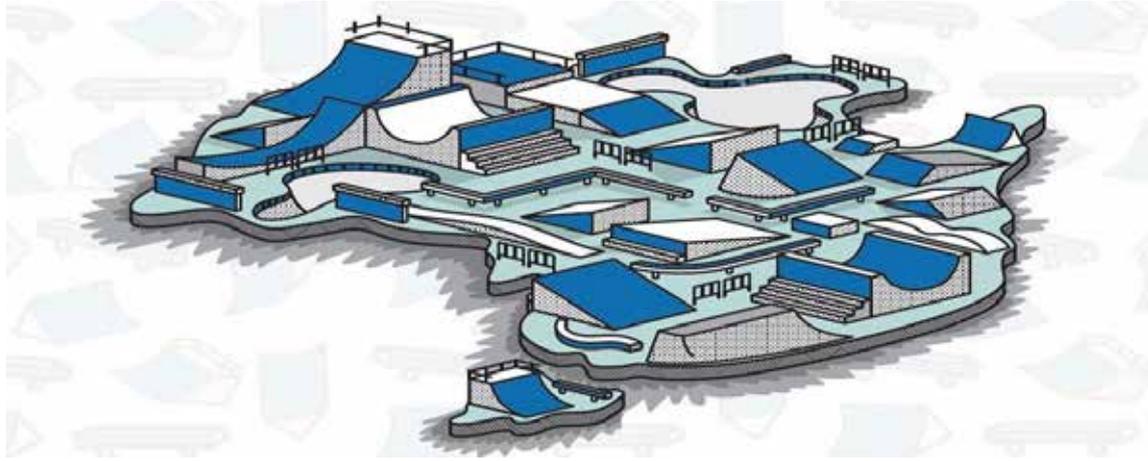
Young people 15 to 25 years who have a connection to the City of Glen Eira (live, work, study or socialise)

What's in it for you?

- Meet new people
- Develop and strengthen your leadership skill
- Undergo Event Management and Occupational Health and Safety training
- Gain hands on experience planning, organising and running youth events

If you would like to register your interest, contact Youth Services on [9524 3676](tel:95243676) or visit the website.

[Register Online](#)



Bailey Reserve Skate Park Skate Park League Opening Competition

Friday 18 January 2019
200 East Boundary Road
Bentleigh East

Scooter : 11:00am
BMX: 12:30pm
Skate: 1:30pm

Free Entry, All Abilities Welcome

For further information visit www.skateparkleagues.com



Carols in the Park

Join us for an evening of entertainment, food and festive activities.

Saturday 15 December, 5.30pm–8.15pm
Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh

With live performances by

- Bella Paige
- The Glen Eira Band
- The Decibelles
- The Grinch Christmas Show
- Roving performances by The Snow Queens
- Santa
- Face painting and craft activities, including making Christmas tree decorations and reindeer crowns

A wide selection of food vendors will be available

For further information visit the website.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 26 Nov Early Commencement starts
LOTE Week
- 28 Nov Spring Concert - PAC, 7:00pm
- 30 Nov Year 7 Assembly
School Tour 9:15-10:15am
- 11 Dec Orientation Day
Senior Band Tour (11-13 Dec)
- 12 Dec Student Leadership Training Day
Early Commencement Concludes
- 13 Dec College Promotion Program
End Of Year Activities Yrs 8 & 9
- 14 Dec End Of Year Activities Yrs 8 & 9
Semester Reports published
4:00pm, Years 7-11
- 17 Dec Presentation Night

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**LAST FRIDAY OPENING
FOR TERM 4**

30th November

8.00am - 8.45am

**Performing Arts Centre Foyer
(Enter via left hand side gate)**

**Presently need more donations.
If you have any unwanted school items
please leave at General Office.
Your donations are greatly appreciated**