

Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS



At the end of this term, the school community will participate in the House Chorals adjudication day. It has been wonderful to see the number of students involved in rehearsals every Monday afternoon. Thank you to Kirsty Mechielsen, the Chorals Support Co-ordinator, House Liaison Leaders – Hilary Baxter, Kylie Read, Taylor Veitch and Nobu Kobayashi for their efforts leading up to the event. It reinforces our focus on developing the House Program at Bentleigh Secondary College.

The number of parents who took part in the Year 7 Meet and Greet was the largest group I have seen on a hot and humid summer night. Events such as these provide opportunities to enhance relationships between home and school which is an integral part of our success. The college is committed to ensuring that parents take part in what is known as a 'partnership of learning' throughout their child's secondary schooling. This approach works well for our students which is evident through the outstanding VCE results achieved by many of our students last year who undertook a university enhancement subject and our School Dux, Fabian Sascha Fernando (ATAR 98.95).

Office bearers were elected at our last School Council meeting. The office bearers for 2017 are: President Joanne Antcliff, Vice President Anne McKenna, Treasurer Brian Stimpson. There are three sub-committees within School Council: Policy and Accountability (developments and reviews college policies); Buildings and Grounds (oversees college facilities and grounds); and Finance (oversees financial matters).

I wish you all a relaxing break.



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IMPORTANT DATES

22 Mar	Seasons of Excellence "Top Arts" 2017 @ 7:pm
	Year 10 OES Trees Adventure-Lysterfield Lake Excursion
	Year 7 Performance (PAC) @ 5:00pm
23 Mar	Kingston Intermediate Round Robin Year 7 Immunisations
24 Mar	School Tour 9.15- 10.15am Business Management Market Day
27 Mar	Kingston Senior Round Robin
28 Mar	School Tour 9.15-10.15
29 Mar	Symphonic Wind Incursion Performance (PAC) @ 5:00pm
30 Mar	Pink Stumps Day Year 7 "People Who Changed The World" Presentation Night- 7:00pm A Block
31 Mar	House Chorals Last Day

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MR MARC KOENIG

Term 1 Working Bee

Thank you to the forty volunteers who helped out at the Working Bee on Sunday March 5, 2017. The contribution to our college is highly valued and greatly appreciated. It would be great to see bigger numbers at our next Working Bee on Sunday June 4, 2017 during Term 2. Lock it in your diaries.



Bentleigh Secondary College warmly invites you to attend our...

Gifted & Talented Program Year 7, 2018

A select entry program meeting the needs of students with high academic potential. For further information contact Marc Koenig on 9579 1044 or visit our website.

Critical Dates

Information Evening
Wednesday 19th April, 2017
7:30pm
in the Learning Centre

Applications close
Friday 5th May, 2017

Selection Test
Saturday 13th May, 2017
9:00am – 12:00pm in the
Learning Centre. Cost \$60.00

2017 COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT Thursday May 4th Commencing 7:00pm

Held in the Performing Arts Centre

For further information about our Open Night or to organise a personal tour of the college, conducted by a member of our Leadership Team, please contact the General Office on 9579 1044 or visit our website — www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MS LEANNE WINFIELD

Student Leaders in the Senior School are taking turns leading assemblies which gives them a great opportunity to develop their public speaking skills and also to share in the presentation of information in these meetings. Our Year 10 students have been doing a wonderful job as mentors to the Year 7 students. Those students who attended the camp participated and helped to assist with students doing initiative activities, they directed students to activities and helped with warm up games, they assisted with food preparation and cleaning up. The students were very courteous and followed the directions given to them. Mr Tyrell, the Co-ordinator of the program, said these Year 10 students were wonderful. They have also been in Year 7 Health classes assisting with getting to know you activities and helping with the topic of resilience. This will continue until the end of term 1, the program will continue across the year so Year 10 students will be linked with the class they are working with. Feedback has also been highly positive from the Health Teachers of Year 7 classes.

Our Senior School students are well settled into their studies. There have been many subject based activities in term 1. On Monday 27 February all Year 12 students attended the Mabo excursion and they have completed their first English SAC. SACs in other subjects are also underway. Some of these are running after school in the VCE Centre. Students studying Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies have attended their first camp to the Grampians. Year 12 Physics students looked at how fast things can go at Luna Park, students are attending the 'Top Arts' exhibitions and performances and the Senior School Play rehearsals are well underway. Ross Huggard, VCE English expert will also be speaking to our students on 28 March after school. All Year 12 students are required to attend.

Edrolo

If a student is enrolled in any of the following units, they have access to Edrolo and should be using this as a classroom, homework and study resource:

Accounting 1 - 4
Biology 1 - 4
Business Management 1 - 4
Chemistry 1 - 4
English 3 - 4
Further Maths 1 - 4
Health and Human Development 1 - 4
History 3 - 4
Legal Studies 1 - 4
Maths Methods 1 - 4
Physical Education 1 - 4
Physics 1 - 4
Psychology 1 - 4
Studio Art 3 - 4
Visual Communication and Design 3 - 4

For assistance (including accessibility issues) email: help@edrolo.com.au

Instructional Practice

We have several teams of teachers working on projects this year. One team is working in the Bastow Leading Literacy Program where they are currently looking at developing the latest reading comprehension strategies that will be shared across the school later in the year. This team will also link into our Whole School Writing Program. We started the year with Professional Learning sessions on Vocabulary strategies and also 'Breaking Down the Question'. We are also beginning to look at incorporating SOLO Taxonomy strategies which develop higher order thinking skills into our curriculum. We also have a team working in a Melbourne University program on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) where Science teachers are creating innovative curriculum to address 21st Century learning needs and a team in the REAP (Realising the Potential of Highly Able Students) program looking at developing challenging Maths strategies.

On March 8, 2017 we were very pleased to host a Network Moderation session where local Primary School teachers and our English teachers met to look at the assessment of Persuasive Writing. This was a highly successful event with forty participants which will be run again next term.

MUSIC NOTES

Mr Andrew Albanis, Head of Music

Our Year 7 Band students have commenced their instrumental lessons and early morning band rehearsals. This is a very exciting time for our Year 7 students. We look forward to seeing them grow and develop into fine musicians.

Students are rising to the challenge of performing exciting new music. Our ensembles for 2017 are showing signs of strong development as directors, collectively, are energising our students by inspiring them to play at a higher level. This is the result of the continuous growth of our students. Congratulations to all the staff and students for their hard work.



FIRST AID

Ms Mary Gardner & Ms Ana Stamatelatos, First Aid Officer

Please note many students are contacting parent/s before informing their teacher in class or a Head of Year Level before presenting to First Aid.

Could you please ensure students are aware that the **first point of contact should be with staff**, and subsequently parents will be notified if required.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MARKET DAY

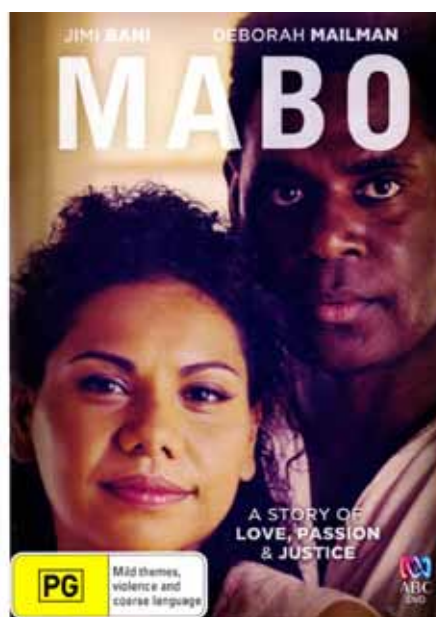
Ms Darminder Kaur, Maths and Business Management Teacher

On Friday March 24, 2017 the Year 11 Business Management students will be having a 'Business Market Day'. This is part of their Year 11 SAC for Business management. Please inform students and staff to bring in extra money on that day and support our students. We have a wide variety of stalls including sushi, burgers, coffee, sausage sizzle, fairy floss, ice cream, milk shakes, ice tea and spaghetti.

YEAR 12 MABO EXCURSION

Ms Kirstin Conway, Careers and Pathways Coordinator

On Monday February 27, 2017 Year 12 students studying English and EAL attended an excursion to ACMI at Federation Square to view the film text, Mabo. As part of this excursion an educational lecture was given, where students were required to take notes in preparation for their next School Assessed Coursework. This provided students with an opportunity to practise their listening and note taking skills, as the lecturer analysed the film. As homework, students were asked to go home and write out notes in their own words to make sense of what they had written, whilst still fresh in their minds. Thank you to all the students who participated eagerly, the support of your families and the teaching staff Ms Conway, Ms Boukouras, Mr Georgiou, Ms Keep, Ms Makray and Ms Muller.



IMPORTANT DATES

17 Apr	EASTER MONDAY	4 May	Open Night 7pm in PAC Afterschool Rehearsals PAC 3.30 - 5.30pm VCE Careers Expo Kingston Equal Opportunity Sport	11 May	Year 10 OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk Year 11 Darren Pereira 9.00 - 10.50am Junior Team House Debating @ lunch in Library Fawkner vs Hawker
18 Apr	Term 2 Commences School Tour 9.15 -10.15am				
19 Apr	Jazz Incursion (Yr 9-12) Performance PAC 5pm Gifted & Talented Information Evening 7.30pm in Learning Centre	5 May	School Tour 9.15- 10.15am Music Trip - Mt Gambier 8am depart-return Sunday 10pm Gifted & Talented Applications Due Afterschool Rehearsals PAC 6-9pm	12 May	Year 10 OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk Gifted & Talented Selection Test (Saturday 13 May)
20 Apr	Parent Student Teacher Interviews 12-8pm			15 May	Senior School Play Rehearsal Day Afterschool Rehearsals PAC 3.30-5.30pm
24 Apr	School Tour 9.15 -10.15am	8 May	Kingston Inter Round Robin & Senior Squash & Table Tennis Comp.	16 May	School Tour 9.15 - 10.15am School Council 5.30 Senior School Play Rehearsal 10am - 3pm
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY			18 May	Kingston Senior Round Robin Junior Team House Debating @ lunch in library
26 Apr	House Meetings 12:33 - 12.53pm House Athletics	9 May	Year 10 OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk School Tour 9.15 - 10.15am	19 May	Senior School Play Perf. in PAC @ 7.30pm
27 Apr	Afterschool Rehearsals PAC 3.30 - 5.30pm	10 May	Year 10 OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk Junior Team House Debating @ lunch in Library Dendy vs Wickham		
1 May	School Tour 9.15 - 10.15am Choir Incursion Pd 3-After School in PAC				

OES GRAMPIANS

Mr Stuart Pearson, Outdoor & Environmental Studies Teacher

From Monday February 27, 2017 to Friday March 3, 2017 the Unit 3 & 4 Outdoor & Environmental Studies class travelled west to the Grampians region. Our journey began with a look at the gold rush history of Ararat, where the Chinese discovered gold in 1857. We discovered the adaptations of various endemic Australian wildlife at Halls Gap Zoo, including patting a 1 year old wombat and holding Oscar the python. Students tackled an imposing rock-climb, abseiled in Summer Day Valley, and explored the ruins of Heatherlie Quarry (which provided stone for Melbourne Town Hall and Parliament House). As a group, we then began the daunting hike to the Pinnacle, which was successfully conquered by all in sweltering weather. At Lake Bellfield students assessed the health of the area, and learnt about how water management is achieved through various types of monitoring. On our final day, we rode mountain bikes throughout Halls Gap. Despite sandy and hot conditions, the class continued on with high spirits and enthusiasm. This class is now looking forward to their 3-day experience snorkelling, surfing and fishing on the Mornington Peninsula!



YEAR 7 CAMP

Mr Stuart Pearson, Head of Year 7

On Wednesday February 22, 2017 the Year 7 cohort departed on their Camp Rumbug adventure. After a bus ride full of excitement and anticipation, we arrived at Foster North and our accommodation for the three days. Students got settled into their bunk rooms, and prepared for their first activity. Throughout the camp students had the opportunity to scale an imposing tree, canoe through the lake (and possibly fall in), build a raft and swing through the treetops. Groups also ran through muddy obstacle courses, tested their problem-solving skills with team challenges and pushed their balance and coordination on the low ropes. One of the favourite activities was 'aeroball' (a mixture of volleyball, trampolining and basketball), in which four students battled to score and block the ball while bouncing on a trampoline. The food was delicious as always and students loved the night activities, including campfire singalongs and silly group challenges. By the end of the week the students were running out of energy and clean clothes to wear, but had thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A far quieter trip back to Bentleigh saw students reunited with parents and heading home for a well-earned restful weekend. A fun three days were had by all! A big thank you to the Camp Rumbug leaders and the amazing Bentleigh staff for their efforts throughout the camp.





YEAR 9 CITY SEARCH

Mr Wayne Davis, Head of Wellbeing

Over the past three weeks Year 9 students have attended their City Search experience. From Tuesday to Friday students have engaged in an organised program that has included producing a short radio program at SYN-FM, undertaken an Indigenous Walk in the Royal Botanic Gardens, attended an interactive workshop at the Big Issue where they learnt about homelessness first hand from amazing presenters. On Fridays presenters from the Reach Foundation delivered a moving workshop dealing with self-respect, emotional control and positive relationships. During less structured times the students worked in their teams surveying members of the public to examine their team hypothesis. The culmination of the week is the team presentations to the class groups where the results of their hypotheses were delivered. Students gained increased autonomy, confidence in engaging with members of the public, and hands on experiential learning, whilst having some fun. Thanks to all of the teachers and support staff who accompanied the students and participated in this valuable learning experience.



READING

Anna Boukouras, Head of English

WHY SHOULD YOUR STUDENT READ?

"A child who reads abundantly develops greater reading skills, a larger vocabulary, and more general knowledge about the world. In return the child has increased reading comprehension and therefore, enjoys more pleasurable reading experiences and is encouraged to read even more."

Stanovich and Cunningham (1998)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students need to learn approximately 32,000 words between Grade 1 and Year 12
- 7 words a day – 3,000 a year
- Typical vocabulary program – 700 words per month
- Remainder words (They are the words that students acquire through reading which are not commonly used. i.e. good readers will have extensive vocabularies, beyond commonly used ones).
- Vocabulary growth occurs through language exposure not direct teaching (Stanovich & Cunningham, 1998)
- This can only lead to better results at school, both in NAPLAN and at VCE level. So please encourage and support reading for your child.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Bentleigh Secondary College is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

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Can't get through to your pre-teen or teen? Is the frustration affecting your relationship?

The Communicating with your Adolescent workshop will support parents by targeting personal effectiveness in communication skills to enhance your relationship with your child. You will explore the origins of your communication style, better understand the communication styles used by others and develop personal communication skills.

You will gain a better understanding of your approach to the relationship, and specifically to communication with your adolescent. The workshop will enable you to develop valuable strategies and tools to become more effective in your communication, fostering a stronger relationship with your pre-teen or teen.

Topics include:

- Self-awareness: understanding who you are and how you came to be at this point
- Active listening skills
- Conflict resolution and problem solving
- Being assertive
- Practical tools and strategies

Investing a few hours now, will create a valuable roadmap for navigating those challenging teen years.

Best suited to:

Parents and carers adolescents aged 10 to 17 years.

When:

The workshop runs across three Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 15th March 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 22nd March 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 29th March 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$165 per person (\$150 concession)

Bookings and more information:

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