Brunswick Secondary College’s LOTE Expo last week was an invigorating and compelling demonstration of the myriad benefits that learning another language offers our students. Pragmatically, students who learn a Language Other than English to Year 12 receive a LOTE bonus on their Enter score in addition to the scaling up of LOTE subjects that occurs when all Year 12 subjects are statistically moderated at the end of each year. There are also considerable career and economic advantages for those who speak more than one language. A traveller who knows the language of the country he or she is visiting becomes less a sightseer and more a genuine participant in the life and culture of the country. Academically, learning a second language deepens our understanding of and grammatical awareness of our first language. In a similar way to studying Mathematics, learning a LOTE involves sequential learning that is rigorous and rewarding. Culturally, as the quote above suggests, learning other language is an invitation to seeing from another's viewpoint, allowing us to engage with the hearts and minds of those from other cultures with whom we share so much.

Brunswick SC shares the national and state government agenda to expand opportunity for students to engage in and succeed in LOTE. By 2025, the state government plans to have revolutionized language learning by creating one of the world most diverse and effective LOTE programs. Delivery through ICT (Information Communication Technology) will obviously be a continuing strategy. I would like to acknowledge the work of our Chinese teacher, Jiwei Xu, in obtaining grants in con-
secutive years to conduct an action research project on the use of Qwizdom voting devices to build engagement and provide immediate feedback in learning a language.

In keeping with the state and national LOTE emphasis on initiatives, the LOTE learning area is inviting students to produce their own short film on the topic of ‘Why Learn another Language.’ I am sure that you will enjoy the two examples that Signora Mazzeo and Mr Xu showed as exemplars to the students at the LOTE Expo. Which can be viewed by going to

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_4Q_N6J4xQ

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfxh2lx5c&feature=related

In reflecting on LOTE and its future at Brunswick SC, I would like to commend and congratulate the staff and students involved in the recent second language initiatives:

- Pina Mazzeo (Head of Learning: LOTE) for organising the 2011 LOTE Expo and her continued involvement in VCE LOTE assessment
- Pina Mazzeo and Jiwei Xu for organizing the Italian and Chinese study tours that have added so much richness and motivation to BSC study of Italian and Chinese language and cultural understanding
- Miranda McCallum, ESL Coordinator, for her Friday Conversation class initiative where first and second language support one another to develop fluency and confidence in their new language.
- Martin Su and Nathan Borg for their success in the Dante Alighieri poetry competition taught and encouraged by Italian teacher Steph De Meo

Finally, our best wishes are extended to Heather Secomb and Alison Sanza who, in the last week of this term and first week of the school holidays, will be attending a sponsored School Leaders study tour to China. The purpose of the tour is to explore future collaboration, strengthen our understanding of the Chinese education system and for the Chinese educators to learn from the Victorian participants. We look forward to hearing of their experiences and learning on their return.

Vivienne Tellefson
Principal

L.O.T.E. News

On Tuesday August 30th and Friday September 2nd, all Year 9 L.O.T.E. students participated in the first Brunswick Secondary College Year 9 L.O.T.E. EXPO. The purpose of this two hour session, was to provide useful information to students who may be considering continuing with a foreign language in V.C.E. Topics covered during the session included;
- V.C.E. and the ATAR
- Global languages
- Reasons for studying a foreign language
- Student testimonials
Study Tours to China and Italy (2012 & 2013).

At the conclusion of the Expo, students watched two short video clips on the theme: "Why Study a Foreign Language". As part of our continuing efforts to enhance and encourage the study of a foreign language, the L.O.T.E. staff are inviting their students to participate in the first Brunswick Secondary College Video Clip Competition on the same theme. Interested students will be required to submit their entries no later than Friday October 14th (first week Term 4. Prizes are yet to be decided).

In conclusion, I would like to thank the following Year 12 students of Italian; Connor Ahern, Gemma Teese and Gabriel Carli-Hannan for agreeing to be video-taped and for their honest and thoughtful comments on the reasons why they are studying a foreign language. Thanks also to our Year 9 students for their attentiveness and questions during the presentation. Special thanks to the L.O.T.E. staff: Stefania De Meo, Firuze` Hosseini and Jiwei Xu for their invaluable support and assistance during the planning and presentation of this special event.

On Friday September 9th, the Dante Alighieri Society held its annual Awards Nights at the University of Melbourne. Primary and Secondary school students from both government and non-government schools throughout Victoria received recognition for their participation in various competitions and events. We congratulate, again, the following students from Brunswick Secondary College for their outstanding performance in their respective events.

**Year 9 Non-Italian Recitation Competition**

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**Year 7 Non-Italian Original Poetry Competition**

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Below are the English translations of the Winning poems published in a previous school newsletter.

On behalf of the Italian Teachers at Brunswick Secondary College, I’d like to thank all students for their enthusiasm and commitment to the study of the Italian language and culture.

**Pina Mazzeo**  
Head of L.O.T.E.

**Stefania De Meo**  
Teacher of Italian

**Firuze` Hosseini**  
Teacher of Italian
The Carnival by Martin Su
I really like carnivals; they’re always lots of fun,
I love how it’s so loud, and everything has been overdone,
there are lots of clowns, but the acrobats are the best.
There are fireworks, they light up the night shaped like a bird’s nest.
I wish I could be in the carnival, wearing colourful costumes,
I would dress up as a bird, though I would be laughed at I presume.
Along the rivers of Venice, looking for a bite,
the city is still celebrating; man it is going to be a long night.

The Magic Wand by Nathan Borg
The magic wand lies on my table
This is such a fable
The wand can produce many spells
It will make the wisest people dwell
My wand is a powerful thing
It will make people sing
The wand has a secret hatch
You will meet your match
You will all cower
At my Wands magical power!

Friday Conversation Club
Friday Conversation Club provides a relaxed environment for students who wish to practice English or Foreign Language conversation. We meet every Friday after school and everyone is welcome.

Beginners in English, often from Brunswick English Language Centre, enjoy a range of games and activities designed to enhance their communication skills. Others are able to discuss upcoming assignments or reflect on ways to overcome the challenges faced when learning another language.

Students studying a foreign language are able to meet with students who are native speakers of that language. In return, the local student assists the ESL student in English work. It’s a valuable exchange.

As a language learner myself, I sometimes join in as year 10 students, Mia, Amris and Firas discuss topics in Indonesian. While I am often humbled by their proficiency in comparison to my own, it is great to be able to have a go. This is how we learn.

So while the activities vary, the warmth and energy of the group remains the same. All who attend are united by their interest in languages, other cultures and their enthusiasm to develop their skills and understanding.

Miranda McCallum
I am Jaylani and always I used the Friday Conversation Club because when sometime I got some homework that is very hard for myself.
When I can’t do my homework I came to the Friday Conversation Club and then the teacher helped me to find the answers, so it’s very important to use the homework club.
Sometime I wanted to write story on the computer and then after to printer because I don’t have computer in my home.
I saw always the teachers are a key of the life. There is no teacher there is no life or light. Thanks our dear teachers

By Jaylani Adem

My name is Yirga
I am learning in Brunswick School English Language Centre. In the Friday Conversation Club I practice speaking. In the Friday Conversation Club I practice writing. In the Friday Conversation Club I practice reading. In the Friday Conversation Club I practice computer. Friday Conversation Club is very good.

Yirga

I am Mia
I enjoy coming to the Friday Conversation Club as it gives me an opportunity to practice speaking Indonesian with Firas and Amris. As I am completing Indonesian by distance education it is also good to get some extra help with written work from some local speakers.

Mia

Friday Conversation Club

CLAWS OUT 2011.

The CLAWS OUT hip-hop dance competition was a very positive and entertaining event. The event has been running for two years now, and has been very successful so far. This year it was held at Cranbourne Community Centre and Brunswick Secondary College's Year 10 dance class participated in it. Various schools participated and a lot of talented young dancers were there. There were also professional judges and the event was hosted by the KICK BACK KIDS KREW. Overall it was very fun event and the environment was very friendly. We would like to thank all the year 10 dance students that participated at this event and also we would like to thank the year 10 dance teacher Katherine Weatherhead for making it possible.

Taseen Rahman & Michael Ahkee

'Be a Good Sport Day'.

On Friday the 16th of September the Student Representative Council are hosting a 'Be a Good Sport Day' to promote an active lifestyle and good sportsmanship within the school community. On the day please wear your favourite sports colours, uniform or scarf and get into the spirit! Don't forget, if you come wearing your sports attire you will have to pay $2 to your pastoral teacher. As for food, we will have (halal) meat and vegie pies on offer. Pies will be sold for $3.50 and drinks for $1.50. There will also be a series of sporting activities throughout the week, and on the day the focus will be a football match on the hockey field. Contact any member of the SRC if you want to get involved, it should be a super fun day. See you there!

Gemma Teese, Senior SRC member

EMA Cheques for Semester 2

Are now available for collection at the front office
Clocktower Music Concert
Thursday 22nd September
An evening to showcase the musical talents of our students
7.30pm
Clocktower Centre
750 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds
Tickets for this concert are available from the Clocktower Centre Box Office:
in person
by phone with credit card on 92243 9191
online at www.clocktowercentre.com

EMERGENCY CONTACTS !
Could all parents ensure we have accurate contact numbers both for themselves and for other available emergency contact persons (other than themselves).

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
Brunswick Secondary College
Music Concert 2011
Thursday 22nd September 7:30 pm

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