#### BENTLEIGH SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Newsletter



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**MS HELENE HIOTIS** 

"What one does is what counts and not what one had the intention of doing."

**Pablo Picasso** 

As you read through this month's newsletter you will see that our students are continually doing rather than just talking about what could be. They have again demonstrated their commitment to taking up the wonderful range of opportunities available to them. From senior students participating in university extension programs to the sponsorship and arrival of our new Seeing Eye Dog trainee, Lucy, our students are challenged and enriched on a daily basis. Every day the teachers and education support staff demonstrate a strong commitment to the education of the students at Bentleigh Secondary College.

This term we welcome Ms Leanne Winfield in her role as Acting Assistant Principal while Mr Andrew Batchelor takes up a short term position at Somerville Secondary College. Interviews for Acting Assistant Principal occurred in the first week of the holidays. Thank you to Mr Marc Koenig and Mr Chris Christofidis for their efforts on the panel.

Meetings with our architects continue as we strive to provide the best possible learning centre. The proposed building perspective shown below is likely to change in appearance as we continue to develop the design moving forward.





# 7TH EDITION 3RD AUGUST 2016

The right to learn.

The right to be treated with respect.

The right to be safe.

"Being the best you can be"

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

3 August All day Winter Concert

Rehearsals

Winter Concert - Glen Eira

Town Hall - 7.00pm

4 August House Junior Sport

Competition

Year 8 into 9 Information Night - 7.30pm in the PAC Eisteddfod By the Bay

5 August Year 10 Pathway Interviews

Southern Metropolitan Netball Intermediate Boys Region Finals and Netball Junior Boys

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8 August Year 8-12 Internal Music

Exam Week

House Senior Sport Finals

9 August Parent Student Teacher

Interviews 12.00pm-8.00pm

10 Aug House Intermediate Sport

Finals

11 Aug House Senior Sport Camp

OES Cross Country Trip Year 7 into 8 Information Night at 6:30pm in PAC

(7.1 - 7.4)

Year 7 into 8 Information Night at 7:30pm in PAC

(7.5 - 7.8)

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## UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAM



#### **Emily Nelson**

Based on my results in Units 3 and 4 Health and Human Development last year, I was accepted into the Higher Education Studies Program at Deakin University, undertaking two units: Health Behaviour and Health Information and Data. I believe that this opportunity has prepared me incredibly well for University next year; I've learnt all the university 'jargon', adjusted to the higher expectations and harsher marking, and particularly, have become a much more independent and self-motivated learner. I really value and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to extend my knowledge in an area I'm passionate about.



#### **Nathan Guy**

Doing a Psychology extension at Deakin has been such a great experience. Having the opportunity to complete two units of university has given me a taste of what study will be like next year, and how learning at a tertiary level is much more independent. Completing a university extension course has definitely set me up well for my studies after secondary school.



#### Madelyn Boustead

Psychology at Deakin University - The VCE extension program has been fantastic! I feel prepared for future tertiary studies and have learnt to become an independent learner- a great skill for anyone to have. Deakin University has been extremely accommodating to students, offering online units so work can be done from school or home. I highly recommend applying for the program.



#### **Emma Chilton**

This year I was selected into a higher education study at Deakin University to study two units - Health Behaviour as well as Health Information and data, based on my results in Health last year. It has given me the opportunity to experience what university life is like and has taught me further information to expand my knowledge in an area I am interested in and getting me prepared for further education once I've completed my VCE.



#### **Fabian Fernando**

MUEP Chemistry has been a great learning experience both in the classroom and the laboratory. Most of the content is an extension on VCE Chemistry with an introduction to some new chemical models and concepts. In contrast to VCE subjects, it is encouraged to understand the content to its full extent without leaving any conceptual understanding out so that you know exactly why something is happening or the reason you are solving a problem in a certain way. Extention Chemistry is a challenging subject conceptually, but with some effort success can be ensured.



#### Savannah Coates

Studying Biology at the University of Melbourne has been a rewarding experience. The program has allowed me to gain insight into the demands of university life, and provided me with an opportunity to further sudy a subject that I am passionate about. I have built upon my time management skills and independence as a student, and have made many like-minded friends along the way. I would highly recommed the extension program to anyone wishing to complete a fulfilling challenge in their last year of secondary school.

# **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

MS LEANNE WINFIELD



It is with great pleasure that I am working in the role of Assistant Principal for the Junior School, whilst Andrew Batchelor is on leave. As well as being out in the yard during recess and lunchtimes, I have attended the morning assemblies for Year 7, 8 and 9 and also I have visited some classrooms. I am impressed with the friendliness of students as well as their politeness and consideration for others. In classes, I have observed students working enthusiastically and co-operatively in order to do their best to produce high quality work. I look forward to meeting members of the community and working with you. Bentleigh Secondary College is an excellent school and all members of the community should have great pride in it.

We welcome back ten Year 9 students who attended the School for Student Leadership during Term 2 at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus which is located at Glenormiston. Students who attended are: Isabelle Barnewall, Stephanie Borrett, Luke Chittenden, Sebastian Erharter, Hannah Flower, Daniel Forrest, Darcy Hogan, Rania Pappas, Madeleine Roth and Matthew Woolley. Congratulations to these students for their participation and their achievements at the Student Leadership School. This term they will be working on a Community Based Project, overseen by Mr Christofidis. At our next whole school assembly, several students will present an outline of their experiences.

An Information Night for Year 8 into Year 9 will run on 4th August and there will be two sessions on the 11th August for Year 7 into Year 8: session one at 6.30pm and session two at 7.30pm.

It is important that students and parents attend to gain an understanding of how each of the year levels operate. As a parent, it is useful to have this information to discuss subject choices with your student and to maintain the connection and partnership between school and home. We look forward to seeing you. All sessions are in the PAC.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MR MARC KOENIG



Over the past three weeks, we have hosted Information Evenings and a Year 9 Expo with great success where we provided the resources for students and parents to make informed decisions about the educational pathway which suits their needs. It gives them the greatest chance for success. The interviews which follow allow students the opportunity to ask any questions about subjects and their options. The process is of enormous benefit and makes for a smoother transition through their Senior years. Year 10 counselling interviews will be held on 5th August and Year 9 counselling interviews will be held on 10th August.

Before attending Open Days, do some research - have a look at the institutions and check out the course/s you would like to do. Doing this beforehand helps you get the most out of Open Day and gives you a clearer idea about what questions to ask. Get a copy of the Open Day program in advance to work out what you really want to see. Tip! For a complete list of Australian University, TAFE and College Open Days visit www.openday.com.au On the day, try to get there early to avoid the crowds. Don't spend the day collecting printed materials only - use this once-in-a-year opportunity to speak to people.

#### Things to notice and consider:

What is the atmosphere of the institution? What does the place "feel" like? What were the staff like - did you feel comfortable talking to them?

What was your overall impression of the facilities on offer?

Is the university/college too far from home? Where will you live? Check out the residential colleges, if available. How much will it cost? Do you like the area? Will you be happier studying in a large metropolitan institution or a smaller, perhaps rural institution?

How are you going to get there? Is it close to public transport or should you start saving now for a car?

Does it have clubs and societies that suit your interests?

Does the social life appeal to you?

Can you imagine yourself here?

#### **Questions to ask at Open Day**

What are the prerequisite studies for entry to the course?

Is there any extra study or work experience I need to do before I apply for courses?

Are there any information sessions I should attend before I apply?

How do I know if I'm suited to the course I'm interested in?

Are there any scholarships available?

What careers are available for my chosen course?

What are last year's graduates doing?

How many hours of classes/lectures/tutorials can I expect each week?

Whare are the compulsory units and what electives are available?

What happens if I don't get the required entry score for the course of my first choice?

Can I transfer from another course after the first year?

Can I take subjects from another faculty?

Can I transfer to another course later?

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

11 August AMEB Instrumental Exams -

Woodwind and Brass

12 August OES Cross Country Trip

Year 7 Immunisation in PAC

at 9.00am

16 August House Junior Sport Finals

Victorian School Music

Festival

17 August AMEB Instrumental Exams A

18 August Intermediate Round Robin

Spellathon Finals

19 August Musical Rehearsal Day

22 August Musical Rehearsal Day

25 August AMEB Percussion Exams
Whole School Musical -

7.30pm in PAC

26 August Whole School Musical -

7.30pm in PAC

27 August Whole School Musical -

matinee and closing night.

29 August Year 8 IBL

30 August Year 8 IBL

Year 12 Study Skills -

Periods 5 & 6

31 August Year 8 IBL

AMEB Instrumental Exams

(Voice)

#### Save the date

#### **Term 3 Working Bee**

Our Term 3 Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 21st August from 8.30am – 12.00pm. As always I encourage as many staff, parents and students to attend.

#### **Travelling to and from School**

A reminder to students to be more vigilant when crossing East Boundary Road. It is a 70 zone and students need to be careful giving way to traffic.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

The focus for our students at Bentleigh Secondary College is to achieve their very best and to continually improve their learning. An important part of this focus is the partnership between school and home, between teacher and parents/ guardian and student. Parent teacher interviews play a key role in this partnership where all three parties meet to discuss the student's achievements, progress and strategies for improvement. There was a change to the structure of Parent Teacher Interviews this year in Term 1 with interviews running from 12.00 noon until 8.00pm. Following its success, the same process will continue. There are no classes for the day and students are expected to attend the interviews. The second parent teacher interviews for 2016 will be held on Tuesday, 9th August in the Learning Centre.

Bookings open for Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, 2nd August at 9.00am. Interviews with your child's subject teachers run for 5 minutes each and you can choose to book interviews with all or some of these teachers. Semester 1 Reports were published electronically via Compass at the end of Term 2.

If you are unable to log on to Compass, please contact the college via the following email address: compass@bentleighsc.vic.edu.au

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Mr John Karydis and Mrs Dimi Charalambous - Heads of Year 10

During the last week of Term 2, the Year 10 students were involved with the Work Experience program. Their placements included a diverse range of workplaces such as: Primary schools, Motor mechanic workshops, Retail outlets, Administration roles, Aged Care facilities, Engineering firms, Universities, etc. Staff were responsible for contacting students completing official documentation on their experiences. Students who were placed in educational facilities were visited by the Coordinators.

The feedback received by teachers was a positive one. Students related how they gained so many valuable life experiences in such a short space of time. One student even related how she was involved in assisting post-graduate students in their research by looking down an electron microscope and proof reading part of their thesis.

We had a total of fourteen students doing work experience in Primary schools and Kindergartens. The elation on their faces, as they spoke about being involved with supervising and assisting teachers of primary school students, was something to behold. They formed positive relationships with the younger students even though they were only with them for such a short period of time.

"The life skills gained in this program will benefit students in years to come and the memories formed will remain everlasting", as one student put it.





# **YEAR 11 CENTRAL OZ TOUR 2016**

Mrs Tana O'Hara and Mr Robbie McLauchlan, Heads of Year 11

During the final week of last term, forty adventurous Year 11 students and five teachers undertook a once in a lifetime trip to Central Australia. Tour highlights included sleeping underground at an opal mine in Coober Pedy, watching the sun set over Uluru, visiting the amazing Kings Canyon and Kata Tjuta, coming face to face with a dingo at Kings Canyon Caravan Park, and touring various amazing gorges in the MacDonnell Ranges. It was an amazing trip and all Year 11 students who attended should be congratulated for their enthusiasm and positive attitudes; even after packing up their tents at 4.30am and hiking for 3.5 hours! Staff received many comments from strangers on hikes, and from staff in remote roadhouses, commending the students on their respect, politeness and positive nature. This was further demonstrated by a letter of thanks from the Royal Flying Doctor Service informing us that we had raised a total of \$688.25. On behalf of all parents and students, we would like to thank Ms Rachael Rosenbrock, Mr Nathan Rogers and Mr Jake Cameron for volunteering their time and helping to make the trip an unforgettable one.







# **RAINBOW DAY**

Mr Wayne Davis, Head of Wellbeing - Junior School

On Friday 17th June, students and staff at the college embraced the spirit of diversity and tolerance in their celebration of Rainbow Day.

As a free dress day, students donned all the colours of the rainbow and donated a gold coin to the Respect Committee as a fundraiser. A DJ mixed dance tunes and the students danced and jived throughout lunchtime while three teacher judges selected the four students with the most diverse outfits.

It was amazing to see such a large number of students in the Performing Arts Centre enjoying themselves and celebrating our amazing community. A special thank you to Mrs Jenny Muir and Ms Robyn Zienow and the entire Respect Committee, including the Respect Captain Alana Smith for all their wonderful work in organising the day and encouraging the entire school community to take a stand against homophobia and transphobia.



# **'YOUTH OFF THE STREETS' SLEEP-OUT**

#### **VCE SRC**

Students from Years 11 and 12 are participating in a 'VCE sleep-out' to raise funds for 'Youth off the Streets'.

This charitable organisation provides assistance for disadvantaged young people who may be homeless, drug dependent and/or recovering from abuse.

Those involved will be 'sleeping rough' in the school stadium on the 8th August to raise awareness and funds for those in need.



We'd greatly appreciate your monetary donations towards any member of our school team at: https://youthoffthestreetssleepout.everydayhero.com/au/bentleigh-secondary-college#/? k=tkpnib

# **SEEING EYEDOG UPDATE**

Mrs Linda Richardson, Laboratory Technician





On Wednesday the 13th July we welcomed our newest puppy. Her name is Lucy and she is generously sponsored by Petbarn. It currently costs \$50,000 for each and every puppy to reach graduation. Lucy is eight weeks old and is a female black Labrador. She is the tenth puppy we will be raising at Bentleigh Secondary College.

Allie left us last week for the next step in her journey to become a working guide dog. She will now spend approximately six months at the Seeing Eye Dog Centre with her own personal trainer and instructor. When she has passed all her tests (which I am sure she will) she will be matched to a person with a visual impairment and become part of a 'team'. This partnership will have a huge impact on someone's independence and mobility.

A couple of months ago I was in Sydney and got to meet up with one of our previous puppies (Zeta) and her partner/ new owner, Sue-Anne. Zeta is famous and has her own Facebook page. This enables us to see what she is up to and how she has changed the life of Sue-Anne. It was fabulous to be able to watch them work together, navigate through the huge crowds, stairs, obstacles etc. Her husband explained to us what an impact Zeta has made to their lives and how much more confident Sue-Anne is now.

Sue-Anne has recently gone back to full time work always accompanied by Zeta. Zeta has her own personal ID badge and is considered a member of staff. Sue-Anne is about to go to America to play a tournament in Goal Ball for the visually impaired. She is going to fly down to Melbourne with Zeta and let us have the privilege of caring for her during this two week period.

There are still many students at Bentleigh Secondary College who helped raise, care for and train Zeta so there will be much excitement on Monday the 1st August. Zeta should feel very comfortable in the familiar surroundings with old friends to keep her company. I think it is important for the students (and staff) to see the full circle of what training these puppies leads to.

So for students who worked with Zeta, please come over for play and cuddles and for all the students (63 in total) who are now rostered on to help train Lucy thank you for the work you are doing and the responsibility you are displaying. Lucy has big shoes to fill and Zeta's calming influence will only be positive. Now back to toilet training.









## MINDFULNESS MEDITATION NETWORK MEETING

Dr Intha Chetty, Head of Meditation



We hosted the Mindfulness Meditation Network Meeting, on the 16th June, and showcased Bentleigh's journey in Mindfulness Meditation. Mr Andrew Batchelor delivered an excellent 'Welcome to Country' and gave a warm introduction about the presenters and our program to teachers, counsellors and psychologists, who came from private and state schools. Mr Bill Thomas had our visitors glued to their seats (taking lots of notes) with his remarkable documentary on the building of our centre and the development of the wetlands.

Mr Wayne Davis spoke deeply on his Learning Journey's Program and how his year nine students deliver sessions to the local primary schools and special schools. Ms Evette Cray, our student teacher from Melbourne University, presented interesting findings from her research on Mindfulness Meditation that she conducted with Year 7 and Year 11 students in late 2015.

Dr Intha Chetty read two poems with gratitude themes and showed teachers how to implement 'Gratitude Journals' with their students. Teachers asked many questions, were enthusiastic and left inspired. A big thank you to Mrs Jane Kramer for organising the refreshments for the meeting and Mrs Helen Arhontis for assisting with the organisation. Thank you to all staff who attended. The next network meeting will be held at Brighton Grammar during term three. I encourage all to attend this valuable meeting.

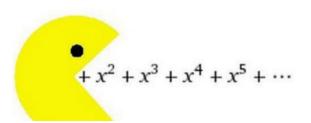
# **PUN & PUZZLE**



#### Puzzle:

My digits they make up a pair, Whose sum and difference is a square, When multiplied they reach a score, And when pronounced they rhyme with door. What number am I?

#### Polynom-nom-nom-nomial



**Solution to last puzzle:**There are 3 ways: 37 and 38, 24 25 and 26, and 13 14 15 16 and 17

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Miss Danielle May, Sports Teacher



On Friday 17th June, the Year 8 Girls Netball A team played their netball final against Westall Secondary College. Westall proved to be a very vocal team, however our girls fought hard and won the game comfortably 30-2. Natasha Rivas Lee and Zali McKenzie both were stand outs during the game.

The girls are now the Kingston Division champions and will represent the college at the Southern Metropolitan Final on Wednesday the 3rd August in Dandenong.

# **NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Mrs Natalie Cumming, Head of Year 8

Rashelle Feldman of Year 8 was selected this year to represent Victoria at the 2016 Australian National Gymnastics Championship.

Despite a serious injury at the start of this year, Rashelle displayed a great deal of dedication and commitment to achieve a place in the Victorian team.

Within these championships Rashelle achieved a bronze medal at Level 9 International with her ball routine.





## MUSIC REPORT

#### Mr Andrew Albanis, Head of Music

The annual Cluster tour was held on Tuesday 12th July. The Year 8 Band and the Junior Jazz Band performed at the following primary schools: Tucker Road, Coatesville, Hughesdale and Murrumbeena. Our students were exceptional as they performed and spoke about the great program here at Bentleigh. Students had fun visiting some of their old primary schools and catching up with their previous teachers.

Our successful Bunnings barbeque was held on Saturday 16th July. An incredible effort by Georgina Heenan and the Friends of Music. This continues to be a very important fundraiser. Congratulations to all who gave up their time to come along and help out on the day.

On Tuesday 19th July, Ingrid Martin was the guest conductor for the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Some amazing improvements were seen, as a variety of rehearsal techniques were applied to achieve greater excellence in the ensemble. Congratulations to all involved.

Thank you to everyone who will be selling chocolates to fundraise for our program. Payments can now be made through Compass. Orders will be processed once payments have been received. Parents will be contacted when the boxes have been delivered to the college.

The Concert Band and the Intermediate Jazz Band participated in an overnight tour to Phillip Island. Students performed to the wider community, spreading the message of the great learning opportunities we have here at Bentleigh. Well done to students and teachers involved.

Our annual Winter Concert is on Wednesday 3rd August. Tickets are available through trybooking.com. The concert will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall. Students will need to arrive at 6.30pm in preparation for a 7:00pm start. There will be an all-day rehearsal at the Town Hall. Students will need to make their own way to and from the venue on the day of the rehearsal. School uniform is to be worn and students will need to bring their own lunch. It's compulsory that all music students attend the day rehearsal.











**Keeping Up-To-Date** 

The following activities are being offered through Glen Eira Youth Services. They can be contacted on 9524 3676 or their website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

**Sounds of Glen Eira** - for all interested musicians to submit their demo CD for the chance to compete in the 2016 Sounds of Glen Eira music event.

**Team Fit-Social** - Each session consists of a variety of exercises and activities designed to motivate and encourage positive thinking about health and wellbeing. The group works hard to create a supportive and fun environment and welcomes any fitness level.

**Press Start** - A positive social gaming experience where young people aged 10 to 18 learn healthy gaming habits. Meet new people and play multi-player games, such as Minecraft, Mario Kart and Portal.

Walk to School Day - Glen Eira Council is excited to announce that it will be participating in the 2016 VicHealth Walk to School Campaign.

**iParent** - provides online safety resources targeted to the specific needs of parents and carers.

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

Just a reminder to the Bentleigh Secondary College community that we are selling the Entertainment Book as a fundraiser for 2016. The book has been a very popular addition to thousands of homes across Australia in past years, and provides over \$20,000 in potential discount offers in a huge range of areas from dining, recreation, travel, accommodation and many more. Please view the flyer included in this newsletter for details on how to order. The school receives 20% of the \$65 purchase price from each book to put towards equipment or facilities.

To order please follow the link to purchase online, and note that there is a choice between a hard copy of the Entertainment Book, or a digital version, which is increasingly becoming popular due to its convenience. If your preferred option is a hard copy of the Entertainment Book, please note that we have only 6 copies remaining at the school. Once your online order is processed, the book becomes immediately available at school.

For any further information, please see the flyer or contact me directly at school.

Paul Dean SRC Coordinator



# bentleigh s.c. winter concert

wednesday 3 august 7pm

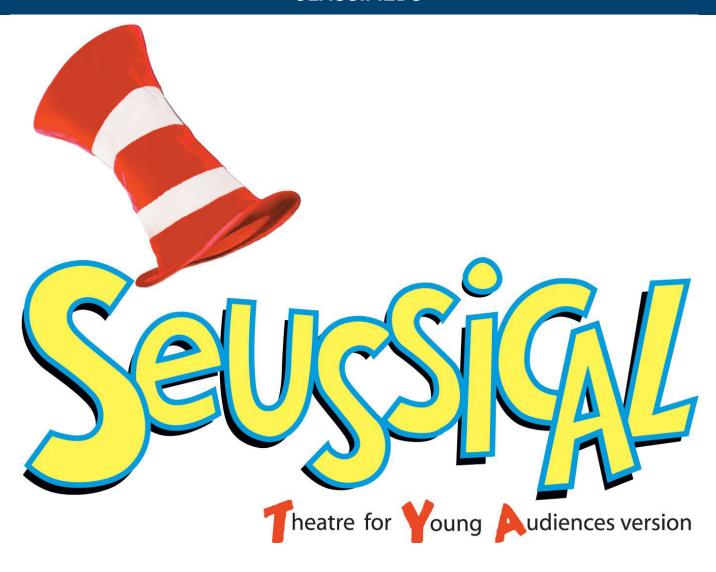
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glen eira townhall

cnr glen eira road & hawthorn road caulfield



### **CLASSIFIEDS**



**Dates**: Thursday 25th August - 7.30pm

Friday 26th August - 7.30pm

Saturday 27th August - 1.30pm

Saturday 27th August - 7.30pm

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Concession: \$18

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