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Important Dates

Mon 4th April until Wed 13th April
Chinese Study Tour

Thur 7th April
Parent Assoc

Fri 8th April
Last Day of Term 1

Mon 25th April
Easter Monday Holiday

Tues 26th April
Anzac Day Holiday

Wed 27th April
First Day Term 2

Mon 2nd May until Fri 6th May
Year 9 Bushwacked Camp
Bogong

Wed 4th May
Year 7&8 Athletics Carnival

Wed 25th May
Rock The Schools Tour –featuring Delamare

Administration

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Ms Vivienne Tellefson
Assistant Principal Year 7-9
Ms Heather Secomb
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Mr Graeme McKinnon
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Principal Report

Farewell Annie

After thirty three years of devoted service to Brunswick schools, Annie Tsernjavski retires this Friday. Many of you will know Annie because she is teaching or has taught one of your children. A small number of you will know her because she taught you when you were at school. On seeing her class lists at the start of each school year, Annie, was always especially pleased to discover that she was teaching the sibling or child of a previous student. The memories delighted her. For a teacher to accrue such long service in the one school is rare. Her longevity here has without a question made Annie a local expert in the students and families of Brunswick and Coburg. All at Brunswick Secondary College will miss Annie’s practical wisdom and insight, the almost first year out teacher enthusiasm she brings still to all her classes and the generous support and mentoring she has given to so many staff over the years. Brunswick Secondary College will honour Annie’s unique contribution to the education of literally thousands of Brunswick and Coburg students at a farewell on Friday 6 May with an afternoon tea commencing at 3.30pm. Parents are welcome. Please let the office know no later than Monday 2 May if you would like to attend. Email brunswicksc@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 9387 6133.

Staff News

Best wishes to Brent Pawley who is taking leave for the remainder of the year and moving to Sydney. The qualities of calmness, fairness and clarity of expectations that have served Brent so very well in umpiring for the VFL have also added value to his work in the classroom at Brunswick Secondary College. We wish Brent all the best for his teaching and umpiring work in Sydney and thank him particularly for the energetic, dedicated and effective manner in which he has performed the role of Sport Coordinator.
In other staffing news, Tony Lawrence will be on long service leave for term 2 and we wish him a well-deserved rest. Congratulations to our Debating Coordinator, Kanela Giannakakis, on her recent wedding. Congratulations also to Saxophone teacher, Ben Carter, on the birth of his son, Max. In relation to replacement teachers, Annie Tsernjavski’s classes will be taken by Helen St Jack with Peter Mossemenear taking Year 9 Humanities. Rebecca Rutter has been employed to take Brent Pawley’s classes and Chris Tipping will fill in for Tony Lawrence. We will profile the new staff in the first College News for next term.

**China trip**

A very excited group of students escorted by Chinese teacher Jiwei Xu, and Year 9 Coordinator, Lynne Kyle, departed Melbourne Airport for China on Saturday morning. In the first days of their Study Tour, they have walked along the Great Wall of China and marvelled at the Royal Palace. We look forward to hearing about their travels and adventures in greater detail at the start of next term.

**Brunswick Secondary College by Night**

The Information Evening for prospective 2012 Year 7 students was held last week. Over a hundred and thirty students and twenty staff were involved as tour guides or in showcasing the work of different learning areas. This year we ensured a balance of senior and junior classes, with the Year 12 Literature and Chemistry classes using the opportunity to participate in actual school assessed course work and skill development. Walking around the school, our visitors saw students engaged in Maths, Art, Dance, Chemistry, Cooking, LOTE, VCAL, Music, Literature and Humanities. The school was alive with students engaged in real learning and there was a genuine sense of excitement. At the **Thank You Morning Tea** the following Friday, Heather Secomb and I both thanked students for their participation and exuberance. It was an unusual but rewarding experience to walk around the school at night and to see it alive with busy, eager and engaged students.

In speaking to the visiting parents, I took the opportunity to highlight the progress that Brunswick Secondary College has continued to make toward its goal of ensuring that our students achieve as well or better at our school than if they were to attend any other. To learn more about the school’s progress, read the 2010 VCE Results and Tertiary Destinations document on our website.

**First Day of Term 2**

Due to Easter Monday and the Anzac Day holiday, please note that school resumes on Wednesday 27th April

*Vivienne Tellefson*

*Principal*

**Northern Region Swimming Championships**

On Thursday 24th March BSC had 5 students compete at the Northern Region Swimming Championships. Lucy (year 9), Brad Cox, Nathaniel, Aiden Moran and Jake (Year 7).

The boys 14 year Medley Relay team came first and will go to MSAC in on 7th April to compete in the State School Swimming Comp.

The boys were so excited win. It was pouring rain and they were freezing, but this was quickly put out of their mind with the victory.
The students’ have their say about their camp experience.

Matthew Aktridis (7B): the most interesting activity for me was the Giant Swing because when I pulled the rope I got a massive adrenalin rush. I think the Flying Fox should have gone for a bit longer but it was still good because we got three shots at it. The food was more good than bad. My favourite food was pancakes. I think we should go again next year.

Adrienne Awad (7S): Camp was an extremely fun experience. We were split up into groups and then we were taken to activities by nice and comforting camp staff. The giant swing was an amazing activity. Everyone worked as a team and we enjoyed ourselves. Teamwork was reinforced at the camp. We were always in groups. One of the activities was to lift people over and ‘electric fence’ without touching the fence. We all supported each other and we were encouraging to each other.

Demelza Clarke (7N): for camp this year, the Year 7 students went to Mount Morton for three days. There were lots of exciting activities. The best activity was the canoeing because we were allowed to do it even if we had not canoed before. Charlie would tell us what we should do. After a while, our arms got cold because we were wet from the splashing with the oars. When we got out of the water, we were wet and very cold. This was a fun camp and it should have gone for longer than three days.

Jesse Dench (7R): On Wednesday, we went to camp by bus. The trip was very long and boring. When we got there, the people showed us what the activities we had. First, I did bush cooking then we did team work, then the ropes course and orienteering. The food was delicious. We had trivia night after dinner and it was great because my group won. On day two of the camp I went on the giant swing, flying fox and I did canoeing. On the last day, we went to catch yabbies. I caught an EEL! Camp was great fun and I am looking forward to the next one.

Lucien Dupe (7K): Last week 60 kids from Year 7 went to camp. On the last night we had a special guest Ker-rin who acted like a French director. Everybody laughed when he made fun of people. He made some one (Ms Sepp) get killed twice. We got to stay up until 10.00pm.

Murray Leonard (7U): One of the most enjoyable things about camp was the canoeing. It was fun racing in the water. I did not like all the food at the camp but other than that everything was good. The night activities were funny and amusing. My favourite activity at camp was the low rope course and doing it with my friends made it more enjoyable. We had had to work together on the low rope course.
Jack Milne (7N): Today we went to camp and started our activities early. My group had Frisbee Golf and Initiatives, then we had dinner. After dinner, we got ready for bed. We woke up at 7.00am, had breakfast and started our activities. We had canoeing, Flying Fox, Low Ropes Course and Giant Swing. After the activities, we went to the Great Hall where we had lunch. After lunch we had an adventure at the lake. We went yabbying. I was yabbying next to Jesse and Roshan. Unfortunately, I did not catch anything but Jesse caught an EEL! After that we came back to the campsite, packed, went to bed and waited for the trip home the next day.

Izzie Myrwoda (7C): On Wednesday 16th March, I went to the Year 7 camp. It was one of the best times of my life. I went on the Giant Swing and Flying Fox. I made bush tucker. I went yabbying and made a house out of wood. I was proud of myself for going on the Giant Swing twice. It was so scary. I went up about 20 metres and then let go of the rope. When I let go and started swinging in their air it was the best feeling. The food at camp was good. I think the best meal was the cake and everyone got fifths and sixths. I met so many new people that I did not know were in Year 7. I made good friends and will remember camp forever. Thank you BSC!

Georgia Newton (7U): The thing that I enjoyed about camp was that we had to work as a team for every task, activity and game. I thought the best activity was canoeing because it was fun and I have never done it before. It was great to learn how to canoe. The camp would have been better if the weather was warmer. I enjoyed going outside and exploring. Thursday was the best day because we had the whole day for activities. We had the best activities such as the flying fox, giant swing and canoeing on the Thursday. It was upsetting to leave camp because I had enjoyed myself so much. Camp is one of the best things to have happened so far in Year 7.

Jovan Simic (7R): The bus trip to camp was fun. My friends and I listened to music and we talked. When we got to the campsite, we went to have a look at all our cabins. I liked mine because I was with all my friends. Over the three days, we did exciting things such as the giant swing, hut building and flying fox. I liked all the activities. On the second day, we went canoeing. We went in the boats in pairs. This was very enjoyable. On the last day we went fishing for yabbies. I did not catch any yabbies that was disappointing. Overall, the camp was fun and I liked it.

Jessica Steff (7K): Last week sixty students went to camp and we had a great time. The first night we had a trivia night. We were in teams and Kerrin one of the teachers asked all the questions. The group that won got lots of chocolates and lollies. The losing team had to serve breakfast to the winning team. Trivia night was so funny.
Martin Su (7S): The first day was great because I do not go out much. I have also not been on many camps, so this experience is all new to me. I liked the rope activities because it was mind-boggling and I had to think about how to complete the different stages. We worked in groups of three. We had to talk to each other and problem solve. Later at camp we had many more adventures. We learnt to canoe and discovered how to shoot arrows. We also went yabbying. I enjoyed the canoeing the most. My group was first to go canoeing so we had to unload the canoes. There was a lot of fuss about who should have the yellow canoe. Eventually we picked partners and set off. Sure it was freezing cold and I was soaking wet, but that was not going to stop me. Any way we had a blast canoeing around the whole lake. It was absolutely fun. I will never forget it.

Orion Varkopoulos-Pridham (7C): We got to the camp at 10.00am and we quickly put our things in our cabins. Then we had morning tea and started our activities. One of my favourite activities was the bush cooking because the food was nice. I made damper and I cooked an apple sprinkled with sugar. My group was a good group because we worked well together.

Zac Winkler (7B): Camp was GREAT! It is as simple as that. The food was great, the low ropes were great, and the flying fox and giant swing were great. Simply, meeting people from other classes was awesome. It was fun going outside and doing all the awesome activities such as hut building, bush cooking and Frisbee golf. It was also cool having time to stay in our cabins and talk to mates. A memory that will stick in my mind is…. When we were building the huts there were logs that we had to use and push towards a tree. We made huts in a stable fashion. Our group of four then had to climb inside our hut comfortably. What we were not expecting was a bucket of water being tipped towards us. We all leapt out shouting and soaking wet. Meanwhile Mr Kolber laughed at the shocked look on our faces when he tipped the water over us! It really was a great camp. It was full of adventures that I will never forget.

At the start of term 1 in year 10 Drama, our teacher Kerrin Whiting asked us to perform several different scenes from famous Australian plays, in groups of two or three. Prior to performing, we were given a number of lessons to learn our script, and workshop different aspects of performing. These included stage directions, voice projecting and also the twelve elements of Drama. We were then given a couple of lessons to refine our plays to a stage-worthy standard, with the assistance and support of our peers. On Wednesday the 5th of April, we had our final performance. We had a double period in which we had to set several different stages up in the auditorium and perform our scenes to our peers, along with Ms. Tellefson, Ms Kurick and of course Kerrin. The performances were an overall success, and all of the performers had a great experience. We are all looking forward to discovering what Kerrin has in store for us for the rest of the year!

Kady Mansour and Jasper Pentland.

Education Maintenance Allowance
The EMA cheques are now available to collect from the front office for those parents who applied for the Semester one payment.
B Monster, Brunswick’s Hip Hop crew

On Saturday 2nd April, B Monster, Brunswick’s Hip Hop crew went to the Dallas Brooks Centre to compete in the annual Step Off! Competition hosted by the Moonee Valley Council. B Monster have been rehearsing since the second week of Term 1 this year and is currently made up of members, Michael, Ha, Eden, Georgia, Jana, Melanie and Valentina. They rehearse mainly Hip Hop, but also include elements of contemporary and funk in their choreography.

Competing at Step Off is a great chance for the crew to show their work for the year and also to see some of the other Hip Hop crews around Melbourne. The crew did really well placing third for their division overall. Next year they hope to have a much bigger crew and to take out the 1st place title.

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

On Friday 25 March, Year 10 students had their Boosterix vaccination (Diptheria, Tetanus and Pertussis booster). Students in Year 10 who missed this will be able to receive their booster on Tuesday 31 May when the Immunisation nurses return for further Year 7 vaccinations.

Year 7 boys who had signed consent from parents had their Hepatitis B and Chickenpox vaccines and need the second Hepatitis B later in the year to complete this immunization.

Year 7 girls with signed consent had each of the Hepatitis B, Chickenpox and very importantly their HVP (Cervical Cancer Vaccine). The HPV to be effective is a course of 3 vaccinations. Under the Commonwealth Government's National Immunisation Program, girls aged 12-13 can have the cervical cancer vaccine free in school. The vaccine can prevent up to 70 percent of cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts. Currently in Australia, only three in four girls aged 12-13 who are eligible to have the free vaccine are doing so, and many more that have the first dose are not completing the full three-dose course. We would like to draw parents attention to the information available to them on the website www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au

Any student who for some reason misses an immunization can access Moreland City Council’s immunization services. Phone 9240 1111 to confirm where and when these are available.

Year 10 Netbooks

Today in extended pastoral we were surprised to find we had a period of not just listening to our new announcements, but to learn about our new netbooks. These netbooks are going to each year 10 student for use both in and out of school. We will keep them until year 12.

It’s exciting, to be learning with different technology, no longer just textbooks. It is easier to transport work to and from school and present information in different mediums. We are all really enthusiastic to start using the netbooks as soon as we can. It’s great that we have been the first year level at Brunswick to experience this change in learning.

We also spoke about work practices – the connection between higher work practices and higher ATAR scores. Luckily enough, our year level’s work practices were already on track to moving up to our goal of 3.7, which we aim to achieve by the end of year 10. Both the netbooks and improvement in work practices are exciting motivation for us year 10s to really mature and become Senior Students at Brunswick Secondary.

Kushla Egan and Christian Rogan
Senior Debating

On Wednesday the 30th of March, three of our senior debating teams competed in round two of the DAV’s schools tournament. This week our D-grade teams were arguing that animals should not be used for sport. Both teams presented very strong arguments. Sadly, our all boys team lost, but only by one point. The boys debated very well on the night. Our other D-Grade team won their debate and Ashleigh Sherriff was named Best Speaker. Our C-Grade team of Maggie O’Shea, Xavier Dupe and myself debated the issue ‘that schools should be allowed to drug test students’, arguing the negative side. We put a lot of effort into our debate and were thrilled to win. Congratulations to Maggie for being named Best Speaker.

Well done to everyone who debated this week and thank you to all our other debaters for helping out.

Alexandra Brown, Debating Captain.

Harmony Day Karaoke Competition

Harmony Day is a day for coming together and celebrating our cultural diversity with the underlying message of eliminating racism and we thought what better way to celebrate our schools rich cultural diversity than to have a karaoke competition! Seven brave souls got up to give us their renditions of their favourite songs and were supported by an enthusiastic crowd and our three wonderful judges, Mark Matthews, our music teacher, Maize Wallin, our Performing Arts School Captain and MC Yung Philly, a local rapper. MC Yung Philly got the crowd moving with his vibrant introduction to the event, delighting the audience with a spontaneous dance duet with our International School Captain Phong Pham, stealing the stage with their funky hip hop moves and impeccable performance timing. Peter Eleftherakis took out first prize with a stunning version of Katy Perry's "Firework", Joyfull Phiri took second place with a strong execution of Beyonce's "Irreplaceable" and the wonderful trio Eden Mackenzie, Michelle Jap and Frances Vo came third with their great performance of "Fireflies". Our new music teacher got everyone bopping with her funky version of "We are family" and Miss Karlee Baker really showed us what teachers are made of with her awesome performance of "Survivor". This year's Harmony Day event was a great success that was enjoyed by all and seeing a sea of different faces all smiling and laughing together really reminded me of what this day is all about. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all the students and staff who made this event so much fun!

Lauren Flannery
International Student Program Coordinator

Harmony day is the day that everyone comes together and celebrates our culture diversity! It was such a pleasure for me to organize a meaningful karaoke contest for this important day and I was very pleased with the positive feedback, help and support that I received from both teachers and students. This kind of thing is what young people should get involved in as they are having fun, inspiring and being inspired by others! Even though a half an hour wasn’t long enough for a show it was long enough for us to come together as a community and share our talents. Thanks to all the competitors, judges (for helping out on the day) and all the teachers and audience members for coming and making this event happen. I am looking forward to organising many more exciting events in the future.

Phong Pham
International Captain

Parent/Teacher/Student Skype Meetings

This year as the International Student Program Coordinator I will be focusing my energy on engaging our offshore families into our school community. Here at Brunswick Secondary College we view ourselves as part of a Global Community and we value the input of all our students and their families both locally and Internationally and we would like to show this by offering equal opportunities to all our school community. This term was the first time we have been able to offer P/T/S meetings to our offshore families with the help of skype video conferencing and interpreters. It was a great success with all the parents involved expressing immense gratitude for the opportunity to meet and speak with their sons/daughters’ teachers for the first time. It was extremely exciting for us all as this was the first time many of us had seen each other and been able to communicate so freely. It is wonderful to know that we are able to communicate across miles of land, sea and languages and be part of one Global Community and I want to thank all the staff who ensured that it was a success. I hope to continue using technology to strengthen our relationship with offshore families and to give them a sense of involvement in their child’s education.

Lauren Flannery
International Student Program Coordinator
‘ROCK THE SCHOOLS

An education in Rock’n’Roll Program’ comes to Brunswick SC

Wednesday 25th May

A huge tonne truck and tour buses will see the arrival of the Adelaide band Delamare here at Brunswick Secondary College! The band and their professional audio and sound crew will transform the PAR into an electrifying lunchtime rock concert venue. Giveaways include earphones, glow-in-the-dark wristbands and blow-up guitars as well as lots of discounts and free goodies. This is a real coup for Brunswick SC and it’s FREE!!!!!! More details next Newsletter!

Brunswick Voice

‘Behind the Mirror Ball’ – a Behind The Scene Experience at Xanadu The Musical

Unfortunately due to an early close to the Xanadu season, the Theatre workshop on Wednesday 6th April had to be cancelled. Accounts will be credited $15 and can be put towards future excursions and charges.

Suzanne Kurick
Head of Learning: Music

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIADS - NATIONAL QUALIFYING EXAMS (NQE)

The International Science Olympiads are the ‘Olympic Games’ for Science students. Top high school students in Biology, Chemistry and Physics from more than 80 countries compete for medals.

To earn a place in the Australian Science Olympiad teams, talented science students first sit the National Qualifying Exams (NQE’s) in August.

Top performers in these exams are offered a place in the Science Olympiad Summer School the following January from which the very best are selected to represent Australia at the International Science Olympiads in July.

For all students who enter, the NQE’s are a great way to test their knowledge and skills, and to expand scientific horizons.

Students wishing to take part in the NQE’s must be registered by their teacher. Any high-school student up to Year 11 can sit the NQEs. They are challenging exams so we recommend high performing science students in years 10 or 11.

Key Dates:

Registrations Close: 8 July 2011
Physics NQE: 15 August 2011
Chemistry NQE: 17 August 2011
Biology NQE: 18 August 2011

Cost: $8.00 (+GST) per student,

Please see Miss Madden to register.
Education Maintenance Allowance
The EMA cheques are now available to collect from the front office for those parents who applied for Semester two payment.

Student Medical Conditions
Could parents of students who have anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions please hand in a completed action plan for your child to the front office. If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please contact the level coordinator or Jeremy (school nurse).

BSC Office hours are between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone calls and office enquires outside these hours will be recorded by the answering machine.
NB: If you are contacting the school to let us know your child is going to be absent, you can also e-mail the school on Brunswick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au