



Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS



On Thursday September 7, 2017 we were privileged to have Professor Leon Sterling from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology as Principal for a Day. Professor Sterling received a BSc(Hons) from the University of Melbourne and a PhD in Pure Mathematics from the Australian National University. He has worked at universities in the UK, Israel, the US, and Australia. His teaching and research specialties are software engineering, artificial intelligence, and logic programming. From 2010-2013, he was Dean of the Faculty of ICT at Swinburne University of Technology, and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Digital Frontiers) from 2014-2015. He is past president of the Australian Council of Deans of ICT and a Fellow of Engineers Australia and the Australian Computer Society. Professor Leon Sterling was impressed with the school and STEAM initiatives and is pictured here with the Middle School Leaders.

As college Principal I was filled with pride when attending the opening night of 'Grease', our 2017 college production. The students' performances in singing, dancing and acting were outstanding. I wish to congratulate our students along with our brilliant Heads of Performing Arts, Jacinta Egan and Phoebe Lindsay, on what was an amazing production. A gallery of photos is included in this newsletter.

The importance of celebrating our successes cannot be overstated. If we do not celebrate each year then we are diminishing the importance of what has been achieved throughout the year. My first two years as Principal at Bentleigh Secondary College has been momentous and I have observed students participating in their classes, in sport and music, and in the performing arts.



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At this time of the year the Year 12 Food, Media, Studio Art and Visual Communication students spend hours working on their folios. Many of them are completing the final pieces of production and the creativity of our students is outstanding. I would also like to thank the teachers who have likewise spent many hours out of class supporting and assisting our students across all learning areas. The work our teachers and support staff do allows our students to achieve their dreams.

As Term 3 draws to its conclusion, and examinations loom large, it is perhaps opportune to explain our expectations and requirements during Term 4. We aim to ensure the students, parents and wider school community are able to celebrate appropriately and enjoy the Class of 2017's final weeks at school. It is important to remember that academic pursuits remain the focus of the College and there is an expectation that the two and half weeks of Term 4 is very much school as usual for the Year 12 students. Revision classes and practice exams will be completed and this is a time for students to reflect and consolidate their learning.

The Class of 2017 has had an outstanding year and set a wonderful example for the rest of the School. They have shown great leadership, been committed in all areas of school life, adapted to, and been supportive of, and responded to the many challenges that have been presented.

BUILDING UPDATE

Bentleigh Secondary College is undergoing exciting upgrades that will transform the education of our students.

As part of the \$13.4 million Victorian Government project we are:

- the construction of the Da Vinci Centre, a new building for science technology, engineering, arts and maths learning (STEAM)
- adding two competition grade basketball courts to the stadium
- demolishing Blocks D and E
- relocating existing portable buildings onsite
- and constructing a new car park and doing some landscaping.

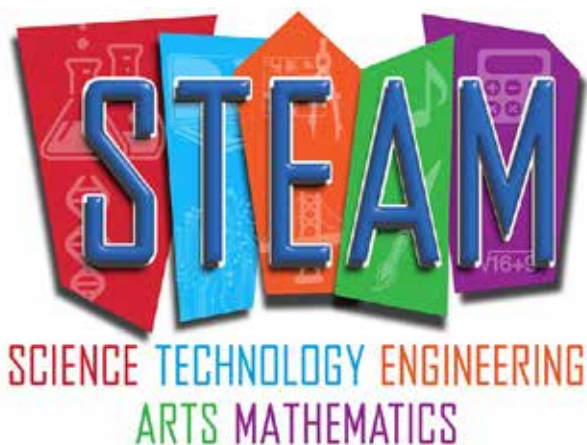
Preliminary building works have already begun at school, and construction will start soon.

The builders, SJ Higgins Group, will do everything they can to minimise disruptions to traffic and the impact of construction during this period. I am working with local sporting and community organisations about how the additional sporting and shared spaces will operate after school hours.

Building contractors will park within the construction compound on school grounds. Deliveries will arrive before 9am whenever possible.

To find out more about the project, you can visit this website <http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Bentleigh-Secondary-College.aspx> or if you have any enquiries call the Victorian School Building Authority on 1800 896 950.

Finally, I wish all members of our community a safe and productive term break.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mr Marc Koenig, Assistant Principal

Thank you to the wonderful parents, students and staff who came along to the Working Bee on Sunday, September 10, 2017. It was a huge turn out as the Grease cast came in to help break down the set and celebrate what was a fantastic production. Further to this, considerable work was done to prepare for the upcoming building works which are starting this week. The new woodwork portable is up and running and we are working on having the gym ready for next term. All of this coupled with a general tidy up around the college proved a very enjoyable and productive day.

Congratulations to all students who have completed Inquiry Based Learning in Year 8.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Ms Leanne Winfield, Assistant Principal

As we head into the September holidays, our Year 12 students are completing their VTAC applications, selecting University and/or TAFE courses that they are applying for. There are also a number of holiday classes running. The schedule for this can be found on Compass.

In the first week of Term 4, from Tuesday October 10, 2017 students studying Unit 3 and 4 subjects will be sitting practice exams. These exams are important as they give students a chance to practice their exam plan and also provide an indication of strengths and areas to work on during the weeks before the final exams starting at the end of October.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the School Musical, Grease. There were a significant number of senior students involved. As always it was an outstanding event with fabulous performances from all of the students who performed whether in lead or supporting roles. This also includes those who performed in the band and also the wonderful support from students and teachers who made costumes and helped backstage.

DEBATING

Ms Yvonne Sirianos, House Debating Co-ordinator

Our Senior School Debating Team attended the Monash Asian Studies Debating Competition on Sunday 10 September competing in three debates on the day. Josh North, Naomi Rodriguez Ryan, Lexi Dann and Mahek Shah were the four members of the team. Congratulations on your win and also the close results in two other debates, which were against two of the top teams.



STUDIO ARTS EXCURSION

Ms Rohanna Anderson, Studio Arts Teacher

On Wednesday September 6, 2017 Year 12 students studying Unit 4 Studio Arts went on an excursion to the Monash Gallery of Art in Wheelers Hill. Students were able to gain a real-world understanding of the art industry, as they were taken behind the scenes of the gallery and shown how a gallery operates and stores its artworks. Students were able to see first-hand how \$6 million worth of art is stored and conserved. The group also enjoyed the gallery's current exhibition of Australian Photographers, titled 'Australians in PNG.' A special thank you to Ms Fraraccio for taking her time to drive the bus to the gallery for us.



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We're thrilled to announce that the Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Help your school earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths.

Earn one sticker for every \$10* spent at Woolworths, complete a Sticker Sheet, then drop this sheet at Bentleigh Secondary College in the Woolworths box in front of the General Office.

BYTES CLUB

Mr James Lee, Head of eLearning

A new room for our Makerspace - Byte Club - has been set up in D11, as the old room will be demolished to make way for the new STEAM centre being built in its place.

The new room is an improvement over the old one, with more space to store equipment, better environment and temperature for the 3D printer, access to a large LCD screen that allows a raspberry pi to be attached and coded/configured, and even a set of taps to clean up and for experiments that might require water.

As well as generous community donations of old computers, laptops and other electrical equipment that we are repurposing, we also have purchased new equipment to further explore STEAM, coding, robotics and technologies. We have sets of Little Bits electronics which allow magnetic connecting of components to form circuits, machines and new inventions without prior knowledge of electronics needed. Combined with recycled containers and materials, donated Lego/meccano sets, and or designed components printed on our 3D printer - this is all one needs to invent prototypes of any innovative technology idea they might have.

We have "makey makeys" which were ordered from the US to allow students to turn any conductive object into a keyboard. For example, turning a bunch of bananas into a piano, or using playdough to create buttons and controls for a PC computer game. We have arduino kits for the more advanced, allowing students to explore building and controlling through code basic circuits of LEDS and servos which are essential components for all robotics. We have raspberry pis with Raspbian OS installed. This comes with a free version of Minecraft that students can learn to make "mods" using guided lessons on Python programming.

Students are also able to learn coding, video editing, graphic design or 3D design using guided online tutorials and lessons facilitated by our staff supervisors or student leaders.

We have old laptops and computers we are rebuilding, reinstalling and repurposing. One project would be to eventually have a local network of computers which can be experimented with to learn the basics of network and internet security through penetration testing and protection. Another idea would be to donate working repurposed computers to the community.

We believe that through play comes passion, and from passion comes purpose. Byte Club offers experiences in a fun environment surrounded by like-minded people that many would not find anywhere else. We encourage students to have a go at things they've never tried, because that is the only way one would know if they have a natural skill in particular areas. We encourage students to support and guide others exploring in areas they are skilled at.

Byte Club is open Thursdays at 3:30pm to 4:30pm in D11.

For more information on how to become a member of Byte Club, or if you have any ideas, equipment or resources you would like to donate, please contact Mr Lee at lee.james.q@edumail.vic.gov.au



SPELLATHON

Dr Intha Chetty, Mindfulness Meditation Co-ordinator

Our 8th Spellathon event was a great success. Our ambassadors Sarah Tonkin, Samantha Ooykaas and Hettie Esparon of 7.6 launched the event at the Year 7 assembly on August 11, 2017 and captivated their audience with information on our humanitarian project 'Operation Cleft'. It is with enormous pleasure I announce the winners of the Spellathon:

Junior School

First Place - Hannah Fitzpatrick 9.7 Winning word was 'medieval'
Second Place - Sonia Broch 7.4
Third Place – Latoya Love 7.2

Senior School

First Place – Connor Williams 10A Winning word was 'epidermis'
Second Place – Josh Vistal 10G
Third Place – Tom Matthews 10F

Congratulations to all students for their enthusiastic participation. Thank you to Mr Marc Koenig and Mrs Suzy Watt for their enthusiastic compering of the event. They put the students through their paces efficiently. Of course an event like this has to be organised and thanks to Mrs Margaret Chegwiddden and Mrs Suzy Watt for their tireless efforts in putting together the kits for all the students. To Margaret Chegwiddden thank you for organising the spelling lists and ordering the spelling cards and badges. To Moorleigh Moorabbin Rotary Club thank you for sponsoring the medals for the winners.

Our gratitude and appreciation to Bentleigh Secondary College staff and students, we raised approximately \$1,000.00. Over eight years we have raised \$15,000.00 to assist babies and children to gaining dignity with life-saving operations.



MUSIC NEWS

Mr Andrew Albanis, Head of Music

Congratulations to the outstanding band that performed the music for our whole school production - Grease. Our students came in for dedicated rehearsals throughout the term, while continuing their commitment to other ensembles they perform in. The ensemble was without a doubt one of the many highlights. This would not be possible without the incredible effort from our Musical Director, Mr Paul Armit. The ensemble featured two ex-students, Emily Zeng and Jason Kim. This was a pleasure to see and hear, as they performed with great musical proficiency. It is also worth highlighting that the ensemble was exclusive to current students and ex-students, something we are very proud of.



On Sunday October 15, 2017 at 2pm, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be presenting their 2017 repertoire.

Also, for the first time at Benthleigh Secondary College part of the performance will be the recently formed String Ensemble.

Big Band Boogie will be on Friday 20th October 20, 2017.

Please find the link below for booking the Big Band Boogie.

<https://www.trybooking.com/317189>

WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Ms Jacinta Egan, Head of Performing Arts



In the past few months, the Performing Arts department has been a whirlwind of musical theatre activity. Auditions were held, a band was assembled, sets were built and painted, costumes were made, lights were rigged, dances were choreographed, scenes were set and songs were learnt. All of this culminated in our final 5 performances. Our first performance was for Tucker Rd and Valkstone Primary Schools on Wednesday September 6, 2017. The students from these primary schools adored seeing this musical come to life for the first time. Afterwards we held a Q&A and they asked excellent and insightful questions such as "If you met your character in real life, would you be friends with them?" The reviews from the primary students were all so positive that it gave the cast an even greater sense of excitement of what was to come.

What began as 150 students coming through the doors to audition was whittled down to 84 incredibly dedicated, passionate and talented students who certainly worked very hard to bring you this show whether it was as a cast member, band member or in the tech crew. These students jumped right in to every rehearsal with incredible joy and comradery and it's this vibe that contributed to the final performances.

The music and contagious energy in 'Grease' is something that everyone becomes enamoured by when they watch the story unfold for the first time. There's something about the nostalgia but also the timeless search for identity and love that everyone can relate to.

As our students navigate their world in an attempt to find that sense of belonging, they recognised parts of their stories in the characters of 'Grease' and it's a testament to the power of storytelling when people can see themselves reflected in the stories on stage and be challenged or offered a sense of comfort.

We were again lucky to have some of our brilliant alumni in Helen Constantinou, Naomi Dascal, Francis Villanueva, Jack Reed and Amber Louka return to help choreograph two of the numbers in this show and Jason Kim and Emily Zeng in the band. It speaks volumes that every year past students come back and want to be a part of creating memories for others with something that they loved so much and we love having them continue such positive traditions.

We could never put on shows like these without the mountains of support we receive from families, guardians, teachers, staff and other students. Thank you also to the amazing audiences that we had each night, we loved the loud cheers and laughter and even the 'sing-a-longs'.

We can't wait to explore what 2018 has in store for our talented performers on and off stage and equally, we're looking forward to being able to share it all with you.

See you in 2018.







WELLBEING NEWS

Mr Wayne Davis, Head of Wellbeing



Concerned about the impact On-Line Gaming is having on your child.

Parents and students. Are you concerned about the amount of time you or your child is spending online and gaming? In order to ascertain support for you or your child, I would ask that you and your child access the links below and complete a short and simple survey to enable me to engage Andrew Kinch from GameAware to present a parent information session at the college during term 4.

Andrew also runs holiday programs with students who are 'pressured' by online gaming. Details of these opportunities are on the GameAware website. I ask that you support me in determining the correct level of support we as a college can provide by undertaking this short survey. One of my greatest concerns for our young people is the level of sleep deprivation as a result of late night gaming and use of devices before young people prepare for sleep.

If you would like to discuss any of these issues, or other Wellbeing matters, please contact Julie Yelland or myself at the college to discuss strategies and supports available.

These are the survey links here:

Parent Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/PIBvXEWG0RUOywnW2>

Gamer Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/9loU05V27GWTzT6L2>
www.gameaware.com.au

SRC BAKE SALE

Mr Paul Dean, SRC Liason Co-ordinator

On Wednesday September 13, the SRC ran a Sports Colours Day to raise funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Gold coin donations through Home Group helped us to raise close to \$800 for a very worthy cause.

At lunch time the SRC conducted a Bake Sale. All of the students involved baked a variety of treats such as brownies, cakes, muffins, cupcakes, rainbow coloured goodies and a whole lot more. Proceeds of the sales, which exceeded \$900, will be donated to the Red Cross. It was a fantastic initiative by the SRC students and other willing students, and the support of all students and staff who made purchases is greatly appreciated.



SPORT NEWS

Ms Danielle May, Head of Sport

HOUSE FUTSAL RESULTS

In Week 7 and 8 of this term the four houses battled it out to be crowned the winner of the 'House Futsal' competition. For the Junior competition, it was unfortunate that Hawker was missing team members which ultimately gave Fawkner the automatic win. In the Intermediate age group, it was a tough grand final, with Wickham and Fawkner battling it out for the top place.

With a draw at the final time, it went to a penalty shoot-out! Well done to Fawkner who won overall with some outstanding goals that were kicked. In the Senior competition it was also a very competitive game. Once again Fawkner dominated and won in this age group.

Well done to Fawkner who won every age group and overall the competition!!



IMPORTANT DATES

23 Sep - 8 Oct	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	27 Nov	Early Commencement Begins Whole School Assembly
10 Oct	Year 11 Legal Studies Court Precinct Excursion	29 Nov	Spring Concert 7pm - 10:30pm in the PAC
16 Oct	Semester 2 End Cycle Interviews Open	11 Dec	Reports Published 5pm
17 Oct	Year 7 Music Tour Healesville House Meetings 12:33pm-12:53pm Wickham in PAC, Fawcner in S02, Dendy in LC, School Council 5:30pm	12 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7 Excursion
18 Oct	Year 7 Music Tour Healesville	13 Dec	Early Commencement Concludes
20 Oct	Big Band Boogie 7pm - 10:30pm in the PAC	14 Dec	Middle Team Activities
23 Oct	Year 9 Advance Camp Bogong all week Junior Team House Sport	15 Dec	Middle Team Activities
25 Oct	Whole School Assembly - Graduation Day Year 12 Farewell Year 12 Graduation @ 6:30pm at Sandown Greyhound Track	18 Dec	Presentation Night 7:30pm - 9:30pm @ Kingston Town Hall
26 Oct	Senior Team House Sport	19 Dec	School Council 5:30pm
30 Oct	Year 9 Advance Camp Bogong all week Year 7 Internal Music Exams	22 Dec	Last Day
1 Nov	VCE Exams Start Year 7 Music Night 5pm - 6pm in the PAC		
2 Nov	Semester 2 End Cycle Interviews Close		
6 Nov	CURRICULUM DAY		
7 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP		
10 Nov	Course Finalisation Day		
15 Nov	Middle School Exams till 17 Nov		
21 Nov	UMNOS Team @ Melb. Uni.		
24 Nov	VCE Exams Conclude		

BIG BAND BOOGIE PRESENTS



**FRIDAY 20TH OCT
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Located at the Mackie Road Reserve in Bentleigh East, the club represents fun for both boys and girls to play all ages up to U18's

For further information, please contact Stuart on 0417 759 512

JUST PLAY

Creative ARTS WORKSHOP

3rd-6th October
Showcase 7th October

School Holiday Workshops for Youth facilitated by Creative Professionals to engage with your imagination, and develop your skills as you produce a piece of work as a team that is truly unique!

October will have 3 Streams for you to choose from;

TECH HEADS

Sound Tech
Multimedia
Lighting
Photography

MUSIC MINDS

Band
Dance
Song Writing

ART & DESIGN

Atmosphere
Set Design
Art Expression

Date: 3-6th October

Time: 10am-4pm each day

Showcase: 7th October

Cost: \$50 for the whole week

BYO: Lunch, Instruments, Ipad, Camera

To Register your interest or find out more information
please contact Bec on 9558 2045
or rebecca.ludlow@aus.salvationarmy.org

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