Important Dates

Frid 5th August
Jeans for Genes Day
(Uniform Free Day)

Mon 8th until Frid 12th August
Year 11 Outdoor Ed Bogong

Tues 9th August
Year 12 (2012)
VCE & VET Information Evening 7.00 - 8.00pm

Wed 10th August
School Council Meeting
*Please note change of date

Mon 15th August
Year 12 (2012) Completed VCE subject forms due

Tues 16th August
Junior Music Soiree

Fri 19th August
Rock Eisteddfod

Mon 29th August
VCAL information Evening

Thurs 22nd September
Be a Good Sport Day

Principal Report

‘Passionate, impressive and incredibly articulate’ These are the words that teachers and students alike used to describe Jesse Marshall, our guest speaker at the Term 3 whole school assembly. Brother of Alinta (Year 12) and former Brunswick Secondary College student and School Captain, Jesse is currently President of the National Union of Students. The President’s work sees him travelling around Australia advocating for improved opportunities and conditions for tertiary students. The role gives Jesse access to Government Ministers, the media and a range of advisory committees. As his performance on a morning current affair program earlier this year shows, Jesse is a confident and skilled communicator who passionately presents the views and interests of the diverse range of tertiary students he represents.

http://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunrise/video/-/watch/24619515

The theme of this term’s assembly was leadership. After Jesse’s inspiring address, twelve of our School Captains shared reflections of a leader who they personally find inspiring. We then reflected on the story of one of the victims of the recent Norwegian shooting tragedy, Bano Rashid. Bano was a Kurdish immigrant who came to Norway as a young child. In her short lifetime, Bano spoke out against discrimination and in favour of multiculturalism. Bano’s sad and untimely death on Utoya Island means her dream of becoming a political leader will never be realised. She planned to stand for her first election in September. In their grief, Bano’s family and friends have honoured her life by calling for a strengthening of unity. A Muslim Iman and Christian Priest together conducted Bano Rashid’s funeral service. Her coffin was draped in the flags of both her birth country and Norway. The assembly observed a minute’s silence in memory of Bano and the 76 other young leaders who died.
When I am asked, and I often am, ‘What is special about Brunswick SC?’, my answer always includes its diversity. Our school community is enriched by our experience and valuing of multiculturalism. I feel very lucky to work at a school where there are students from so many different cultural backgrounds. Currently there are forty eight. I recall my own experience of secondary school in regional Victoria. Perhaps there were four. In the minutes silence we also expressed gratitude for our multicultural school and society. Bano’s story is an important one to tell at Brunswick Secondary College.

Our valuing of diversity was further recognized by the screening of a short film, “Seeing the Inner Colour.” It is one of a series of six, produced by Moreland City Council, featuring our students and based on the theme of intercultural and interfaith friendships. As Rashi and Afriena discuss the celebration of the Muslim feast Eid in their first country Malaysia and the Indian feast of Dashin, their initial discussion about differences in practices and customs soon develops into the realization that we share far more in common with people from other cultures than we have differences.
Outstanding and Perfect Work Practices
Tuesday’s assembly concluded with Assistant Principals, Heather Secomb (Year 7-9) and Alison Sanza (Year 10-12) acknowledging students who obtained either 3.9 out of 4, or a perfect 4 out of 4 for their semester 1 work practices. Each of these students is to be congratulated on their persistent and outstanding effort. A list of names is over the page.

Semester 1 Reports
All families should now have received Semester 1 reports. Copies have been posted home to parents who requested this option. Reports can also be accessed through the Parent Portal on the Intranet. Please phone the office if you have forgotten your log-on.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
For many parents, the Year 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews held on Wednesday will be their last. Those with siblings in younger year levels will be involved in the Year 7-11 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews to be held on Thursday 15th September. Holding the Year 12 interviews earlier and on a separate date better supports students in preparing for their final exams. Teachers and students greatly value the support and involvement of parents in these interviews. Thank you to all who attended.

Vivienne Tellezson
Principal

2012 VCE (Yr 12) Information Evening
A reminder to students and parents of Year 12 (2012) that the 2012 VCE (Yr 12) Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 9th August 2011 from 7.00 – 8.00pm in the Auditorium. You will be provided with:

- Information about VCE and VET requirements
- Information about Career Support
- Expectations of Brunswick Secondary College
- Subject Selection Form 2012 (must be collected at this session)
- Information about the online subject selection process

We look forward to seeing you.

Graeme McKinnon and Alison Sanza
Assistant Principals Yrs 10 – 12

Senior Pathways Selection
Year 10 students are about to embark on making selections as to their senior pathway at Brunswick Secondary College. This may involve completing their VCE or doing VCAL and may include choosing a VET subject as part of their senior pathway program. VET courses are vocational education and training usually run over two years commencing in Year 11 and completed in Year 12. Students can complete a nationally recognized vocational qualification (EG: Cert II in Hospitality) and the senior secondary certificate (VCE or VCAL) at the same time.

More detailed information regarding the VCE, VCAL & VET programs will be provided at the Year 11 (2012) Information Evening on Tuesday 23 August. There are a large variety of VET courses available including popular areas such as hairdressing, automotive, engineering studies, digital media, fashion, community services, building and construction plus many more).

VET programs are run at host sites external to Brunswick and the course times need to fit in with Brunswick’s timetable. In order for VET to be a successful part of a students’ program, it is important that students are genuinely interested in this field of study, reliable, independent and mature enough to attend an external class and to be committed to completing the VET program over two years (Year 11 & Year 12). Parents are welcome to contact Catherine Jones, Careers Counsellor by phone or email jones.catherine.c1@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any questions regarding the VET programs, how they work and whether they would be suitable for your child prior to making this subject selection.

Catherine Jones,
Careers Counsellor
Improving the Bullying. No Way! Website

The Bullying. No Way! website is being redeveloped and they want to hear from teachers, parents and students about how to improve the site. The website, a joint initiative of all Australian education jurisdictions, is a great source of information for parents, teachers and students on how to manage bullying in schools.

**Actions Required**

Encourage teachers, students and parents to visit the Bullying. No Way! website and complete the survey. For the website, see: www.bullyingnoway.com.au

**Critical Dates**

The survey closes on **Monday 8 August**.

**L.O.T.E. News**

On behalf of the L.O.T.E. Learning Area, I’d like to congratulate Milka Ferrer 9K for reaching the finals in the **Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Recitation Competition**. This is a State-wide competition in which hundreds of students from both government and non-government schools participate. We wish her well as we wait for the results which will be published later this term.

*Pina Mazzeo*

*Head of LOTE*

**Coles – “Sports for Schools”**

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that Brunswick Secondary College will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 11 August to 19 October and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit [http://coles.com.au/sportsforschools](http://coles.com.au/sportsforschools) for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

Collect your Coles dockets – drop boxes are located at the Front Office, Student reception and the A Block staffroom OR hand them in at Pastoral Care time (You may wish to have class competition – Who collected the most?)

The more we collect the more sport gear for us.

**Larisa Palmarella**

On the 26th of July my family and friends accompanied me to receive an award. The award was the 000 Junior Hero Award and was presented by the Victorian government to myself and 19 others at the Windsor Hotel in the city. The underage award presented to us was for the appropriate use of the triple zero service in times of need. The ceremony was a delightful event filled with a positive attitude, food and great people. I also had the chance to meet Shannon Noll which was an exciting experience. It is an honour to receive recognition for calling this service.
Julliard Winter Jazz School

The Julliard Winter Jazz School is a one-week residential program for high school musicians who are dedicated, disciplined and passionate about jazz. This is the only Julliard School offered in Australia and Holly shares her experience:

‘During the recent holiday break, I was part of the Julliard Winter Jazz School Program. I auditioned for it a few months earlier. It was an intense week of playing, attending master classes and listening classes and learning more about jazz. Two teachers from the Julliard School – Carl Allen and Rodney Jones were there and have played with some of the most incredible people including Dizzy Gillespie, Freddie Hubbard, James Brown and Maceo Parker. They also brought along four Masters students from the Julliard School. They were amazing. Learning from these players was an unforgettable experience – the support they gave me was unbelievable and really difficult to express in words. Their wealth of knowledge has taught me lessons that I will never forget.

Thankyou to our music department for supporting me in my application and playing with me on my audition tape’.

_Holly Moore – saxophone_

Junior Soiree

The Junior Soiree will be an informal evening where our junior and beginner music students will have the opportunity to perform for their families and friends.

_Junior Soiree_

_Tuesday 16th August_

_7.30-8.30pm_

.Performing Arts Room_

_Free entry_
Highlights of Julie Bevan’s Farewell

One of the most memorable of the speeches at Julie Bevan’s farewell late last term was by Ahmed Mussa (Yr8). Here Ahmed says a little about Ms Bevan and the way she made one of his dreams come true.

“I’d like to thank Ms Bevan for doing a wonderful job taking me to Etihad Stadium. We had great fun meeting all the boys at the Collingwood Football Club, it was extra special after we got Pendlebury’s, Eddie McGuire and Toovey’s signatures on a Collingwood jumper, as well as all the premiership players at Collingwood signing the jumper too, I’ve never had something as special as that given to me by someone else. I was honoured to speak at her farewell and thank her for teaching me and all the other students at Brunswick.”
**Victorian State Schools Spectacular**

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of Australia's largest recurring performances and brings together 2500 Victorian government school students in a non-competitive theatrical event. It provides a unique opportunity for talented students to work with some of Australia's leading theatre professionals. This year's Spectacular, called *Showtime*, will explore themes of home, love and family, taking its audience on a musical journey through the world of movies, television and the silver screen. *Showtime* will be staged at Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park on Sunday 18 September 2011 over two performances - a matinee at 11.00 am and an evening performance at 5.00 pm.

For group bookings at discounted prices (a minimum of 10 or more) to attend *Showtime*, please contact Melbourne Park Group Bookings Office on 03 9286 1347 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday and provide your school name and payment details.

Discounted group tickets prices are: Adult: $20; Student 18 years and under: $14.

The two schools that have the greatest number of tickets booked will each win one night's accommodation (17-18 September) at Oaks on Market to distribute at their discretion. Oaks on Market offers 4.5 star apartment-style accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. For more details on the competition, please see 'Performance Dates and Details' on the Victorian State Schools Spectacular website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular)

General admission prices will apply from Monday 27 June 2011. General admission tickets prices are: Adult: $27.50; Concession: $20; Student 18 years and under: $14.

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**EMERGENCY CONTACTS !!**

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

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**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).

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**BSC Office hours** are between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone calls and office enquiries 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
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