Last week offered three events that prompted reflection on the bonds that we form with our school and of education’s significance and continuing influence in our lives.

On Thursday, Ken Eckersall a former student of Brunswick Technical School in the 1940s launched *Lifelong Learning*, his highly interesting and affectionate history of Brunswick schools from 1910 to the present. In his history of Brunswick Secondary College and the former Brunswick Technical School, Ken details the character and aspirations that defined the school in each decade, connecting the growth and development of the school to the wider changing society. Ken’s account affirms the importance of government schooling and of the particular personal and social benefits that technical education provided. As Claude Sgroi, former Brunswick Secondary College Principal, wrote in his foreword, “Ken’s transparently undiminished affection for the school springs from his own experience but also alludes to the influence that Brunswick Secondary College has in shaping many lives.” Ken’s reflection is that “Lifelong Learning” shows the balance achieved at Brunswick Secondary College in maintaining academic rigour while also catering for individual learning.” He has here encapsulated our school purpose and goals.

Copies of *Lifelong Learning* can be purchased at the office for $25.00 or accessed through the link [http://openfaced.org/Brunswick_text_final-07.pdf](http://openfaced.org/Brunswick_text_final-07.pdf).

In the same week, our Science teachers and principals met to acknowledge the contribution to Brunswick Secondary College of one of Victoria’s most influential Science Educators, Dr Rod Fawns. Rod, who is writing a history of STAV (The Science Teachers Association of Victoria), has until recently lectured in Science Education at the University of Melbourne. He has been a supportive friend of our college for more than a decade. The Science Learning Area and the wider school have benefitted greatly from Rod’s spirit of generosity, insightful advice, and time spent helping the school and its student teachers. Nearly all of our Science teachers have “come from Rod” as we say. He has also been a critical friend to the principals, always understanding and supporting our next steps and aspirations as a school. Rod was delighted that our VCE results last year were so strong. Through encouraging his best graduates to work at Brunswick, he shares a part of this success. We thank Rod for ‘adopting’ Brunswick Secondary College and for his continuing interest and care for our school community.
The third story involves an email from 2009 Dux, Joshua Chang. Joshua suggested that it is time that Brunswick Secondary College established an alumni association that invited past students to keep in touch with the school through helping out at school events, reunions and donations. In offering to start and manage the list, Joshua commented that “I really think a lot of people would be interested; we love this school.” If you are from the Year 12 Class of 2009, or an earlier year level, and would like to join the BSC Alumni, email brunswicksecondaryalumni@gmail.com and Joshua will be in contact. Another way in which past students can be involved is through assisting at after school homework club. If you would like to volunteer for Homework Club or Maths Help, please phone 9387 6133 or email brunswicksc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

Vote To Have Your Say

This year Victorian adults will be voting in the state and federal elections, giving them the power to voice their opinion on government policy. But most students here at BSC are under 18 and therefore not eligible to vote.

If this includes you, then why not jump on to these websites and have your say on these 2 issues affecting you. Australia is a democracy and though you cannot yet vote, you are now old enough to start influencing government. So come on, make a change!

PT4ME2 Under 18 Voice

Pt4me2 U18 voice is an online survey that gives young people the opportunity to have their say on what they think are the most important issues regarding public transport in Melbourne. Students who would like to take the survey can visit www.pt4me2.org.au. The survey closes April 30th.

We are seeking young people’s opinions on public transport in metropolitan Melbourne.

pt4me2 is a project of the Metropolitan Transport Forum, representing 18 municipalities across Melbourne. From 18th February pt4me2 is launching pt4me2 U18 voice. This online survey gives young people 18 years and under the opportunity to comment on what they feel are the most important issues regarding public transport in metropolitan Melbourne. The survey closes on 30 April 2010.

pt4me2 will be collating all the comments and presenting the findings to the major parties before the 27th November state election.

pt4me2 U18 voice is an opportunity for students to contribute positively to the democratic process. We know that public transport is important to young people and we want their views to be known by the major parties.

The survey can be located at www.pt4me2.org.au/u18.

Cr Jackie Fristacky, Chair, Metropolitan Transport Forum

About FYA

Is success at school just about your marks? Young Australians are now having their say by logging on to www.tellus.org.au and joining a huge national campaign called Tell Us: Are you more than your marks?

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Tell Us is an online survey where students all around Australia can have their say on what being successful at school really means and how it should be measured. Students who would like to voice their opinion on how they think success should be measured in schools can visit http://www.tellus.org.au/#/are-you-more-than-your-marks and do the survey online.

Annalivia Carli Hannan, Communications captain

Merri Community Health Services Survey

Merri Community Health Services (formerly Moreland) is undertaking a Young People’s Health Survey. The purpose of the survey is to hear from young people (aged 12 to 25) in the City of Moreland about what health issues are important to them at the present moment. The information we gather will provide us with greater knowledge in order to develop services that suit the needs of the young people in the local area. The survey is anonymous, will take about 10 minutes to complete and young people will go into the draw to win an iPod Nano.

The survey can be completed on line: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D3J6PK6

Jemma Mead, Team Leader, Youth Health Team Merri Community Health Services

MUSIC NEWS

Our Percussion Ensemble and Greek Band will perform this Sunday 28th February at the Sydney Road Street Party. Come along to see and hear our students perform on the Community Stage opposite Michael Street at 12 noon. See link for further details: http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au/srsp.htm

Suzanne Kurick, Music Coordinator
Upcoming event on the 24th March—A Family Night with a Greek Flavour

Brunswick Secondary would like to bring families together for an evening of culture, laughter and good food on Wednesday 24 March from 6pm. This evening precedes Greek National Day and will celebrate the Greek heritage of a large number of our College community.

For $20/adult, $10/student or $50/family ticket (max 5) you will enjoy
• Performance of Odyssey by Andreas Litras
• A feast of Greek food
• Music by our BSC Greek Band

Ελατε να γιορτάσετε την εθνική μας γιορτή μαζί με την παράσταση του άνδρα λίτρα «οδύσσεια» και το μουσικό συγκρότημα του σχολείου μας «BSC ελληνική μπαντα».

BSC Italian Study Tour 2010

An information night for the Italian Study Tour planned in Term 4 this year will be held here at school on 15th February at 6.00PM. Please direct all enquiries to Pina Mazzeo on 9387 6133 or email—mazzeo.pina.r@edumail.vic.gov.au. The tour is open to students in all year levels.

Guide Dogs Victoria

Sunday the 28th of February, 10am-4pm Chandler Hwy, Kew
Entry is via Gold Coin Donation
Sorry, No Pets.

Visit www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au for more information. We would very much appreciate your support.

It is a fantastic day for the whole family.

Megan Harrington, Event Coordinator

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Parent helpers wanted for the Greek Cultural Evening

The Parent Project Team will be working with teachers and the School Music Captain to prepare and source food and set up the Performing Arts room for the evening. If you would like to donate food (please list ingredients), drinks or Greek decorations, or enjoy creating Greek food with others on the day please contact Maria Rerakis 04838893942 / after hours 93866882

If you have any more ideas about how to make this a wonderful event and would like to generally help out please contact Pam Duncan at BSC on 93879726
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. The school nurse, Jeremy Fiske, will in the next fortnight, be contacting parents of children who have anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions. If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please contact the level coordinator or Jeremy.

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