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Principal Report

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that all students had an enjoyable holiday and feel rejuvenated for the term ahead. For our Year 12 students, Term 3 is the most critical term. By its end, all course work should be completed and students should leave for the term 3 holidays feeling confident to tackle the demands of the exams in each of their specific subjects. As I said to Year 12 students at extended pastoral this week, the importance of maintaining focus and momentum in term 3 is critical. The success of the 2009 Year 12 cohort can be attributed to their collective determination to improve their performance, to work closely with their teachers and to support one another to do their best. They were very committed to doing practice exam papers and to acting on teacher feedback. The 2010 group will need to show a similar commitment to practice examinations and revision we wish them well for the challenging term ahead, and of course, for their Formal this Friday evening.

The school has been a busy place over the term break. Posts for the sails to be installed in the next couple of weeks were cemented in, the wire and railing on the A Block double stairwell replaced, the replacement structure for the upstairs Brunswick English Language Centre balcony has been constructed and will be installed over the next couple of weekends and our new replacement desktops arrived. Another six trolleys of laptops will arrive shortly.

On Monday, the 2009 year Alpine students will plant the natives that they chose last year as one of their projects. The plants were purchased using a $200 voucher won by the year 9 Spades and Blades elective in 2009. We thank Poynton's Nursery in Essendon for giving us additional plants than the voucher's worth.
The Vic Moves (Previously Rock Eisteddfod) crew spent three long days designing and constructing sets. While most of the materials are recycled from previous years, this year’s sets and performance promises to be as unique and dramatic as all our previous efforts. A group of our students were also invited to paint the banners which will hang outside the Comedy Theatre for the duration of the event. You may like to put 7th, 8th & 9th of September into your calendar now. After having been in the Raw Division in 2009, Brunswick Secondary College is raring to return to a full production this year. Vic Moves is making a documentary that features some of our students and should be posted on the website http://www.vicmoves.com.au in the next couple of days.

Last term’s Music Concerts were wonderful occasions. I was very disappointed to have to miss the earlier Chamber Concert but loved the Rock Night which featured so many diverse talents. Our very accomplished VCE Bands were outstanding there were also some wonderful Year 7 debut artists. Thank you to Susan Hamid, Wendy Francis, Linda Bennett, Jill McIver and Jenny Taaffe who provided refreshments to raise funds for the Music Department.

Please note that there will be an additional pupil-free day for all government schools on Monday 9 August 2010 for Ultranet professional learning. This special purpose pupil-free day is being provided to support the implementation of the Ultranet. Heather Secomb, Graeme McKinnon and I will attend the ‘Principals Big Day Out’ in which we will discuss a book on ICT entitled ‘Disrupting Class’ which the Deputy Secretary for Education, Darrell Fraser, has given to all Principals. All staff will be involved in professional learning activities related to Ultranet implementation led by a team of five Ultranet Lead Users, teachers from our school who will have four days of Ultranet training in late July.

Finally, we warmly welcome back Suzanne Kurick (Music) and Annie Tsennjaskvi (English and Humanities) from their travels overseas during their Long Service Leave last term, and to Wendy Kenbeek (PE) who is returning from a year’s family leave. Welcome also to Shannon Widdeson who will be taking Year 11 ESL on the term as Nony Simitzis has Long Service Leave for most of the term.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

Interview with Cornelius Pelzing One of the top VSL students

Choosing to study German for VCE was a plainly pragmatic decision. It was the prospect of a very high study score that made me enrol; but soon I came to appreciate the larger value of studying a language other than English. The two year course proved a helpful reminder of the German grammar, and taught me techniques of writing that I hadn’t considered before. While a lot of the content was revision in German, I learnt about linguistic features of English concurrently. Learning a LOTE, without doubt, benefits one’s English skills, and therefore is a valuable pursuit for that alone. Another advantage of studying a LOTE was to have the oral part of the exam early in the exam season, separate from the bulk of written exams further down the track. This reduced the pressure quite a bit and meant I had the first half out the way prior to the time of all other exams. The choice proved to be right and left me with a satisfying score.

Cornelius Pelzing 12S

International Students Photography Competition

We would like to congratulate Vasilika Garuli for the wonderful series of images she entered into the International Students Photography Competition in Term 2. Unfortunately Vasilika was not successful in receiving a place but was commended for her images by the judges regardless. We were very impressed by
Anaphylaxis awareness, Mental health, Bullying, New promotion, Safe sex education, Food allergies and Smoking, Alcohol and Drug education, Blood donor have been involved over this past year. These include the Health Promotion and Awareness activities I have. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the school community.

Two days a week I have been pleased that both students and teachers are coming to see me as part of Brunswick Secondary College and their parents. I have been at the school a year now and although it’s only for two years I have noticed or observe immediately. All the photos represent my feelings about my new country. The photos are soft and have bright and delighted colours because I want to show how much I truly like all the things around me and how happy and different I feel living in this place! To me everything seems significant and that is what I intend to express, that ordinary things have a different meaning and influence on me," Vasilika Garuli Year 10

KPMG Cadetship

Year 12 Accounting student, Ozan Kahmaran, has succeeded in passing the first round of interviews for a coveted cadetship at Accounting firm, KPMG. The cadetship program runs for 4 years and enables cadets to work part-time at KPMG while completing a business degree. Cadets are given a generous monthly living allowance, a textbook allowance, and the opportunity to begin a career at KPMG upon the completion of the program. We wish Ozan all the best for the second round of interviews. Remember: debits must equal credits!

Lauren Flannery, International Student Coordinator

School Health Promotion Activities.

I’d just like to say a big hello to all the students of Brunswick Secondary College and their parents. I’ve been at the school a year now and although it’s only for two days a week I have been pleased that both students and teachers are coming to see me as part of the school community.

I’d like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the Health Promotion and Awareness activities I have been involved in over this past year. These include - Smoking, Alcohol and Drug education, Blood donor promotion, Safe sex education, Food allergies and Anaphylaxis awareness, Mental health, Bullying, New driver education, Same sex attraction, Nutrition, Body image, Cyber safety and Relaxation techniques among others. I have also had the pleasure of getting to know students and teachers through school camp and excursion and supervision opportunities.

One year on I would like to encourage any students who have any health concerns or who have further questions or who just want to talk about these or related issues to come and see me. I have an open door and an open ear.

Jeremy Fiske, School Health Promotions Nurse

11/12 Zone Futsal Report

Unfortunately the timing of the year 12 exams meant that a number of members of the team could not attend the tournament. Therefore it was up to the year 11 contingent to stake their claim and they did not disappoint. With only one substitute for the day the boys played four matches or the equivalent of 2 hours worth of futsal with little rest between games. They started the day off with two easy victories against Lakeside and Diamond Valley. Their next match against Ruthven was the big one, a victory would secure the title for either side. It was a very tight encounter with each team taking the lead at various times during the match. Ciaran Smyth put in the first goal, but it was Sam Coventry-Poole who kept us in the match with numerous quality saves. Ruthven pressed forward and eventually penetrated our defence scoring a few quick goals. The boys responded immediately with James Johnson and then Matt Pappas setting up Louis Mazza’s two goals for the match. Unfortunately in the last minute of the match Ruthven scored what proved to be the decisive goal, winning 4-3. A draw with Greensborough rounded out the day. Special mentions go to Jack Wood, who defended diligently all day, and to James Johnson and Loui Mazza who were equal top goal scorers with 7 apiece. Congratulations boys on a great effort.

Warren Ever, Futsal Coach

Badminton

On Friday, June 18, we fielded 2 badminton teams at the interschool competition at the Albert Park Sports Stadium. Both teams played great badminton and had a fun day. The girls team was undefeated against Uni High, and both teams finished in third position once the aggregate scores were calculated. Apisith and Anthony were excellent helpers and helped make sure that the day ran smoothly. Well done!

Emma Oliver, Badminton Coach

Year 8 Boys Soccer Report

After the amazing result of becoming state champions last year the boys were ready to begin another campaign. In the group stages boys came up against Glen Eira College, Princess Hill and University High 2. All of these matches were very one sided with a total of 14 goals scored and zero conceded. Goal scorers included Georgio, Ioannis, Oscar, Joey, Clarkrey, Talat, Tom D and Alex (sorry if I forgot anyone!). The defence held strong all day with Kosta, Ioannis, Michael, Dylan, Rio, Jayden, Guss and Ben all giving Christy plenty of protection in front of our goal.

In the final we came up against University High’s...
number one team. The match started off quite evenly but before long the boys applied the screws with some quick goals to Tom Demelis and Leander. In the end it was a comfortable 3-0 victory, allowing the boys to progress to the zone finals in August. Congratulations to Josh Ring on an expert display of coaching on the day.

Full team list: Ioannis Avramidis, Talat Bideci, Guss Melham, Alex Aliani, Ben Madden, Christy Bennett-Spark, Giorgio Mavrelis, Joey Conroy, Leander Albutra, Kosta Vagianakis, Tom Riordan, Dylan Letoga, Oscar Allen, Jayden Panagiotidis, Tom Clarke, Michael Chen. Coach: Josh Ring

**Year 8 Girls Soccer**

The year 8 girls soccer was worthy of an all time inspirational story ... It is worth pointing out that we did not have a full team – the same 10 girls played in every match without rest. (For those unfamiliar with soccer, that’s one player short)

The competition was split into 2 groups – Our girls – went by the chant “Brunswick Bruisers” - we were grouped with University High 1, whom we defeated 1-0 and Melbourne Girls 2, whom we lost to 1-0. By the time each team had played each other, all three teams had 3 points, and an identical goal difference! A little painful if you were the organiser .... The decision to play all games again within our group was made, with the eventual winner to meet a rested Melbourne Girls 1 team from the other side of the draw. Further, it was decided that if a game was drawn, then the almighty penalties would decide each match. Game 1: Bruni SC V Uni High 1 – result 0-0 draw. Bruni win 4-1 on penalties. Game 2: Bruni V Melb Girls 2 – result 0-0 draw. Bruni win 3-1 on penalties. It was evident at this point that having Georgia as our keeper was a distinct advantage. After a brief rest, the final had begun! The girls came out firing, and demonstrated plenty of courage and poise. We certainly had the better of the opposition, but failed to score. Oh no – Zoe is injured and can hardly walk – this is going to make it tough with a second half yet to be played. The 9 remaining girls scampere on for their most important half of soccer yet. Guts and sweat personified! They managed to hold on for an awe-inspiring 0-0 draw. We go to penalties again! Enter our super goalie, Georgia. Absolutely sensational stuff, as she again pulled off a couple of big saves to get us over the line 3-2. The team was well led by captain courageous Ella Fusca whose calming and inspirational words went a long way towards victory.

Marvellous all round effort by Isabella Contreras, Kristie Dawson, Holly Simmons, Seda Genc, Georgia Evgeniadis, Ella Fusca, Ilayda Demir, Sarina Barkho, Joanna Zafiropoulos and Zoe Vasilas. Not to be outdone, thanks too, to the helpers, Lina Welderfael and Larisa Palmarella. See you at the zones!
Information Evenings - Subject selection (for 2011)

3 August 2010 – Yr 12 (2011) Information Evening: 7 – 8 pm Auditorium
17 August 2010 – Yr 11+ VET (2011) EXPO : 3.30 – 4.30 Performing Arts Room
17 August 2010 – Yr 11+ VET (2011) Information Evening: 7 – 8 pm Auditorium
23 August 2010 – Yr 11 VCAL + VET Information Evening: 7 – 8 pm Library
30 August 2010 – Yr 10 (2011) + Early Start Information Evening: 7 – 8 pm Auditorium
2 September 2010 – Yr 10 Pre-VCAL Information Evening: 7 – 8 pm Library

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Education Maintenance Allowance

The EMA cheques are now available to collect from the front office for those parents who applied for Semester one payment.

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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 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

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