Important Dates

Mon 14 June
Queens Birthday

Tues 4 May
World Challenge Program Parent Presentation 6.30-7.30
Curriculum Committee

Wed 5 May
School Council

Mon 17 - Fri 21 May
Year 9 Bushwacked Camp

Principal’s Report

Growth is a process that applies to whole communities as well as to individuals. As teachers, we are never more satisfied than when we see our students develop, mature and embrace new learning. This is the privilege and reward of working in a secondary school. As a community of students, parents and staff, we are very proud to have seen our school grow so steadily in enrolment, reputation and results over the past decade. Improvement at the organisational level, like improvement in student learning, is usually the result of a series of committed and continued actions rather than due to one-off efforts. Perhaps it is the steady and dedicated actions of so many that makes school improvement so satisfying and so inviting of continued improvement. I would like to share a little about two school programs that have, through their continued growth, greatly benefitted not only the individuals involved but the school and wider community.

When Sports Leadership was first introduced as a Year 9 Integrated Project, students were involved in workshops and coaching sessions for primary school students. Now in its third year, Sports Leadership students also have a key role in coaching our Year 7-9 Interschool Sports teams, sharing in the success of two Year 7 Premierships (Hockey and Soccer, 2009), developing our junior students’ skills, strategies, team commitment and offering valuable support to teachers at athletics and swimming carnivals and interschool sports days. It is no surprise that the Sports Leadership students are often recipients of School Service Medals and also that Baden Smith was the recipient of the Term 1 award presented at last week’s whole school assembly. Baden has been the very dedicated coach of all our junior baseball teams. The time and energy Baden has given to this role is well above and beyond that expected. Baden is very committed to his players, many of whom are learning baseball for the first time. We thank Baden and also wish him well for the Under 18’s national finals to be played in Perth, in May.

The Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze level) has been a part of Year 9 Specialist Subject, Bushwhacked, for many years at the school. This year has seen its expansion to Year 10. Twenty of our students are currently completing the Silver level of the award which involves weekly community service. It has been very satisfying to see the significant growth in confidence, leadership and social responsibility that our students have developed through participating in the physical challenges and service skills that are involved in the Duke of Edinburgh. We are thrilled, therefore, that the Duke of Edinburgh (Gold Level) will be offered in 2011. This involves an international community service component as outlined in the flyer toward the end of this College News. While the international trip planned to Vietnam and Cambodia next year is primarily to

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Baden receiving a school service medal at assembly

Baden competing with his baseball team

Year 9 students camping at Bogong
support our students who wish to complete the Gold Duke of Edinburgh, the trip will also be open to all students currently in Year 9-11. It involves a one week hike, one week of community work in a village and educational sightseeing. It represents an important step in our school’s commitment to service to others, to the Duke of Edinburgh and one of the school’s most significant embodiments of the school values of persistence, teamwork and respect.

Thank you to all parents who attended last week’s Parent-Teacher-Student interviews. We ask that families do not file away the Interim Reports but keep them where they can be re-visited throughout the term. Students will soon be involved in setting personal learning goals including individual work practice targets. These goals and targets will be attached to Semester 1 Reports to be distributed in July. Our experience of the evening was the appointment system worked very well except where parents scheduled interviews back to back instead of five minutes apart as recommended. Teachers greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child’s progress, areas in need of further development and strengths as a learner.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

My 2010 Journey

Friday 12th February 2010

On my first day at BSC, everything went really well. I have started to talk to a lot of boys and girls and I am getting to know them. I sometimes hang around kids from my primary school but most of the time I hang around kids who have come from other primary schools. I am getting to make new friends. I am looking forward to getting to know the teachers and to making new friends. I really enjoy most of my subjects. When I started on my first day, I felt nervous but after a couple of days I really felt this was my school. Now I can say it is my school. I am looking forward to upcoming special things like camp and much more.

Massimo Lantieri-Bartley 7C

Thursday 15th April 2010

Well now, it is term 2 and everything has gone well. I have made a couple of friends. I have got better at my homework. I still need to crack out of my shell a bit more because I am still a bit shy. It is looking like it will be a good term and I am looking forward to the Athletics and other upcoming special days. Lastly, I have to say that I have really got to know my teachers and this is going well for me.

Massimo Lantieri-Bartley 7C

My 2010 Journey

Monday 15th February 2010

Two weeks ago, I started secondary school. Before the first day, I was a bit scared of the whole thing. I was worried about how I would get myself to school in the morning. I worried about whether I would make new
friends and whether the teachers would be mean. I worried about what would happen if I did not do my homework on time. On the first day I saw all my friends. We started the day in the auditorium. I found out which was my pastoral group. I met everyone in my class. The teacher of each subject I had on the first day told us stuff about the school. Over the past two weeks, I have come to realise that the teachers are very nice, very warm and welcoming. It is the third week at school and so far, it has been great. I am still a little scared. I have got used to using the timetable but I need to work on being ready for class and bell times.

**Tuesday 13th February 2010**

It is now term 2, the second day back at school. I am used to the school now. I am used to reading the timetable and having different teachers for different subjects. I have met and made more friends. We have been to camp which I thought was great. At camp, I made new friends. I have got to know people better because of the different group activities. I loved the Red Faces activity because it was entertaining. If anyone asks me, if they should go to camp I would say "Yes, go it is fantastic". I now know the people in my whole class and I know all my teachers. There is no slack any more. We are expected to work. Homework is a bit hard but I manage to get it done. I use my diary everyday to record my homework and then I check it when I get home.

*Annie McKenna-Freeman 7K*

**My 2010 Journey**

**Monday 15th February 2010**

When I first started at BSC, I had no idea where to go and I kept getting lost trying to find my classes. I was nervous about doing the wrong thing and getting into trouble. In no time, however I was able to find my way around the school. Everything was much easier settling in than I thought it would be. I even made friends quickly. I thought that when I started secondary school I would lose my primary school friends but I haven’t as we still speak to each other. I have made a lot of new friends. I have found that the teachers are helpful and all the students are friendly.

**Thursday 15th April 2010**

Now I am used to the school groups and I know where everything is. I have got used to secondary school quickly. At the start of term 2, I knew where to go without asking anyone for help. I have made friends that are even more new. I have become much more comfortable in my class and with my teachers. My favourite classes now, are Sport and PE, Food and English. I enjoy coming to school each day and I look forward to trying plenty of things that I have never done before. I am learning some new things and some of the work is challenging. I will continue to try my best.

*Mathilda Cameron 7N*

**My 2010 Journey**

**Tuesday 16th February 2010**

The first day of high school felt weird because everything was different. There were many changes such as getting used to going to the lockers and getting books organised for the different periods. On the first day, I did not know anyone in my classes but after awhile I made friends with the class and got to know everyone.

The work is easy so far and I am getting used to getting homework from each subject teacher. The teachers are friendly and you get to know them. Every day is a new beginning at this school. We make friends with people in and outside our pastoral groups. I am getting used to going to the different classrooms around the school. The teachers showed us where to put our homework if he or she is not at school. Sometimes at the start of the school day, some students do not know where to go but teachers are around to help you. I am looking forward the year.

**Wednesday 21st April 2010**

It is the second term and I have got used to school. I have a lot of work to do. It is much easier to find my way to my classes and I have lots more friends. We have been studying Ancient China in SOSE and I know there is a project coming up. Schoolwork is easy to do when we have the teacher’s help. This term is a lot more different to last term as people know the teachers better and we have developed our friendships. We got library cards so it is easier to borrow books from the school library. I also get from my lockers to class faster than in term 1. We have Sport and Food classes which I love because I love to play sport and I love to cook in Food classes. At lunchtime, we can play on the hockey field and go to the library. Most of the time, I hang around F Block, where there are ping-pong tables and computers in classrooms. Every day is exciting. I cannot wait until Year 8.

*Riccardo De La Paz 7R*

**My 2010 Journey**

**Tuesday 16th February 2010**

The Lead Up to Secondary School:

The night of my grade 6 graduation was amazing as I was thinking that this time next year I would be moving into Year 8. The lead up into high school (or secondary college in this case) was daunting yet exciting. Over the last few weeks of the holidays, we got my school uniform, books and other endless items.

The First Day:

In a brand new uniform, I set off to a friend’s house. It was weird seeing my friends in uniforms. I was feeling
a bit nervous but really excited to get to school. Celeste and I stopped at the line at the gates thinking we are in Year 6, then we stepped over the line saying ‘and now we are in Year 7’. Lockers were one of my main worries as I thought I would forget the combination but so far, it has been good.

The First Few Weeks: These past few weeks have just felt like one long orientation day even though we have homework. So far I have enjoyed Brunswick Secondary College and I look forward to doing new things such as joining the A Team in hockey, doing the Rock Eisteddfod (if it is going ahead) and making new friends. Secondary school is a bit different to primary school as we have textbooks and we find our classrooms. I have not got lost (yet)!

Thursday 15th April 2010
Well, here I am again! The holidays were great except for the homework (but I guess that is what you get for being in SEAL). I almost got lost yesterday but managed to find the room. I have managed my locker combination except for this morning when I had forgotten the first number. I had to call my dad to tell me the number! Now there is more and more homework but I am handling it well. Everyone (Year 7) seems to have settled in very well. The Rocks is on, kind of. It is a long story, so now we are calling it ‘Rock Instead of’. I am hoping to get on the A Team in Netball. This is because I play outside of school and would like to get to the State competition with BSC. Hockey does not start until Term3, so I have heaps of time to get prepared. At school, we are doing more and more interesting things each day. Our home group teacher reckons we should be on the debating team because our class talks so much.

Greta Duff 7S

My 2010 Journey

Monday 15th February 2010
As I was walking to school on my first day, I felt it was like any other day at school, but as I walked through the front gate, my gut dropped. I was a little nervous about making friends. I did not know anyone. At the bell times, we went to the auditorium where the coordinator read out our names. My name was called out and I found out I was in 7U. I began to feel better because one of the boys I play soccer with is in the same class. We started talking and now we are friends. I have made loads of friends in the short time I have been here and things are getting easier.

Wednesday 21st April 2010
This term is a lot more different to last term because there is a lot more happening and the work is getting harder. Homework is also harder. We are right into it now and the teachers have become stricter. We are getting a lot more projects and more homework. High school is a lot better second term because we are more settled and we know more people in our year level. It is easier to find out way to class because we know where everything is. Another thing, we have learnt about is to us our lockers. I have found keeping my locker clean is important because it is easier to grab my books and leave for class this way. I do not get stuck in congestion. It is important that you get homework done on time. I got a detention the other day because I did not finish my work in class. I was not happy with myself. High school is different to primary school but it is a lot of fun.

Adam Tsiamis 7U

My 2010 Journey

Friday 12th February 2010
Starting high school was a scary thing for me. My uniform was too big; I did not know many people. Although I knew some people from Orientation Day, it is still weird. The first day went by slowly and recess felt like lunch. I actually enjoyed my first day a lot. I made lots of friends and realised that making friends isn’t hard at all. When the bell rang for the third period I was up for anything that came my way and after that period the day passed at a normal pace. The second day was even better than the first day! I knew more people and I was getting used to the weird bell times. The day seemed to slow down and at the end of the day I was so tired. There is so much homework when you get to high school. I remember we got three pieces of homework on the first day! I suppose you end up getting used to homework. Well you really don’t have a choice! The first week went by quickly and I now feel like I belong here. My Pastoral teacher, Ms Baker said that our diaries would become our best friend. I did not believe it until my diary became the only thing I could trust to help me become more organised. Brunswick Secondary College is the best!

Wednesday 21st April 2010
It is a few weeks later and things have become more complicated. I have lots more homework and class work gets harder. Also, the teachers have become stricter. I guess I will need to put up with it. Term 1 went by very, very fast. It is only the second week of term 2 and it seems like we have been here forever. I think it is because I now know what to expect from all my teachers, from my class and most of all from my friends. I have really got know my friends this year. I know their likes, dislikes, and what some of them want to do in the future. I am now common with my way around school. I know where everything is. High school at the start was exciting but now it is a big fat drainer. I get up every morning to catch the 8.08am tram. Then again, I think I am kind of lucky because we finish at 3.09pm when most of the high schools finish later. My favourite subject is Art because I have time to unwind and chat with friends. I have also signed up for singing. I have singing every Tuesday during school and after school. I enjoy it a lot because I get a chance to do what I love with some of my best friends. This is what high school has been like for me so far.

Andrea Pace 7W
Transition week

On Tuesday to Friday of the first week of this term, Primary school students came to Brunswick Secondary College. They did a kind of treasure hunt called Brunswick Bingo. Year 7 helpers helped them find their way around and marked off their bingo sheet.

I thought it was lovely to have the primary school students at our school. It was an honour to help the students look around the school – so thank you Grade 5 and 6 students for coming and enjoying our school.

Ali Abou-Eid 7R

Cyber Safety Speech

We are here to speak about the Cyber Safety Summit that three other students—including David– and I attended last year. There were around 240 year 10 students from both private and public schools across Victoria. Together with Bronwyn Pike – the Education Minister, John Brumby and many other guest speakers who had experience in online cyber ethics or leadership. They discussed with us, the impact of the technology we use everyday.

During the summit, we participated in various group activities. For the majority we were with our own school groups, however we were sometimes split so that we were with people from other schools. This was designed to improve our leadership, teamwork and communication abilities. We also shared ideas about cyber safety and ways to further improve cyber safety features at our schools. We also discussed rules to be safe on the internet, some of these were;

- Avoid writing your full name online
- Avoid posting embarrassing images you wouldn’t want an employer to see. Once an image has been posted, it can circulate forever
- Be cautious of people you don’t know on social networking sites such as Facebook
- Report any unwanted harassment or bullying to an adult as soon as possible

The events in news headlines about Cyber Bullying and paedophiles have lead parents to question how safe their kids are online. This can lead to unnecessary stress and parents restricting our internet access, out of worry. This plan doesn’t work as most of us figure out ways to get past any filters and when we see something is blocked, it just makes us even more curious as to what it is we can’t see. The best way to solve this problem is to show your parents that you are and will be safe online. Show them your profile and show them what happens when someone not on your friends list tries to access it.

Another thing we want you to think about is, have you recently been a part of bullying? It’s as simple as saying things about someone that may hurt their feelings. Even it it’s a joke, there’s no font called ‘sarcasm’ that you can use, and no, a smiley face on the end does NOT work. People can’t tell if you are joking or not. It all seems harmless, but it impacts on people more than you know. It also can lead to being charged with a criminal offence.

Next time you are online, check you’ve got no personal details, report anything that seems suspicious or mean, and stay safe.

Maize Wallin and David

Music News

The music Coordinator, Suzanne Kurick, is taking a well-deserved long service leave break for all of term 2. In her absence Wayne Simmons will be the contact person for music enquiries.

Welcome to Avanthi Jayatilleke who will be taking Suzanne’s classes for the term and welcome back to Rachael Kim who will be taking string lessons.

Term 2 Events:

VCE Unit 3 Performance Assessment Trial—Monday 24th May at 7.30 pm

Semester 1 Chamber Concert—Monday 31st May at 7.30 pm

Semester 1 Rock Bands’ Night—Monday 21st June 7.30 pm

All events will take place in the Performing Arts Room.

Sale of Music Equipment

We have been upgrading some of the music equipment over the past two years and there are several older items that are no longer required. These include PA mixers, speakers, guitar and bass amplifiers and keyboards. A list of the sale items will be posted on the music department noticeboard. Our school music students will have priority in access to the sale items.

Wayne Simmons, Music Teacher

Year 12 Elevate

The Elevate study skills program for year 12 students was informative, but at the same time enjoyable. Our speaker Max spoke to us in an amusing and youthful manner about the value of mnemonics (memory skills) and the importance of regular revision. He explained that we should work smart, that is, break up sessions of concentrated work by rewarding ourselves with some personal downtime.

Anthony Asta 12B

Homework Club - Tuesday and Thursday

Hello, my name is Emma Oliver and I have just started working at Brunswick Secondary College. I have taught in schools in Melbourne before and I have just returned from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where I lived and worked for four years. I worked at the Australian International
School Malaysia as a senior English teacher and the Head of the Senior School. Apart from teaching classes, I also run the Homework Club which is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Library. Tuesdays are for students in Years 9-10 and Thursdays are for students doing their VCE. The students who have been attending have enjoyed themselves and found it very helpful. I encourage students to come along and get help with their homework in small group or one-on-one situations with an experienced teacher. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Maths Help is Monday in F2.
Junior Homework club is Thursday in F2.

Emma Oliver, Teacher

Senior Interschool Debating

BSC’s debaters were in fine form for Round 2 of the Senior Interschool Competition on Wednesday 21 April. Our A Grade team (Year 11 and 12) navigated international and domestic politics, economic theory as well as the history of communism to argue against the proposition, “That the West should fear the rise of China.” This was the first debate for our team of Rachael Hocking, Gus Holian and Alison Millward, and they did a terrific job, but were unfortunately beaten by a more experienced opposition.

Congratulations to our C-Grade team of Siobhan Cashin, Claudia Nugent (best speaker) and Brianna Inturrisi who won their debate, persuading the audience that Australia should not reduce its migrant intake. Congratulations also to D-Grade Team 1 of Mia Lickliter, Aneurin Sarson-Lawrence and Daniel Lee who successfully argued that modern technology is not a plague on human relationships. Special congratulations to Mia who, in her first debate for BSC, put in a persuasive and thoughtful speech to win best speaker.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our second D-Grade team had to forfeit their debate. Thank you to Ms Kavanagh and Mr Hall who have been helping our teams prepare for their debates. Thanks also to the parents and students who have been coming along to support our teams on the night.

Anyone is welcome to come and support our teams. Round 3 of the competition is on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at Mercy College, 760 Sydney Rd, Coburg (entry via Carr St only due to renovations):

A Grade – Secret Topic 7pm (debaters to arrive at 5.45pm)
C Grade – Advised Topic “Animals and the Environment” 7pm (debaters to arrive at 5.45pm)
D Grade – “That Australia should embrace nuclear technology” 8pm
See you there!
Kanela Giannakakis, Debating Coordinator

Athletics Carnival

On Monday 19th April all year 7 and 8 participated in the annual house athletics carnival. All students participated in Discus, Javelin, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump, 100m sprint and 400m run. I congratulate all the students on their excellent behaviour and participation. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the teachers that helped out on the day as well as the 9N and 9W sports leadership classes.

Below are some comments form the students:

“The athletics was very different to primary school as we had javelin which I have never done before. It was fun meeting other people and racing against new people.”
Greta Duff 7S

“I really enjoyed the athletics carnival. I enjoyed javelin because I have never participated in that event before.
Georgia Evgeniadis 8W

“We went to the sports day as helpers it was a good day even though we weren’t doing the sports. As helpers we had to take scores and help the teachers. It was a good day overall and every one had fun thanks to all the teachers for taking us.”
Ben Twite 8W

Students from the winning Blue House with the Athletics Shield

Brunswick Secondary College is heading to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2011

An amazing opportunity awaits students in yr 9, 10 and 11 as we plan to take a group of students to Vietnam and Cambodia. The trip will take place in November of 2011 and is open to ANY students currently in yr 9, 10, 11. The 4-week adventure will include a week hike, a week community work in a local village and plenty of sight seeing and cultural experiences. If you would like
to know more, then please attend the following sessions.
PARENT session: Wed 5th May - 6.30pm

Acclimatisation Meeting – Tuesday 11th May
Students Meet: 3:30 - 6:00pm
Parents Meet: 6:00 – 7:00pm

Please see attachments for more information.
Natalie Wood, P.E/Health Coordinator

Oxfam Fundraiser

My name is Maria Masini-Barry, the mother of a Year 7 student. On April 16 and 17 I participated in the 2010 Oxfam Trailwalker 100 km fundraising walk over 48 hours. This annual fundraiser supports the work that Oxfam does in developing countries around the world as well as in Indigenous communities here in Australia. I’m happy to say that all 4 members of my team completed the walk, with a time of just under 35 hours.

My team, the Brunswick Reds, has committed to raising over $3000 as part of the overall fundraising, which so far has raised over $2.4 Million this year! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go to Oxfam’s website on http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/melbourne/donate/, enter my name (Maria Masini-Barry) and my team name (Brunswick Reds), then fill out the form. Any contribution is welcome – big or small, and all donations are tax deductible.

Maria Masini-Barry

Your Gifted Child: A weekend Information Course For Parents

Do you suspect or have you been told your child is gifted? Are you unsure about how to be an effective parent to your gifted child? This course is suitable for all parents of gifted children and will be presented by experts from Australia in the field of gifted education, Professor Miraca Gross and Michele Juratawitch.

Dates: Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th May 2010
Location: Brunswick, Melbourne
Early bird closing date is Tuesday 27th April.
Registrations close on Friday 21st May, 2010
More information and to register now: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt_yrch.html
Places will be limited, so we encourage parents to enrol as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions please contact the GERRIC office on 1800 626 824 or gerric@unsw.edu.au. The first five Brunswick SC parents to register will not need to pay administrative fees.

Parents Victoria Online Conference

Parents Victoria Online Conference 16-22 May 2010

All Parents of School-Age Children are warmly invited to take part in the fourth annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week (Sunday 16 May to Saturday 22 May). No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. The conference is proudly sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Register Online at No Cost
To participate you first need to register yourself online at http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_10/pv2010registration.php You will receive an email confirming your registration.

The conference will feature seven ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria and/or experts in the topic, e.g. DEECD, KGFYL. Each 24-hour period will focus on a topic that is currently of concern or interest to parents. An online ‘resource bundle’ of information and opinions will also be provided as an optional extra to give you a kick-start on each day’s topic.

Online Conference Topics
The conference will discuss the following topical issues:
School Costs - What do parents need to pay for?
Bullying & Discipline - Are we making any progress in successfully dealing with bullying in schools? In general, what are the most effective ways of achieving appropriate behaviour?
Food & Schools – How do you feel about the timing of meal breaks? Is there a place for junk food in school canteens? What about party food, chocolate drives, and so on.
Regeneration in Victorian Government Schools – A regeneration project is designed to enhance the education provision in a local area. It may mean the amalgamation of schools, the relocation of early childhood/community facilities on to one site or the transformation of curriculum programs and pathways. For many parents this has been an issue of great concern. Discuss with us your thoughts and experiences.
Transition - What could be done to improve transition from one level of schooling to the next, i.e. kindergarten to primary, year 6 to secondary? Do you as a parent know how you can be involved at each level?
Party Safe - As a parent, do you know your responsibilities when hosting under-age parties? Do you have some good advice or warnings for other parents?
Disability - Are schools supportive and inclusive of children with disabilities? What more could be done?

There will also be one continuous week-long online discussion - My School – What information do parents really want to know about their child’s school? This discussion will also have the option of starting new threads if you have an issue you would like to discuss.

Prizes for Participation
Schools with the greatest number of individual participants will be in the running to win great prizes.
To be eligible, participants must be correctly registered and leave at least one comment on the discussion boards.

An interactive whiteboard will be won by the Parents Victoria member school that has the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference.

A complimentary year’s membership to Parents Victoria will be awarded to the eligible non-member Victorian school that has the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference.

In addition, one of three netbooks will be won by:
- the member school with the most correctly registered individual participants who comment on the week-long question
- the Victorian school with the most correctly registered individual participants who comment on the question regarding Bullying and Discipline
- the member school with the most correctly registered individual participants who leave comments on the daily questions on either Sunday 16 May or Saturday 22 May.

*Member schools are defined as schools whose 2010 membership payment has been received by 14th May 2010. Membership information can be obtained by phone (03) 93802158 or email office@parentsvictoria.asn.au. Schools are only eligible to win one prize. In the event that a school wins more than one category, the prize in subsequent categories will go to the school with the next highest number of eligible participants.

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2010 website will open from 6am on 16 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/. We look forward to meeting with you online to discuss issues of importance for your children. The more of you who join in, the more successful this event will be. For further information and updates, visit the Parents Victoria website at: www.parentsvictoria.asn.au, email us at: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au or phone (03) 9380 2158.

You are also most welcome to contact the Online Conference Manager, Ms Debra Brydon, at: brydon@cybertext.net.au or 0413 009988.

Parents Victoria Executive Team, ‘Our Children, Our Concern’

Brunswick Zebras Soccer Club

Boys U15B Team looking for players, Contact Caroline Fabian (SEC): 0409563922.
Training: Wednesday and Friday 6-8pm at McAlister Oval, Park Street, Parkville.
Games: 1.45pm Sundays.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The EMA cheques are now available to collect from the front office for those parents who applied for Semester one 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 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
Dear Parent,

Brunswick Secondary College and World Challenge expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2011

We are delighted to announce that we are launching another very exciting school program. This is an opportunity for your child to research and then lead their own expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia in November of 2011. The total program price is $5,900.

This expedition program will be managed and delivered by World Challenge, an educational organisation with over 21 years of experience. I would like to invite you and your child to an expedition program presentation where you will be able to find out more information.

Date:       Wednesday 5th May
Time:       6:30 pm
Venue:      BSC – Auditorium

World Challenge has worked with over 1200 schools and 50,000 young people globally. This expedition is fully supported by the school’s Senior Leadership Team. The expedition provides valuable educational opportunities for students to develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills in a challenging and fascinating environment.

The expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia is preceded by a program of training and preparation. During this time the students are expected to research their destination and play a major part in building the itinerary.

The aim of the presentation is to provide you with more detailed information about how the program will run and what the expedition itself will involve. World Challenge will also cover the support and back-up they provide throughout the program and the safety measures they have in place during the expedition.

If you would like to find out more about the company or the destination before the presentation you can visit their website at www.worldchallenge.com.au.
I do hope that you will be able to attend and would be grateful if you could return the reply slip to let me know. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Wood

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To: Natalie Wood

I will / will not be able to attend the World Challenge Parents’ Presentation on Wednesday 5th May at 6:30 pm.

NAME OF STUDENT ……………………………………………………………...

NUMBER ATTENDING…………………………………………………………...
Brunswick Secondary College
World Challenge expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia 2011

This World Challenge program will be an exciting opportunity for a team of students to research, fund and lead their own month-long expedition to the fascinating countries of Vietnam and Cambodia.

The expedition will be preceded by 18 months of training and preparation. During this time, team members will learn about their destination and research their expedition objectives with the support of their Program Facilitator and Program Coordinator from World Challenge. This full involvement will continue during the expedition itself when they will take on responsibility for leading the team, managing the budget, liaising with local guides and successfully achieving their objectives with the guidance of a World Challenge Leader. The whole program will teach and develop essential transferable life skills including financial management, leadership, teamwork, communication, organisation and decision making.

The cost of the World Challenge program is $5,900. A breakdown of these costs will be covered in more detail at the Parents’ Presentation. An integral part of the program incorporates the World Challenge Money Management program, which has been designed to introduce students to financial management and encourage them to take ownership of their expedition at an early stage. On average last year, Challengers raised 74% of their total program cost without parental financial support, through both individual and group efforts.

A combined expedition to Cambodia and Vietnam provides the perfect blend of adventure together with a rich sense of fascinating history and culture. Cambodia has only recently emerged after many years of conflict and has much to offer, not least the majestic temples of Angkor Wat, one of the most impressive man-made sights in the world.

Vietnam is an intriguing country, rich in culture and boasting some of the most spectacular scenery imaginable. Three-quarters of Vietnam consists of mountains and hills, whilst its long coastline includes countless stretches of un-spoilt beaches and a number of stunning lagoons. The people of Vietnam hold visitors in high esteem and their sincere generosity and concern ensure Challengers are made truly welcome.

Most trekking will be done in Vietnam, in which there are many wonderful areas for both a main challenge and for smaller acclimatisation treks, with the opportunity to experience the cultural life of the Montagnard (hill-tribe) people of Vietnam. Two such areas are the lush jungle and rolling hills of the Central Highlands and the beautiful mountains and valleys in the far northwest of the country around Sapa.

Above all an expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia is a cultural experience. As part of the expedition a project will be undertaken to allow something to be given back to a local community. A number of projects are currently being researched in Cambodia and indications are that there will be great demand for community development projects assisting with tasks such as building houses, digging wells or teaching and working with disadvantaged children.

Whatever they do on expedition, the Challengers will find it a rewarding and challenging experience. They will return as confident and motivated young adults, ready to tackle their next challenge in life, be it their final year of schooling, university, or embarking on their professional career. We look forward to answering any questions you may have during the Parents’ Presentation.