



Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS



Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything
- Plato

The annual Winter Concert has become a central part of the arts calendar at Bentleigh Secondary College. It is an evening we all look forward to. It has been a privilege to watch it grow over the years under the direction of our Head of Music, Andrew Albanis.

Over four hundred people packed the Glen Eira Town Hall where our students truly showcased their considerable talents. There was a considerable air of expectation in the room as the first performers strode out onto the stage. What followed were a number of performances from students across Years 7-12. Over 180 students performed with the support and guidance of our wonderful instrumental music staff: Andrew Albanis, Paul Armit, Darcie Foley, Laura Main, Alison Bellew, Barbara Kerr, Tom Frost, Kirsty Mechielsen, Savannah Blount, Russell Ward and Stephen Hardie.

Finally, I would like to thank the many parents who commented on the quality of the Winter Concert and leave you with some of their comments:

"Congratulations on last night. Really, really impressive."

"I just wanted to congratulate you on such a wonderful concert."

"I am grateful of the commitment of all the staff at the school."



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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

LEANNE WINFIELD, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A computer generated random list will be created and an email invitation forwarded to parents to participate in the Parent Opinion survey in early August. The survey can only be completed online this year. It is accessible on a phone, laptop or desk top device. The feedback that you provide is collated and presented as data for our school. It is important that we gain feedback from parents as this data is used to evaluate our programs and processes and to make improvements that benefit our students.

Our Sister School Yamada, in Japan, has visited for seven days. The Japanese students were very excited to arrive and our students were very excited to greet them. We thank the homestay families who were also very happy to greet their guests. At our whole school assembly, the Japanese visitors were welcomed and introduced to our students. The Japanese students have been attending classes, including Food Technology, Art, Physical Education and English Language. Students and teachers are looking forward to our visit to Yamada next year.

Year 12 students have had individual interviews with Ms Conway to identify courses, that they are interested in applying for, to study in 2018. Some students are choosing university, some TAFE and some will move into the work force. We have run three Senior School Information Evenings for current Year 9, 10 and 11 students and they are completing the course counselling process in Term 3. All students will have had an individual interview about their subject choices with Ms Conway, Mr Christofidis and Ms Winfield.

Early Commencement Booklist for English texts

Booklist distributed:	Monday October 16, 2017
Ordering:	Online via Campion Education Paper copy returned to General Office
Closed:	Friday November 10, 2017
Book Collection:	Monday November 27, 2017 to students

It is an expectation that all students purchase the English books, as they are a requirement for early commencement class work and reading during the summer break to support effective learning in 2018.

It is vital that students complete the pre-reading required during the summer break to prepare properly for class commencing in 2018. Teachers will be able to commence class work and provide effective use of class time to support learning with the knowledge that students have read the class texts and taken notes. We seek your support in ensuring that students read the class texts (more than once across the year) and encourage parents/guardians/carers to read them and discuss the text with their child.

The Premiers Reading Challenge for schools is now open and will run until Friday September 8, 2017. Since the Challenge began thirteen years ago, more than 2.2 million students have turned the pages of nearly forty two million books. Regular reading from an early age is vital for success at school and has lifelong benefits. The Challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading, supporting the Education State target to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading.



VISITING JAPANESE EXCHANGE TEACHER

Scott Godinagh, Japanese & Humanities Teacher

Commemorating the long-standing sister state relationship between Victoria and Aichi Prefecture in Japan, Bentleigh is hosting an exchange teacher from Toyota-Kita High school for three weeks. This program aims to promote mutual understanding between Aichi, Japan and Victoria. Aichi Prefecture and the State of Victoria first became sister-states in 1980, and have since enjoyed various cultural exchanges between the states, including staff deployment and training. The program provides participating Aichi teachers and Victorian schools with opportunities to build networks with schools internationally and to reflect upon and enhance professional practice. It provides participants with a mechanism to share best practices and create partnerships between schools. As such, we would like to warmly welcome Saori Kamiya to the Bentleigh family and hope she finds many unique experiences as she joins in Japanese and other classes throughout her stay.



ADVANCE

Luke Brookman, Head of Health and Physical Education

During Term 2, all Advance students participated in the swimming program for eleven weeks. Each week, the students undertook strenuous swimming training at WAVES leisure centre, and learnt rescue techniques, survival skills, swimming strokes and first aid procedures. I am very pleased to say that fifty students achieved the Bronze Medallion Swimming Award, and the other twenty students achieved either their Bronze Star Award or the Dry Rescue Certificate. All students obtained their CPR certificate. Great work to the Advance students.

BOYS NETBALL

Kylie Read, Team Manager

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Netball team who have progressed to the Southern Metropolitan Region finals after defeating Lyndale 28-6. Matt Blitsas, Harry Boontjes and Willem Anderson were solid in defence. Josh Dunn, Ethan Faragher and Adam Kanarek moved the ball smoothly through the mid court while Adam Ridder and Emil Thaning were an unstoppable combination in goals. All team members displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship and will now compete in the next round. Best and fairest on the day were Harry Boontjes and Adam Ridder who were on fire from the start. A special thanks to team trainer and motivator Taylah Allanby, and to super coach Sally Hudson.



JVI JUDO COMPETITION

We are pleased to let you know that Dryan Regnaud obtained second place in the recent JVI judo competition. This is a great achievement and JVI is confident that Dryan will continue to improve his judo skills.



MUSIC

Mr Andrew Albanis, Head of Music

In week 7 of Term 2 students from the Year 7 and 8 Band attended Rutherford Park for the annual rehearsal camp. Students and teachers worked together to perform pieces. Outstanding effort!



Congratulations to everyone involved in the Instrumental Nights throughout Term 2.



On Tuesday July 18, we had a special guest conductor - Rob McWilliams, come and work with our students. The results were amazing.



The annual Cluster Tour held in July involved the Year 8 Band and the Junior Stage Band visiting and performing at Tucker Road Primary, Coatesville Primary, Hughesdale Primary and McKinnon Primary. Students received an arousing reception as they performed pieces they had been working on.



Winter Concert Wednesday August 2, 2017

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the Winter Concert. An outstanding evening from our talented students.



www.woolworths.com.au/earn-and-learn

We're thrilled to announce that the Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Now anyone can help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from the 26th July.

Incredibly, last time over 16,000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn & Learn, and earned nearly 450,000 pieces of individual equipment. This is your chance to help!

IMPORTANT DATES

2 Aug	Winter Concert Rehearsal Day Yamada Visit Year 10 Course Counselling Winter Concert 7pm @ Glen Eira Town Hall	17 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 7 into 8 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC	1 Sep	Musical Rehearsal Day School Captains, Middle School & SRC Captains Nominations close (2018)
3 Aug	Year 10 Course Counselling Humanities Week Yamada Visitors Depart 9am Year 10, 2018 Course Selection opens	18 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 9, 2018 Course Selection closes	4 Sep	Musical Rehearsal Day Junior Team House Sport Finals Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm
4 Aug	Year 11, 2018 Course Selection closes Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm	21 Aug	Technology Week Year 8-12 Internal Music Exams Netball Victoria Schools Championship Competition Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm	5 Sep	Student Leadership Interviews 2017 Year 7 Info Afternoon A-M Surname - 1:30pm N-Z Surname - 2:30pm
7 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm Victorian Schools Music Festival Performance	22 Aug	Parent/Teacher Interviews 12:00-8:00pm	6 Sep	Intermediate House Sport Finals Whole School Musical (Rec-6 for Primary School) Student Leadership Interviews
9 Aug	Year 9 Course Counselling Driver Education Program	23 Aug	Intermediate Kingston Round Robin	7 Sep	Kingston Athletics Senior House Sport Finals Whole School Musical 7:30pm in PAC
10 Aug	Year 10 Outdoor Education S Cross Country Trip Lake Mountain Year 9 Course Counselling Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 9, 2018 Info Evening @ 6:30 - 8:15pm in PAC Year 9, 2018 Course Selection opens	24 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Meningococcal vaccinations Yr 10-12	8 Sep	Student Leadership Interviews TBC
		25 Aug	Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion Studio Arts Unit 4 Gallery Excursion Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 8, 2018 Course Selection closes	8/9 Sep	Whole School Musical 7:30pm in PAC
11 Aug	Year 10 OES Cross Country Trip Lake Mountain Parent/Teacher Interview bookings open Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 10, 2018 Course Selection closes	28 Aug	Junior Team House Sport School Captains, Middle School & SRC Captains Nominations open Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm Musical VSMF-Concert Band - Hawthorn Arts Centre	11 Sep	Year 9 Advance Hike 1, Lederderg State Park Nominations Open for House, Sport, Drama, Music, Sustainability & Respect Captains (2018-Yrs 8-12)
14 Aug	National Science Week Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11 3:30 - 5:30pm	30 Aug	Intermediate House Sport State Metro Region - Senior Basketball Boys	12 Sep	Year 9 Advance Hike 1, Lederderg State Park
15 Aug	School Tour 9:15 - 10:15am School Council 5:30pm	31 Aug	Senior House Sport	13 Sep	SRC Bake Sale lunch time
17 Aug	Year 8, 2018 Course Selection opens			14 Sep	Year 9 Advance Hike 1, Lederderg State Park Year 7 Immunisations Pd 1-4
				15 Sep	Year 9 Advance Hike 1, Lederderg State Park Nominations Close for House, Sport, Drama, Music, Sustainability & Respect Captains (2018-Yrs 8-12)

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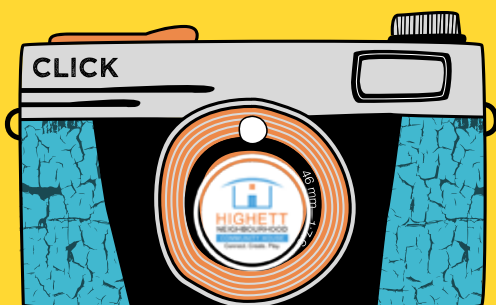
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AUGUST 11**

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SAVE THE DATE

The Mid North Coast Local Health District is launching the Your Health Link National Photographic Competition on World Photo Day.

Primary and high school students are encouraged to get ready to grab their mobile phones, tablet or trusty camera and capture images that promote 'Healthy Life | Healthy You' for their chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes supporting healthy school canteen programs.

For further information contact:
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Parenting after separation is quite a challenge! Do you need to improve your co-parenting arrangement?

This Positive Parenting after Separation workshop aims to equip parents with greater skill in remaining child-focused, reducing conflict, improving communication with the other parent, and developing a positive post-separation co-parenting relationship.

Parents will be supported to reduce the stress around a challenging situation, while providing a safe space to discuss and explore co-parenting issues. You will develop a range of strategies to manage and improve the relationship with the other parent, and most importantly enhance the connection with your child.

Topics include:

- Communication
- Children's development
- Co-parenting strategies
- Parenting styles
- Managing conflict
- Self-care

Nobody wants their children to struggle in a relationship breakdown. Our workshop can help you to navigate the twists and turns of separated parenting.

Best suited to:

Separated or divorced parents, and carers. Only one party of the relationship can be accepted in each workshop.

When:

The workshop runs across four Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 16th August 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 23rd August 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 30th August 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 6th September 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$220 per person (\$200 concession)

Certificates of participation, suitable for submission to Court are available on completion of the workshop.

Bookings and more information:

To book or for more info, visit us at heartlinks.com.au

Email heartlinks@familylife.com.au or call (03) 8599 5488



Social Enterprise



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 of adolescents aged 10 to 17 years.

When:

The workshop runs across four Monday evenings.

Monday 21st August 7pm to 9pm

Monday 28th August 7pm to 9pm

Monday 4th September 7pm to 9pm

Monday 11th September 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$220 per person (\$200 concession)

Bookings and more information:

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