

Newsletter



House Cross Country Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS

Bentleigh Secondary College places great emphasis on students working to achieve their very best and on students challenging themselves.

What a positive evening Open Night was for the College. Like all present, I was delighted with the high numbers of parents and prospective students who came to visit our College.

The presence of significant numbers of our staff and students on this evening sends a compelling message about the great things that are happening at Bentleigh Secondary College. It was great to see our Senior Jazz Band perform and hear students Danae Melzer and Braden Barnes speak to the audience about our school from a student perspective. Well done to these students. Special thanks also to the significant number of staff and students who came along to support this important College event by acting as tour guides or by participating in the wide variety of activities presented on the night. Well done also to Mr Batchelor for the organisation that underpinned the success of the night.

The 2015 Annual Report to school community was ratified by School Council on the 19th April 2016. The report will be published on the school website.



4th Edition
28th April 2016

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IMPORTANT DATES

29 April	Athletics Carnival @ Duncan Mackinnon
2 May	Kingston Intermediate Round Robin Year 8 IBL VCE Supportive Friends - Yr 11
3 May	Year 8 IBL Central Oz Information Night 7.30-8.30pm
4 May	Year 8 IBL
5 May	Yr 11 Darren Perreira 9-11.00am in PAC Year 8 IBL
6 May	VCE/Careers Expo Yr 11-12 Yr 7 Immunisation in PAC - 9.00am Music Trip-Mt Gambier- 8.00am depart return Sunday 10.00pm Year 8 IBL VCE Formal at Southern Golf Club - 7-11.00pm
9 May	OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk House Junior Netball Camp Senior School Play Rehearsal Day Year 8 IBL
10 May	OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk (GOW) House Inter. Netball Camp Year 8 IBL NAPLAN
11 May	House Senior Netball Camp Year 8 IBL NAPLAN

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr ANDREW BATCHELOR

NAPLAN Testing – 10th, 11th and 12th May

The NAPLAN tests for students in Years 7 and 9 will be held during week 5 of Term 2. On Tuesday 10th May is the Literacy – Language conventions and Writing components; Wednesday 11th May is Literacy – Reading; and Thursday 12th May is Numeracy – calculator and non-calculator components. These tests are important for schools, and there is a great deal of discussion about how schools are dealing with NAPLAN. We will give our students the chance to complete some practice NAPLAN activities, but for most students, the tests are quite familiar by now. The testing will take place on the mornings of 10th, 11th and 12th of May and must be taken seriously.

The Mathematics component is divided into a calculator and non-calculator test. Students must have their own scientific calculator for this test and will be seriously disadvantaged if they do not. Please note calculators on mobile phones are not permitted. As a general rule, students should have a calculator in all of their mathematics classes. Please buy one for your child if he/she does not already own one, before the week of the tests.

The information about students that NAPLAN provides is very useful, but it is only one part of a more detailed picture of students' strengths and needs, that helps us plan and deliver our teaching and learning program. If parents have any questions about NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Chris Christofidis, Head of Junior School, or Mr Andrew Batchelor, Assistant Principal, Junior School.

Student Attitudes to School Survey

Students across the college are completing the Attitudes to School Survey over the next two weeks. This is a DET survey which is used to measure a number of things based around student experiences at school in 2016. This applies to their learning, extra-curricular activities and wellbeing. The feedback we gain from these results is very important to demonstrate further areas we are doing well in, and possible areas for improvement. Student focus groups which complement these will run this term and again in Term 3 to gain further feedback from students and enhance input into their schooling.

Parent Access to Compass

All parents can access our online portal Compass. This system is used by the school to distribute information to parents, track attendance and approve any absences from the college, set learning tasks and provide feedback and assessment grades on these, to write reports and publish these via Compass, to set up and publish information about college events such as excursions and camps including the ability for parents to provide consent and make online payments, and to maintain a holistic view of each of our students. If you are unable to log on to Compass, please contact the college via the following email address: compass@bentleighsc.vic.edu.au



IMPORTANT DATES

12 May	OES Unit 1 Great Ocean Walk Kingston Sen Round Robin Year 8 IBL NAPLAN Senior School Play Performance in PAC at 7.30pm
13 May	Year 8 IBL Senior School Play performance in PAC at 7.30pm
16 May	Junior House Netball Finals at lunchtime Year 8 IBL Yr 12 Darren Ferreira 9.00-11.00am in PAC Year 7 PWCTW Parents VCE Darren Ferreira Night in Pac at 7.30pm
17 May	Inter House Netball Finals Year 8 EBL Year 7 PWCTW Year 8 Drama - Zoo excursion Woodwind Night 5.00-6.00pm in PAC
18 May	Kingston Cross Country Senior House Netball Finals at lunchtime Year 8 IBL Intermediate House Debating Year 7 PWCTW Brass Night 5.00-6.00pm in PAC
19 May	Year 8 IBL Intermediate House Debating Year 7 PWCTW VCE Supportive Friends Years 11 & 12 Deb Ball - 7.00pm at Brighton International
20 May	Year 8 IBL Junior House Debating Finals at lunchtime Year 7 PWCTW
23 May	Vocal Night 5.00-6.00pm in the PAC Year 8 IBL Presentation Night at 7.30pm in the Learning Centre
24 May	Year 7 PWCTW Careers in Multi-Media and the Gaming Industry Brass & Percussion Night 5.00-6.00pm in the PAC
25 May	Year 12 OES Mornington Senior House Debating at lunchtime - Library Year 7 PWCTW

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr MARC KOENIG

Winter School Uniform

Parents are requested to ensure that their students are in correct school uniform. The first two weeks of Term 2 are a transitional uniform period where students may wear summer or winter uniform. From Tuesday 26 April all students will be required to be in their correct winter uniform.

VCE Study Centre

It is encouraging to see increased numbers of VCE students using the study centre before and after school. We encourage students to study together out of school hours.

School Drop Off and Pick Ups

The new gates are fully operational. Please be mindful that the exit gates (Administration and Stadium) have sensors which will open the gates on approach. It is impossible to be locked in. Just a reminder also to parents to obey all road rules when dropping off or picking up children. Inspectors have been seen photographing cars double parked or across driveways even if only for a moment. This includes Margaretta Street, Vivien Street, Jackson Lane, Clarence Street and Chesterville Road. The safety of our students is paramount.

Anzac Day Service – Caulfield Park

Mr Luke Brookman, Head of Year 12

On Sunday 17th April I was privileged to attend the 'Civic Commemorative Service' at Caulfield Park Cenotaph, alongside Emily Nelson, Madelyn Boustead and Nathan Guy.

The College Captains represented Bentleigh Secondary College at the Anzac service, and laid a beautiful wreath to pay tribute to all fallen soldiers and their families who have served our country.

The service was a great commemoration to all the brave men and women who have played a role in the Australian and New Zealand defence force.



House Chorals

Ms Danielle May, House Director

The Bentleigh Secondary House Chorals held on the last day of Term 1 were a great success. There were fantastic performances from all houses and each student performed outstandingly on the day. A special mention to Niko Floros, Monica Gan-Wilcox, Chelsea Karpel, Jesse Dann, Marisia Zapantis, Jimmy Fredman, Matisse Salvati-Pontelandolf and Nathan Guy for their individual performances on the day. The finale came down to a nail biting ending, with Dendy winning overall. Congratulations to all students that participated on the day.





Top Designs Excursion

Ms Sarah Hamilton



Visual Communication Design students in Hosier Lane

In the first week of Term 2, VCE Visual Communication Design students attended an excursion that gave them the opportunity to view folios and final designs produced by the state's top VCE students in 2015, as well as attend an educational forum. Students were offered an understanding of the design process and folio creation, and provided with inspiration for their own work.

The students visited a number of spaces in the Melbourne CBD, including Hosier Lane and exhibitions in the National Gallery of Victoria. It was a great day and I commend the students on their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.

Visual Communication Design students exploring the Pavilion at the National Gallery of Victoria



Visual Communication Design students at Top Designs Melbourne Museum



Cathy Freeman Foundation Launch Fundraiser

Mrs Vikki Elliott



On Wednesday 13th April I along with two Year 12 students Angela Jeffery and Yash Kamjula had the privilege of attending the Cathy Freeman Foundation Launch Fundraiser for creating educational opportunities for Indigenous children in remote rural areas in Australia. It is planned that some Year 12 students and staff can participate in running or walking in a marathon later in the year to assist this worthy cause.

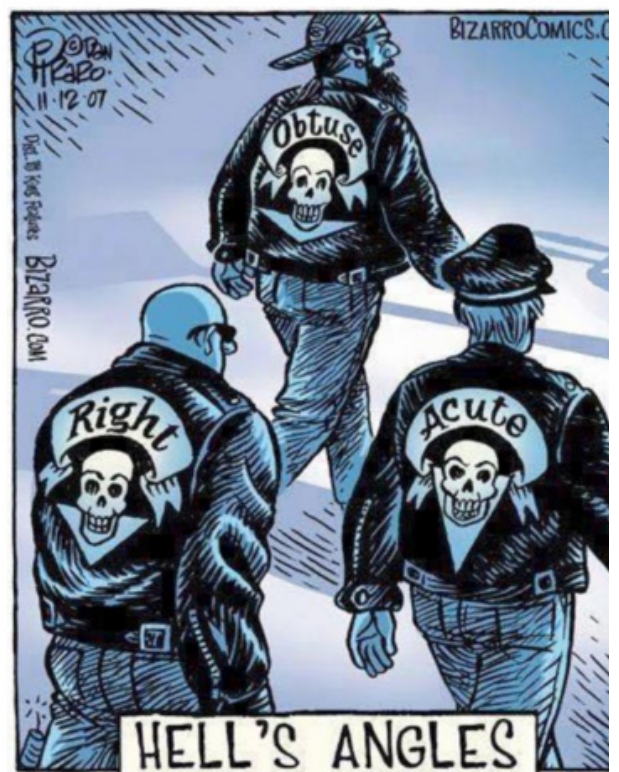


Pun & Puzzle:

Puzzle: Mr Driver, Mr Gardener, Mr Painter and Mr Shearer are a driver, a gardener, a painter and a shearer, but none of them have a name which corresponds to their occupation.

The shearer is not Mr Driver, the gardener is not Mr Painter and neither Mr Gardener nor Mr Painter is the driver.
Match each man with his occupation.

Solution to last puzzle: There are three different ways $(2 \times 8c) + (19 \times 3c)$ or $(5 \times 8c) + (11 \times 3c)$ or $(8 \times 8c) + (3 \times 3c)$.



Invitation to celebrate Year 10 Debutantes

Ms Dimi Charalambous & Mr John Karydis, Heads of Year 10

We would like to invite all Year 10 students, teachers, parents/guardians to our Debutante Ball at “The International” of Brighton. This venue has been awarded “The Best Reception Venue in Victoria” several times, due to their high quality food and service, and the venue itself is stunning!

Our first few dance practices have been a delight to witness. Our wonderful dance instructors Pete and Sherallen, really had our students “on their toes” and our Debs were fantastic.

Year 10 students please consider getting a group of friends together and purchasing tickets and coming along to support your friends! It promises to be a fabulous night with lots of great food and music that will inspire all to ‘hit the dance floor’!

The Debutante Ball

When: Thursday 19th May
Where: The International, 81 Bay Street, Brighton
Start Time: Arrival at 6.30pm for canapés, seated for dinner at 7.00pm

Ticket Booking:

Adults \$90 per head.

Children 12 years and under – \$50 per head (children’s menu)

FAQs PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. How do I buy the tickets?

Guests can only buy the tickets through ‘trybooking’.

The direct link to this page is: www.trybooking.com/45887

2. What is the last day I can purchase tickets?

Ticket sales close on Monday 2nd May at 5.00 pm. sharp.

The program shuts down at 5.00 pm, there will be no further opportunity to purchase tickets after this!!

3. How many can be seated on a table?

Tables are made up of 8, 10 and 12 guests. Smaller numbers are grouped together.

4. Can I request special seating and tables with other guests?

Yes – this can be done when booking the tickets, and all seating requests will be considered when the tables and guest seats are arranged.

5. Special dietary requirements?

This can be done when booking the tickets.

Mathematics Assessments in Year 8 to 10

Dr. Wendy Taylor, Head of Mathematics & Numeracy

A new common whole school approach to assessment has been introduced this year. The new approach includes the use of marking rubrics and each student sitting the same assessment task. In Mathematics, the rubric used is holistic and assesses students’ work ethic and improvement throughout a topic, as well as their performance on the common final test. This is different from the previous years where students have been assessed predominantly on test performance on one of two assessments (one assessing content towards and at the expected level, the other assessing content at and beyond the expected level). While the tests are now at a higher standard and achieving top results on the test is more difficult, all students have the potential to achieve a good overall mark in a topic by completing set tasks in a timely manner, using their class time effectively and showing improvement in skills throughout. We hope that students rise to the challenge of the more difficult assessments and also take this opportunity to improve their overall approaches to learning.

Senior School Production

Ms Jacinta Egan, Head of Performing Arts



Bentleigh Secondary College presents 'WITH THESE EYES' which is based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby* as the 2016 Senior School Play. *The Great Gatsby* follows Jay Gatsby, a man who orders his life around one desire to be reunited with Daisy Buchanan, the love he lost five years earlier. Gatsby's quest leads him from poverty to wealth, into the arms of his beloved, and eventually to his demise.

The cast have put their own spin on this story and their interpretation brings out the minority voice and explores identity and what it takes to speak up, even when you think no one will listen.

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Thursday 12th May 7:30pm

Friday 13th May 7:30pm

Saturday 14th May 7:30pm

TICKETS:

CONCESSION: \$15

ADULT: \$20

Direct Trybooking link : www.trybooking.com/132097

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Music Report

Mr Andrew Albanis & Mr Paul Armit

The annual Junior Rehearsal Camp took place at Rutherford Park Retreat this week. Students from Years 7 and 8 spent two days rehearsing and perfecting their pieces for the upcoming concerts this year. Students worked on material in their year levels and then came together as one super group. They enjoyed a range of activities from team building exercises to a team trivia night. Although the students are all thoroughly worn out they can now boast some impressive musical skills, and lots of happy faces!

On Friday 6th May, the Senior and Intermediate Jazz ensembles will be attending the Mt Gambier Jazz Festival. This three day festival will give our students the opportunity to perform to professional adjudicators and witness some outstanding performances from other schools and professional musicians. Students are reminded to return their medical form and make payments through Compass.



Puppy Training Update

Ms Linda Richardson, Science Laboratory Technician



Silky has now accompanied Allie to school for just over a term. She has settled in beautifully and her school routine is well established. The students and school environment allow the puppies many opportunities and a wide variety of experiences. I recently took two students to the Seeing Eye Dogs Open Day where they gained insight on the Centre, how it operates and where the puppies are bred and later trained.

At school, Silky and Allie have attended the swimming sports, participated in classes (Psychology), listened to musical performances, assemblies, evacuation drills and Open Night. Silky and Allie have spent many valuable hours with their volunteer student trainers. It doesn't matter if our dogs are in a deep sleep, when the bell goes they immediately head for the door to sit and wait for the students to arrive for some cuddles and play.

They are looking forward to the upcoming Sports Carnival and accompanying the Year 8s on an excursion. Outside school they have attended Moomba, football at the MCG, Victoria Market, festivals, fundraising days, car shows, and even a winery tour. They are experts on all forms of public transport and have learnt how to sit quietly under restaurant tables.

I would like to thank the students who are currently working with our dogs because they are very reliable, punctual and keen to help. They make the puppies' days at school exciting and really contribute toward their training to be successful Seeing Eye Dogs.

Allie has recently had all her pre-tests for the training program and has passed with flying colours. She still needs to wait for a place to come up (after another dog graduates) and the time for this can vary. Technically, she can now be called back for official training but it is unlikely for at least one more month. When this happens we will be able to concentrate on Silky and getting her to the required standard in order to progress through the program. By all accounts she is doing extremely well for her age.



House Cross Country

Mr Nathan Rogers, Head of Junior & House Sport



On Tuesday 15th March, Bentleigh Secondary College held the House Cross Country Carnival. The format changed from previous years with all students being involved in the event either in a running or walking capacity to earn points towards their house total. The competition was of a high quality with the final races deciding the result of the house shield. With only 61 points separating first from last, Hawker was declared the overall winner by 17 points over Dendy. Selected students will now represent Bentleigh Secondary College at the Kingston Division Cross Country Carnival held on Wednesday 18th May.



Year 7 Softball

Ms Sally Hudson, Head of PE Learning Area



Congratulations! The Year 7 Softball team won the Preliminary Softball final on Monday 18th of April in sunny conditions. This gives the girls a chance to play in the Southern Metropolitan Region finals on Thursday 28th April. All girls played extremely well, a terrific team effort. Well done girls!

Entertainment Book

Mr Paul Dean, SRC Co-ordinator

Bentleigh Secondary College has taken the opportunity to adopt the Entertainment Book as a fundraising mechanism 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 much more. Please read the flyer included in this newsletter for details on how to order the book. The school receives 20% of the \$65 purchase price from each book to put towards equipment or facilities. There is a link to purchase the book online, and 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.

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

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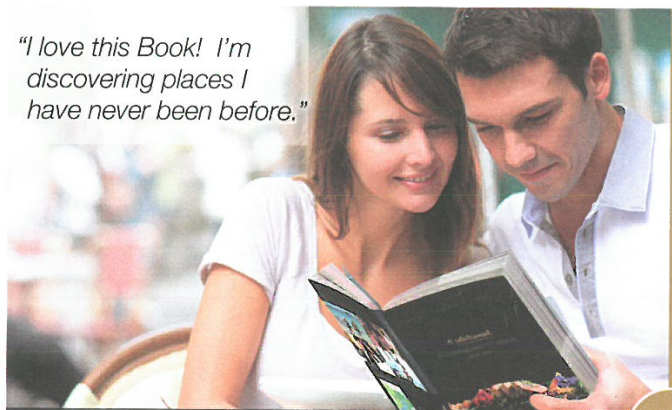
Glen Eira Junior Netball Coaching positions for the 2016 Season 2 are open.

All netball coaches must be Foundation Coach level qualified and anyone who does not have this certificate must undertake the online coaching course prior to the season commencing. Glen Eira Netball Club will support anyone who coaches to complete coaching courses as required by Netball Victoria. All coaching accreditations will be funded by the club. All coaches will be paid a nominal fee per game, which covers a 1 hour training session weekly as well as their match game. All match games are held either on a Friday evening (U11) or Saturday morning (U13, U15 and U17) at Duncan McKinnon. Please contact Jo-Maree Delac (via email, see below), for a coaching form to complete or for any further questions.

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