Last Friday was a particularly event filled day. In the afternoon, a Year 10-12 Assembly followed a practice lockdown. The evening saw three events – a very social and enjoyable Wine and Cheese Tasting, the SRC organised Melbourne City Mission Winter Sleep out in F Block, and Moreland Battle of the Bands at the Melbourne Town Hall.

The highlight of the assembly was Yasmin Saeed’s powerful and thought provoking speech on world poverty. Yasmin held every student’s full attention as she spoke passionately about the frightening realities of world poverty, relating the personal impact her visits to Sudan have had on her resolve to take action on this critical world issue. Yasmin, who is in Year 7, is already a highly talented and engaging speaker. Earlier this year she was runner-up in the regional final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition for year 7-9 students. She is also a keen Junior Debater. The school is fortunate to have Yasmin, and many other students like her, who are not only confident and articulate speakers, but who are committed to using their talent to influence and provoke others into action about important social issues.

The lockdown that preceded the assembly provided an important opportunity to rehearse the school arrangements and expectations in the unfortunate event that we need to go into a real lockdown. The lockdown proceeded smoothly, with some positive suggestions to tweak arrangements. A great number of Victorian schools have experienced lockdowns during this year. The most usual reason has been the presence of an armed person in the suburbs or surrounding suburbs. Practice drills of lockdowns and evacuations should be regularly scheduled within the school calendar in order to ensure we are well prepared for any situation or threat. They do not indicate any cause for concern.
Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser

To date the Wine Fundraiser has raised $2,629 towards the purchase of outdoor seating and also new netball uniforms for our girls. It is not too late to purchase wine. To see the premium and standard wine order forms, click here orders close Wednesday 8th September. Thank you to all parents and teachers who attended this event last Friday. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of School Council President, Maree Guppy, who took responsibility for the entire organisation, and who was ably assisted on the night by her daughter Bec (a previous BSC student and school captain) and Wendy Francis, who helped set up even though she was unable to stay to enjoy a class of wine. Brian and Sue from Rosanna Wines ran the evening with their usual friendliness and flair. A number of parents I spoke to said how much they appreciated the opportunity to be involved in a school event that was social in nature and allowed them to meet other parents.

Vivienne Tellefson
Principal

Julliard Winter School

During the first week of the last school holidays I was lucky enough to be selected to take part in a week long residential Juilliard Jazz Winter School held at Trinity College in the University of Melbourne. The New York Juilliard School is one of the top music schools in the world. When I first heard that it was coming to Melbourne and that I could audition for it I screamed with excitement!!! I only had a few days to learn a piece to play and then I had to record it and send it in to Trinity College and wait to hear from them. Thank you so much to Ben and Wayne for helping me to organise it. I couldn’t believe it when I heard that I had got in! 32 students came from overseas, interstate and from Melbourne. I was so nervous to start with but it was the best week of my life. We played from early in the morning until late at night, jamming, having lessons, talks and practicing. We learned from some of the best jazz musicians and teachers in the world. They all talked about music so personally and it was so inspiring. I learned so much about jazz. How you have to play from the heart. How you have to go with your feelings and how to play with other passionate jazz musicians. We ended the week with a concert in the Trinity Chapel. It was an amazing end to an amazing week. I know now I want to be a professional musician. It changed my life. Thank you again to Wayne and Ben – without you I couldn’t have done it!

Holly Moore

Counihan Gallery

On the 24th of August, Ms Arvani’s art class visited the Counihan Gallery in Brunswick. It was an amazing experience. We were studying sculptures in class at that time and Paul E. Mason’s mind blowing sculptures on the theme “Critical Vehicles” gave us a clear image on what we were studying. Most of his work was on exotic machines and forms of life. After studying the sculptures, we then moved to the photography section. In there we saw Prudence Murphy’s photographs of lego sculptures. We were surprised to hear that something that was built by a child would end up in a gallery. This showed us that anyone can get their artwork into a local gallery. I would encourage everyone to go visit it, it’s only a 5 minute walk from the school. The gallery was an awesome experience, therefore we would like to thank Ms Arvani for organising the excursion. Looking forward to visiting it again.

By AJ in 8E

My 2010 Journey

By Alexander Luisetto 7B
Friday 12th February 2010

On my first day at Brunswick Secondary College every Year 7 student including me, was sitting in the auditorium eager to find out our timetables and Pastoral groups. I am in 7B, which is an all boys’ class. On the first day, I had art for the first two periods, which I really enjoyed. We had loads of fun. When the bell to go outside rang, everyone was in a rush to get outside to talk to their friends and so was I. When I got outside everyone was quite happy to be at BSC but we were all worried about the homework. I did not think much of it. In the third and fourth periods, we had English, which I
was not really looking forward to, but I had a completely different attitude by the end of the 4th period. It is now my favourite subject. When I saw my friends at lunch, they looked much happier and felt much better about the school. At periods 5 and 6 we did SOSE (Studies of Societies and Environment), which I really like as well. When I went home at the end of the day, I thought BSC was five times better than I had expected it to be and I still do.

Wednesday 21st April 2010
Well now, it is the second term and I am enjoying school more and more. Just last week we had athletics and it was fun. Now I am learning a lot. I am learning much more science and maths and I really like the subjects. In SOSE, we are learning about Ancient China and in English, we are working on Images of Greatness. My project is on Archimedes. In another week, I am going to go on an Italian Magic Show and I am very excited. I am really enjoying my elective specialist subject. I am doing Kendo and the best bit about it is the sparring. In Food, we have used the recipes to make muffins, cakes, and an orange surprise thing. Overall, the only thing that has changed is the intensity of the work. I have learnt if you do not apply yourself in class, you are going to have lots more homework!!

Tuesday 10th August 2010
It has been a while since I last wrote about Brunswick Secondary College. I have grown to enjoy this school and its aspects. I like my peers because they are friendly. I mainly mix with people in my class but I also have friends outside my class. I am in an all boys’ class. We generally work well but sometimes we can get noisy and disrupt the lesson. The teacher then has to tell to keep quiet. I also like the teachers because they help us when we have trouble learning. For example, today I was trying to research a question in English, I could not get the idea of how I could respond, and then my teacher helped me. When I first started secondary school, I thought this is a big place compared to my primary school. I have adapted to some of the changes such as homework and timetables. I am still coming to terms with the Pastoral bell. Sometimes I forget and I go to my Period 3 class. I am having a lot of fun in my class. In Science, I am involved in my work. We do lots of experiments and then we write reports. In Food, we get to cook and eat our food. I enjoy the cooking part more than the eating. We learn about food preparation, safety in the kitchen and skills such as chopping. This semester I have puppetry as my specialist subject. I am making a sock puppet and I am nearly finished. I am enjoying puppetry because we get to do most of the work. In some other specialist subjects the teachers do a lot of the work but with Puppetry I get to do the work. I like being involved in what I am doing.

Alexander Luisetto 7B

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

Cheques will not be handed to students.
Parents collecting cheques must show their current healthcare card at the front office when collecting an EMA cheque.

BSC Chinese Study tour 2011 information night
An Information night will be held in the Auditorium on Thursday 9th September from 6 to 7 p.m. for students and parents interested in the first BSC Chinese study tour. All relevant information will be presented on this night. To register your participation at the information night, could you please email me at xu.jiwei.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,
Jiwei Xu

PACIFIC COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS
“BREAKING THE CYCLE” A community forum helping to build positive relationships and provide information on educational pathways to families from pacific islander backgrounds.
VENUE: Darebin Arts Centre (cnr Bell St and St Georges St, Preston)
DATE: Friday 10th September
TIME: 9.30am Registration; 10am-3pm
NOTE: Free parking and Refreshments provided.
Contact: Ivy Eramiha or Temukisa Vaeluaga: Phone 8401-0100

AN INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR STUDENTS
This is the opportunity to make a difference for your future by hosting a S.C.C.E international student. You could enhance your studies, your travels, your career. Learn of new opportunities, attitudes, and have fun teaching Australian culture. Carefully-selected students arrive in early February from Europe, the U.S.A., Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website www.scce.com.au. If you want to seize this opportunity while still in secondary school, contact S.C.C.E on 1800 500 501 (we may have a representative in your area), fill in the Host Family Application Form (also on our website). The February students are being matched now!

Education Maintenance Allowance
Single Parents Active Kids
Bringing Single Parent Families Together
SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS BRINGS TO YOU:
SINGLE PARENTS FAMILY FUN DAY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
12TH Edwarde's lake in Reservoir Please enter of Leamington St.
Face Painting, Membership specials, Balloon Animals, Raffles, Free
BBQ and Drinks, Entertainment for the Kids + So much more.
Please rsvp to Moush or Alethea by Sunday 5th of September!!

We are a fun, social networking group for single Mums and Dads and their
children, offering coordinated activities such as:
Picnics, camps, movies, family dinners, parent nights, beaches, museums
and much more!
All enquires welcome:
Call Moush on 0430 504 119 or
Alethea on 0416 422 138
Website: www.singleparentsactivekids.org

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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
The RMH Emergency and Trauma Service started its Volunteer Program in 2009, and since then, the staff couldn’t do without them.

For patients and family, a trip to the Emergency Department can be a very scary experience. Our volunteers offer a cup of tea and a supportive shoulder.

If you want to get involved, we’ll give you full training and ongoing support. Currently 65 volunteers do three-hour shifts between 12 noon and 9pm.

We’re seeking more people to join the team, particularly people who can be available during the afternoon.

If you would like to make a difference, please register your interest with Pamela Wood, phone 9342 7543 or email pamela.wood@mh.org.au

“I felt so scared – I hadn’t been taken to Emergency before. The volunteer talked to my husband and got him a cuppa, and chatted with us. I felt cared for.” – Patient

“It’s great! I feel really good to be able to assist and give back to the community.” – Volunteer

“I wasn’t sure at first; thought I’d bitten off more than I could chew. But the Emergency team were so supportive and the rewards far outweighed stepping out of my comfort zone.” – Volunteer

Thank you to the volunteers who helped look after the mother of the injured young man. You were instrumental in reducing the pain of trauma and you showed incredible compassion and kindness.” – Staff member