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Important Dates

Thurs 28th October
Start Year 12 Exams

Tues 2nd November
Cup Day Holiday

Wed 3rd November
Dance performance
8.00pm in the Gym

Wed 17th November
2011 year 7 social evening
6.00—7.30pm

Mon 22nd - Thurs 25th November
Year 9 Camp

Thurs 25th November
7.30pm until 9.00pm
Rock Bands Night

Mon 29th November
7.30pm until 9.00pm
Chamber Concert

Frid 3rd December
Year 7 & 8 Swim Carnival

Principal Report

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
- Thoreau-

The privilege of working in a secondary school is to see the young children who come to us in Year 7 develop into mature young adults when they leave us in Year 12. The small star rising upwards from the larger star of our logo symbolizes this growth. It represents the individual student, poised and ready to emerge from the world of Brunswick Secondary College to a larger and ever-expanding world of tertiary study, work, travel and their myriad dreams and goals. Although the cycle is repeated each successive school year, each graduation each is unique and each is equally a privilege.

For me, the 2010 Year 12 class has a special significance. It is the last group for whom I was Assistant Principal when they entered in Year 7, Ms Secomb taking over this role mid way through the year. It is a pleasure and a privilege to have known the students as young children, to see their growth into young adults over the years and to reflect not only on how they have changed but also how they have remained deeply and essentially themselves. As I said at the valedictory evening, I value each individual student’s contribution to the diverse and vibrant canvas that is our school community.

The relationship between Year 12 students and their teachers is especially close. This relates in part to the fact that it is students’ last year at school and they have chosen subjects that are their passion or relate to their chosen career. An even more significant factor in my view is the

The beautiful flower arrangement given as a thank you gift to the teachers from the 2010 year 12 students
commitment of our Year 12 teachers and their willingness to give well above and beyond what is expected of them in order to support our students to achieve to the best of their ability. Year 12 students acknowledged and thanked staff for their dedication in a special morning tea, wonderful group photo, huge thank you banner, huge bowl of chocolates and a stunning flower arrangement. The handmade individual cards that were presented to each teacher will, of course, be treasured and the class of 2010 remembered with fondness and affection.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

Extract from Speeches

School Captain – Jo Boyce

I’m sure all of you have been feeling close to exactly the same as me over the past few weeks and months. I seriously can’t believe how quickly this year has gone. Everyone said it would be over before we knew it, and now it is! And I’m not sure if I’m ready. I am so happy to be finished with school, but on the other hand, I am going to miss it so much!

I’m going to miss the people; the teachers who have helped shape us, teach us, and annoy us beyond belief! Thank you again to the teachers, VCE and otherwise, and especially to Lorraine and Pam for all the effort you’ve put in and support you’ve given us. I’ll also miss the friends and class mates who we’ve spent our classrooms and breaks with, who’ve been by our sides when we got in trouble, been on camps with, who we’ve supported and have supported us.

But it’s not just the people that I’ll miss. I’ll miss the certainty of highschool. Having my day divided into periods and classes, on a timetable that is the same for the entire year. Knowing the same faces we’ve seen for so many years will be there. Now we’re on the brink of being out in the ‘big world’. About to go to uni and study for our future careers, maybe moving out, travelling. We’re meant to be adults, responsible for our learning and our experiences... it’s so strange that we’re in this position. I feel like every other year level has seemed more prepared and more mature at this point that what I do right now. And I can’t believe we have to exchange the safety net of highschool for the freefall of real life.

I was thinking about what to write in this speech about the next stage in our lives, and my little sister neatly summed it up for me this afternoon; “I can’t believe you’re not at school any more! You’re a big girl now. What are you going to do with your life??” And I guess this is the question we all have to find the answer to. We’re all definitely capable, even if it doesn’t feel like it just yet. So to the graduating class of 2010, it’s been awesome learning and changing and growing up with you. Good luck with discovering the many, many answers and possibilities that await us in the rest of our lives, and congratulations on completing the stage of high school. We made it! Thank you.

School Captain – Rose Steele

When writing this speech I kept trying to put a montage of images of this year together but it just made me tired. I can’t begin to convey the gratitude all the students and I feel for our teachers who have worked relentlessly to get us prepared for exams and keep the knowledge stuck in our brains. This week has been so bizarre – I’ve been passed my year 7 classrooms and felt weirdly polarised about leaving. I can’t imagine my self not being here, not seeing the faces in front of me every morning.

Each year to me, I remember has had a distinct feeling. Year 7 – awkward, bad hair, and starting to get to know the people you’ll be sharing lockers with for 5 more years. In year 8 and 9 – you might change friends and solidify friendships. Year 10 you start to really find what you like at school, and what you’re capable of. In year 11, the group is smaller and the whole level begins to get close. Year 12 – people just turn around – work together, everyone, for the most part has his shared focus, because like a mouse on a wheel you feel like you’re not getting anywhere but it’s just out of your reach.

Today we acknowledge the year 12 teachers who have seen us through – however the teachers we also had from year 7 to 11 are just as important and have been incredible mentors – even if it has taken this long to realise you’re on our side. Basically, have fun, use your teachers, and try not to be on Facebook all the time. Throughout our years here we all have our own highlights, for me they’ve mostly happened in the last two years, rocka, drama, politics class. Especially this year for the year 12’s there have been many landmarks; our formal, turning 18 and graduation day.

We’re really are lucky with the teachers and support network we have at Brunswick, it’s the friends I’ve made here, I’ve made such amazing friends that have made my time at Brunswick so special. They are the best part of Brunswick, the bonds I’ve made here mean more to me and are more important to me than any exam. Thank you so much.
Lorraine Lockhart – Year 12 Coordinator
School provides students with the skills to become active members of their community. It also offers the individual the opportunity of choice. How does the school assist in this process of providing individual choice? Obviously through the development of academic skill but also through the promotion of a set of values that help form the teenage student into an adult. I am proud to say as their Coordinator, that the 2010 Year 12 Class has demonstrated through their actions a lived understanding of our six school values.

**Responsibility** – Our year 12 students have shown responsibility to themselves and one another through meeting deadlines and acting in an appropriate manner

**Respect** – They have shown respect toward one another and a deep respect for one another’s beliefs, culture and backgrounds.

**Excellence** – As a level, they have not been prepared to accept mediocrity. They have worked hard to make individual improvement. I am very proud of the fact that they are the first group to reach the 3.75 average in work practises by mid year

**Teamwork** – Year 12 have demonstrated teamwork, not just in the class, but in way they look after each other. The 2010 Year 12 class is a team not a year level

**Persistence** – In order to achieve the 3.75 out of 4 work practice target, the Assistant Coordinator, Pam and I, met with each student to discuss what they could do to improve. In each case, the goal was the same. To persist and improve

**Achievement** – I am proud of the 2010 class for not accepting second best work but continuing to work towards their goals. Thank you to all the students

Tickets at the door $10 for students

A night of entertainment, showcasing the wide variety of dance that happens at Brunswick.

**Basketball Guys**
This is to let you know that in just over six weeks there will be a weekend Basketball and Lifeskills Camp for teenage guys (13-19 yrs) at Phillip Island during the school and university holidays (Friday 3 - Sunday 5 December, 2010).

Those taking part will have the opportunity to work on and improve their basketball skills under the supervision of semi-professional coaches. This will include lively training sessions and climax in an exciting tournament between different teams. As before, there will also be a few sessions focussed on discovering some practical lifeskills ‘tools’ which we believe can help equip those who come to make the most of the opportunities and challenges they are likely to face in every day life.

This will be the 7th camp of its kind and as always it will bring together young people from diverse cultures and backgrounds and provide a chance for them to build friendships based on trust beyond community boundaries. We are offering a special scholarship rate of $70 for those who apply by Friday 19 November. If you or any of your young guys up there would like to participate, they can apply online through contacting the website of the Major StreetBasketball Foundation at //www.msfbasketball.com.

David Coles and Andre Gorgievski – Major StreetBasketball Foundation
0417 389892       0449 700595

Rob Wood and Vincent Ding - Initiatives Of Change
0401 621609       0431 521876

2010 DANCE EVENT
Come along and see the following groups perform
Year 8 Dance
Year 9 Dance
Year 10 Dance
VIC Moves Apocalypse Cast
Addiction Hip Hop crew

On Wednesday the 3rd of November @ 8:00pm
In the Gym which will be converted into a theatre
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

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).

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