

Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS

A huge thank you to Vikki Elliot, Luke Brookman, Claire Keep, Marc Koenig, the Senior School and the education support staff for their work in the organisation of Year 12 Graduation. As a Principal I was so proud of our School Captain when he said in his address, 'I believe that our motto is one that preaches incredible values and ideals. 'Be the best you can be' does not ask the impossible from any student, it is a motto that each student at Bentleigh can easily live up to, and it is an ideal that each of us can carry forward into the next stage of our lives'. I wish the Graduating Class of 2016 all the best. ...

Thank you to Sue Hansen, Jane Newey, Rohanna Anderson, David Higgins and Sarah Hamilton for their efforts in preparing the Art Exhibition. It was an amazing collection of student art work to see.

A special thanks to Michelle Hagger and her family for assisting Sue Hansen and her team with the installation of the VCE artwork. Her expertise and artistic flair enhanced the presentation of the work. I would also like to acknowledge Kerrie Stimpson, Roza and Patrick Warren for providing the delicious refreshments on the opening night. I enjoyed speaking to parents who were able to attend the opening and were impressed by the exhibition.

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IMPORTANT DATES

21 Nov	Assembly Year 7 & 8 Sport State Final - Softball
22 Nov	Spring Concert - 7:00pm PAC
24 Nov	Casual Dress Day
6 Dec	Queensland Senior Band Tour 2016
12 Dec	End of year activities - Years 7 and 8
13 Dec	End of year activities - Years 7 and 8
14 Dec	Presentation Night
20 Dec	Last Day of Term
2017	
1 Feb	Year 7 and Year 12 start School Photos - Year 12 and staff Year 12 Motivation Day
2 Feb	Years 8-11 start Years 8-12 Instrumental Music Lessons commence
6 Feb	School Photos - Year 7-11 and Leadership
8 Feb	Swimming Carnival at Carnegie Swim Centre
10 Feb	School Tour 9:15-10:15am
13 Feb	House Chorals Incursion
14 Feb	Whole school Assembly
15 Feb	Music Recruitment Night 7:30pm PAC
16 Feb	Kingston Senior Cricket
17 Feb	School Tour 9:15-10:15am
20 Feb	Kingston Intermediate Cricket Year 8 - Click Against Hate Program

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MS LEANNE WINFIELD



ZOE ROBINSON, LUCY ROSE AND MS WINFIELD

The second half of Term Four has been busy and productive with many events taking place. Last week, Year 7 and 8 students completed their involvement in the Sport Programs, they were highly successful and enjoyable Gala Days. Congratulations all Middle School students whose art works were exhibited in the school Art Exhibition at Moorabin Arts Centre. It was a pleasure to see such creative pieces from our students. The short films made by groups of students were also a highlight.

On Friday 11 November, Zoe Robinson, Lucy Rose and I attended the Remembrance Service at the Centotaph in Bentleigh and afterwards at the Bentleigh RSL. It was a moving service with many local schools and community members involved.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 sat their English and Maths exams last week. I was very impressed with their work ethic and their calm, mature approach to these exams. This gives teachers effective data and evidence to measure student learning and growth and also begins to prepare students for Senior School Exams.

On Saturday 12 November, we had 199 Year 6 students come in to the school to sit in the Senior School Area, which was set up for exams. These students completed testing that will provide their teachers with information about their Literacy and Numeracy levels and enable them to prepare programs that will meet the learning needs of students. This will also give pre-test data that we can use at the end of Year 7 to measure learning and growth.

In the last few weeks we have been visiting our local primary schools to speak to Grade 6 teachers as part of our Transition Program. We are looking forward to Orientation Day on Tuesday 6 December to welcome our new Year 7s. Early Commencement begins on Monday 21 November. Students will be given their new timetables, new lockers and will begin their new classes. I remind all students that through effort comes success and that this should begin in Early Commencement. We will begin the first day of Early Commencement with a Whole School Assembly after Form Group. Parents are welcome to attend.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Middle School students, Co-ordinators and Teachers in the second half of this year. Thank you to Mr Christofidis, Ms Blackmore, Ms Cigonini, Mr Mahoney, Ms Cumming, Mr Georgio and Ms Coldbeck for all their work supporting our students this year. It has been very rewarding and interesting to work with the current Year 9 students. I wish students moving to Year 10 all the best for their future studies. I also wish future Year 8 and Year 9 students an enjoyable and productive start to their new years.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MR MARC KOENIG



2017 Senior School Team

It is my pleasure to introduce the new 2017 Senior School Team:

Head of Senior School – Chris Christofidis

Heads of Year 12 – Claire Keep and Helen Arhontis

Heads of Year 11 – Felicity Campbell and Robbie McLauchlan

Heads of Year 10 - Dimi Charalambous and John Karydis

Careers and Pathway Coordinator – Kirstin Conway

Senior Wellbeing – Julie Yelland

Leanne Winfield will take over as Assistant Principal for Senior School as I move to Middle School.

Reports

Staff are busy completing reports so they will be ready to go live to students and parents via Compass on Tuesday, November 29 at 5.00pm..

Early Commencement

Early commencement is valuable time for students to gain an understanding of the expectations for next year. I have been impressed with the positivity shown by students during the exam period. Year 10 will have to step up as senior students and start a VCE subject for the first time. Years 11 and 12 will have two weeks of early commencement which is enough time to get to know their new teachers and complete a topic of their course work. Early Commencement ends for Years 11 and 12 on 2 December and for Year 10 on 9 December. All senior students receive holiday homework. It is imperative that students complete this work and are up to date and ready to start next year.

Course Finalisation Day

Course Finalisation and Counselling Day is on Monday 5 December. Attendance is **COMPULSORY** for ALL students intending to return to VCE at Bentleigh Secondary College in 2017. Students must firstly collect their reports on these days from the VCE Centre, before proceeding to course confirmation, which will be held in rooms V1, V2 and V3. Please Note: Enrolment in VCE classes cannot be guaranteed unless students meet our Promotion Policy requirements and attend on this day to finalise their courses. We ask that you ensure your child is here at the appointed times.

Presentation Night

Presentation night on Wednesday 14 December at Kingston Town Hall is fast approaching. The event will begin at 7.30pm sharp. Not only are our Year 12 attending their last official function for Bentleigh Secondary College, there are numerous awards being presented and the announcement of the 2017 Student Leadership Team. Your attendance is welcomed as we celebrate the success of our students.

“ART NOW” ANNUAL COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION

Ms Sue Hansen, Head of Arts



In early November, the annual college art exhibition was held at the Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin. The event celebrates the artistic talents of the college student cohort from Years 7 to 12 in areas of Visual Art, VCD and Media Studies. A broad range of themes were explored using mediums such as sculpture, painting, printing and technical drawing.

The exhibition is an annual event and the opening on Thursday 3 November was well attended by parents and staff. A special thank you to the Visual Arts staff, Ms Rohanna Anderson, Ms Sarah Hamilton, Mrs Jane Newey and Mr David Higgins for their help in organising the event, it was a great success. Special thanks to those in the college community who also assisted.

Pictured below is Year 8 Studio Arts student, Zoe Waters standing next to one of her artworks in the exhibition.



WELLBEING NEWS

Wesley Mission Food for Families Annual Appeal 2016

This year marks the 25th year of Wesley's Food for Families appeal. We're calling on you to help families by filling a collection bag or box with donations of non-perishable food and toiletries in the lead up to Christmas. Christmas is a special time for families, and for giving for most of us. It's a chance to come together, enjoy a special meal and spend time with our loved ones, however it is also a difficult time for many people. Your donation will go directly to local people who are experiencing hard times, making sure they have a meal on the table at Christmas and access to food all year long. Collection boxes will be placed in the foyer of the General Office, so please put your contributions in these boxes.



Suggested donations:

Whether it's a tin of baked beans, or a shopping bag of essentials, every donation will make a real difference. You can give a little and change a lot this Christmas, by giving food for Melbourne's most vulnerable families.

Non-Perishable Food items:

Pasta and pasta sauce, tomato paste, tinned and ready to eat meals, soups and curries, tomato sauce, rice, tinned tuna, salmon, sardines and ham, lunchbox snacks for kids, tinned fruit and vegetables, baby food, canned meals with ring pull lids, stir fry sauces, coconut milk, instant noodles in a cup/bowl, sandwich spreads, cheese spreads, breakfast cereals, muesli bars, breakfast bars, UHT (longlife) milk, biscuits, tea bags, instant coffee and milo.

Toiletries:

Nappies, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shampoo and conditioner, face washers, toilet paper, sunscreen, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

MELBOURNE VIXENS NETBALL CLINIC

Two of the Melbourne Vixens are coming to school to run a netball clinic on Wednesday 23 November from 9.00am to 11:00am.

The clinic is available to those students who participated in the Equity in Netball research project. The clinic must be capped at 25 students, first in best dressed. You must see Miss Hudson ASAP to reserve your spot.

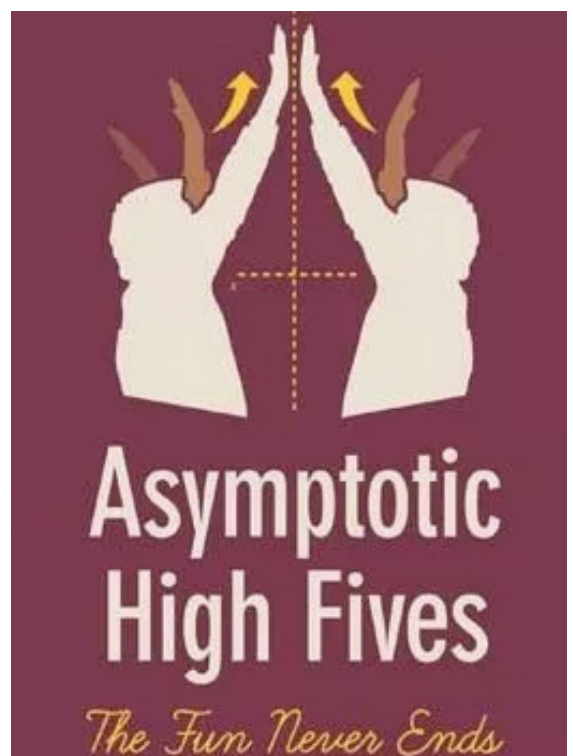
PUN & PUZZLE



Puzzle: Joe and Linda live next door to one another. The product of their house numbers is 2703. What are the house numbers?

Solution to last puzzle:
His locker code is 8902.

Pun:



MUSIC REPORT

Mr Andrew Albanis, Head of Music



The Spring Concert is the final major concert presented by the Music Department for 2016. Our major ensembles will be performing on this evening, so it will be a night of great music presented by our dedicated music students.

The concert will be held at Bentleigh Secondary College in the Performing Arts Centre at 7:00pm. Students performing need to be at school at 6.30pm. Band directors have informed students of what they need to wear for the concert.

Cost: Adult \$15

Concession \$10

Tickets are available through Trybooking - Direct booking link: www.trybooking.com/241685

Supper will be available for a \$2 coin donation. Students are able to donate a plate of food for supper.

YEAR 9 ADVANCE CAMP REPORT

Mrs Annette Schout, Year 9 Advance Co-ordinator



Our Year 9 'Advance' Elective students recently attended a two week camp at the Outdoor School - Bogong as part of its 'Future Makers Program'. Sixty students participated in a range of challenging and exciting activities that tested and extended them physically and mentally. The students enjoyed mountain bike riding, canoeing, high ropes course, learning some pioneering skills, meeting some of the local wildlife and more, however, it was the five day hike in the high plains that is likely to be the most memorable. Whilst Melbourne was receiving miserable rain and wind, the high plains was being blanketed in snow and experiencing unusually cold temperatures for late October. This made for spectacular views, in an already picturesque part of Victoria, but it also made for difficult hiking conditions. It was tough trying to get up, pack up and get going whilst our fingers and toes felt frozen. The students coped admirably. They developed positive and effective relationships, working well within their small hiking group which allowed them to manage the challenging situations. Of course, we all had excellent gear and well trained outdoor education teachers to keep us safe throughout. We hiked in groups of twelve and each group hiked in a different area of the high plains.

For me, the best night was when all the students returned after the hike. There was a real buzz in the camp as students greeted each other warmly, really happy to be reunited and had great stories to tell including a nice warm shower and soft bed to look forward to.

Overall, seeing the students experience, enjoy and gain an emotional connection to the alpine environment was truly rewarding for me. My thanks go to the wonderful Bentleigh staff, Mr Pearson, Mr Godinagh, Ms Rosenbrock, Mr Rogers, Mr Brookman, Miss May and Mr Tissera for attending the camp and also the Bogong staff, including Phil, the best chef ever!

SPORTS NEWS

Miss Danielle May, Sport Teacher and Coach

Year 8 Handball Girls Gala Day

On Friday 11 November, three Year 8 Girls Handball teams played in the GALA day at GESAC against other Kingston Schools. Bentleigh Secondary College had a very successful day with all teams competing extremely well. The teams proved their strength and skills throughout the competition with the 'A' team winning the whole tournament. Their defending skills were unstoppable, particularly in their hardest game against McKinnon where they won 3 – 0. The girls are to be congratulated on their effort, dedication and commitment to training and the competition. Congratulations Bentleigh!





New!

Learn how to record and produce music

Music Production Lessons at Alla's Music Studio

Learning how to record and produce music can be an exciting and rewarding way to showcase your musical talent, be it as a singer, instrumentalist, composer/songwriter or music producer. You don't need lots of expensive equipment to get a great sounding result.

Lessons can begin with an introduction to software used to record and mix music (specifically tailored to your level of existing knowledge – beginner to more advanced) and then on-going practical and project based learning in the studio.



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Saturday 10 December

Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve
Higgins Road, Bentleigh
5.30pm–8pm

Australian Girls Choir and community performances, hosted by Spencer McLaren.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/carols

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FREE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

SOLAR PANELS AND BATTERIES

This free presentation will guide you through the process of installing a solar photovoltaic system on your roof. It will also include an introduction to battery storage technology.

WHEN
Tuesday 6 December, 7pm–9pm

WHERE
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

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With Christmas right around the corner, Village Cinemas has an exciting range of gifting products available with the added bonus of earning points for our school!

For every dollar spent on gifting products at Village Cinemas Southland between 20th October and 24th December 2016, our school will earn points for a chance to win a Village Cinemas Fundraising Pack valued at up to \$480.

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