Principal’s Report

Thank you to the parents who have indicated that they will be attending the Parent School Self Evaluation Focus Groups on next Monday 22nd March. They will commence promptly at 7.00pm in the library. We encourage parents to attend. It is important that we have strong parent representation in this critical time when we are determining our new Strategic Plan and direction as a school. Thank you also to the parents who have already responded to the quick Parent School Self Evaluation Survey. The link is being sent out again with the email accompanying this newsletter and will remain open until the end of term. Again, we want to hear all parents views in relation to the 3 key questions:
1. What does our school do well?
2. What would we like to see our school achieving in 5 – 10 years?
3. What should we do to achieve the future we want to see?

Some of the parent feedback we have received to date is concerned with the fact that the school does not have VET and VCAL provision. While this has been true in the past, this situation has changed in 2010. We currently have ten Year 10 students enrolled in VET through the Inner North VET Cluster in the following courses: Automotive Technology Studies, Hospitality Community Services, Community Recreation (Outdoor Recreation). VET was offered to all Year 10 students at the end of 2009. We anticipate that the numbers of students choosing VET will grow in future years. In 2010, we have also introduced a Pre-VCAL course that will continue to Year 11 VCAL in 2011, and Year 12 VCAL in 2012.

Tickets for the Greek Night, Wednesday 24th March, are selling fast. They can be purchased from the office at a cost of $20.00 per adult, $10.00 per student or $50.00 for family. We are greatly looking forward to the evening and to seeing you there.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

Pre-VCAL

Many people think that Pre-VCAL is the easy way out, but this is actually far from the truth. The work we do is a little different to the work that people do in mainstream classes. This is because our work prepares and provides us with the necessary skills needed to help us to find appropriate pathway for each individual. In Pre-VCAL we have smaller classes which means that...
we can work more one to one with the teacher. In Pre – VCAL our teachers work hard with us to help us achieve personal goals set at the start of each term. VCAL provides a great opportunity for students to achieve a senior certificate at the end of Year 12.

I believe that VCAL is a great program and that more students should consider it.

Rory Robbins-Hardman Year 10K

Vocational Education & Training

VET @ BSC

In 2009, Brunswick SC joined the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster, to assist students in applying and completing applications to a range of VET courses in 2010. VET in school is done at a Certificate 2 level and provides VCE students with applied learning opportunities and work related skills.

As part of VET students do 75 hours per year of Structured Work placement and successful completion of VET Units 1 – 4 can contribute to year 12 study scores and VCE results. The students attend VET classes on Wednesday morning or afternoon and travel independently to the host school.

The students are doing the following courses: Community Services at RMIT TAFE, Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) at Thornbury High School, Hospitality at Santa Maria College and William Angliss and Automotive and Community Recreation at Northland Secondary College.

Cathie Cowcher, Pathways / VET Coordinator

Student Feedback about VET

"It's really good. I like learning about how to work with other people."

Qualin Critch 11R

"I love doing my VET course, Community Services at RMIT because the teachers are nice and supportive. I also love doing a course which is directly related to the area of further training and work that I am interested in."

Kordy Leicht 11R

"VET is fun and challenging and I like going to the RMIT canteen before the class and during the break."

Stephanie O’Connor 11C

"On Wednesday I go to RMIT TAFE to do my VET course. I have made new friends and I enjoy doing the group work. The course will help me to find out about working in Childcare and Nursing."

Ardo Ibrahim 11R

Greek Night Tickets – LAST DAYS TO PURCHASE!

Don't miss out on this wonderful community evening of music, drama and food. Please book your tickets by THIS FRIDAY 19th so catering arrangements can be finalised. Ring Yvonne at BSC reception on 9387 6133 to purchase at a cost of $20 per adult, $10 per student or $50 per family.

In keeping with the festive nature of the evening parent donations of dips, desserts and contributions to our Easter hamper would be very welcome. Please ring Pam Duncan at BSC on 9387 6133 for more information regarding donations, or if you would like to help out on the day preparing Greek food.

Last Days - Ticket sales closing soon

Year 7 Excursion - Race Around Melbourne

On Thursday 4th of March my class went on a field trip to the city to gather information for our assessment task for Geography. We worked in groups of 4-5 students and had to find different landmarks and travelled around on foot and catching public transport. Our ability to read maps was tested and also our ability to work as a team. Everyone had a great day, and a big thank you to all the parents who came along.

Amy Lee Year 7S
SRC 2010

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as members of this year’s SRC:

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UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy 2010

Congratulations to Wudassie Assfaw (11S) who has been selected to participate in the “Young Women’s Leadership Academy” at The Women’s College, Sydney University from 12 -16 April. This program, sponsored by the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals, was only open to 50 Year 11 students from public schools in Victoria, NSW and the ACT. The course is designed to be a creative mix of practical and theory with industry exposure, field visits and syndicate work. It is an opportunity for attendees to develop their leadership skills and develop new relationships with their peer group from other schools.

Plain English Speaking Awards

The Plain English Speaking Award (PESA) is a public speaking competition for students aged 15-18 (Year 10-12). PESA provides an excellent opportunity for students to build self-confidence and extend their skills in oral communication, speech writing and research. Indeed, our past entrants have commented that participating in this competition increased their ability to effectively complete written and verbal compositions in their English assessment tasks, particularly at Year 12.

Participants deliver a prepared speech of 6-minutes on a topic of their choice. A warning bell sounds at 5 minutes and a final bell at 6 minutes. Speakers are also required to deliver a 3-minute impromptu speech, with only 4-minutes to prepare for it beforehand. All students speak on the same topic. Brunswick Secondary College will host a final, with participants from across the state, on Wednesday, 26 May. Interested students should speak with Ms. Crowley and Ms. Giannakakis for further information.

Kimberley Crowley, Student Leadership & Enrichment Coordinator

VCE Profiles

Leah Cox, Year 12 2009

Name: Leah Cox.
My VCE subjects in 2009 were Biology, Chemistry, Literature, History of Revolutions (2008 Maths Methods CAS, Psychology). In 2010 my subjects were Biology, chemistry, psychology, breadth: sociology
My favourite subject was Psychology because I find humans and their behaviours interesting.
I am currently studying a Bachelor of science at the University of Melbourne.
The reasons for me choosing this pathway is that I am interested in a career in science but not sure which area I would like to pursue, so a broad degree really suits my needs.
My first impressions of the course is that the lectures aren’t as scary-hard as I first thought, they actually reminded us of some important things we learnt in Year 12 before teaching us anything new. Brunswick must have done a good job, because lots of other people are freaking out about stuff I already know. (Thanks Ms Tangey especially!) They’re so many people, you need to be early to lectures if you want a seat. There is Wifi across the whole campus so you can study under a tree on south lawn which is really nice. I now have my own lab coat and safety glasses, like a real scientist.
My long term study and career plans are a post-graduate degree of some kind, thinking of a career as a Health Professional.
The greatest lessons learned at Brunswick SC would be to set goals and work hard, take little steps if you feel overwhelmed. DO NOT give up for semester 2 if your midyear exam results aren’t what you hoped for, just try harder. My advice to Brunswick SC students would be to be true to yourself.

Possible Olympic hopeful for Table Tennis

Recently, Muhammad Afiq Zenaidee Year 12S has been drafted into the Table tennis OPP (Olympic Player Program). He was selected from a long list of candidates (those that had don the state colours and between the age of 14 to 20).

Muhammad was one of the six lucky ones chosen to be in this program. Among other things, the objective of this program is to nurture these six individuals to don the national colours in the Olympic games of 2016 and beyond. These players are individually groomed to hopefully achieve success in future Olympic competitions.

Congratulations Wudassie
As part of the program, they are required to train together under the guidance of a panel of coaches 5 times weekly. (In Muhammad’s case, the workload becomes tremendous as he is sitting for the Year 12 exams this year). In the end, this boils down to hardwork, discipline, dedication and commitment.

In addition, these players personal wellbeing are also being taken care of. They are being sponsored fully for training expenses, training equipments, attire, travelling to and from competition as well as overseas travel, competition and training.

Year 8 Medieval Day 2010

On Wednesday May 5th, Brunswick Secondary College will host the annual Year 8 Medieval Day. All Year 8 students will participate in this compulsory event. This year, Medieval Day activities will run during periods 3, 4, 5 & 6. All students must attend normal classes in periods 1 & 2 and be in full school uniform for the entire day.

Groups will rotate through a variety of sessions, including archery, weapons and armour, games, crime and punishment, and a tournament. The educational organisation, Medieval Education and Entertainments, will run each session under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

Permission forms have been distributed during pastoral to Year 8 students and this, along with the $15.50 payment, should be returned to the front office no later than Friday, 26th March.

Anna Foundling, Year 8 Coordinator

Year 9/10 Boys Cricket

On Thursday the 11th of March 2010 the year 9/10 boys cricket team travelled to Fawkner Park to try and win glory for the school. Our first game, against Elwood, was cancelled so we won by forfeit. After waiting around for a little while we played Fitzroy, who had just lost to Princes Hill. Henry de Olevere and Nick Manley opened the bowling and got us off to a great start. Nick took a wicket. Henry took three wickets, including a great stumping by wicket keeper Rory Hardman and a run out. Tim Coxhill took two. After a great bowling performance by Brunswick, Fitzroy finished their innings on 8/81 off 15 overs.

We opened the batting with Rory and Tim. Both batted brilliantly and retired on 25. George then went in and proceeded to take apart the bowling smashing four sixes and a single making 25 in six balls. We won the game with five overs and 7 wickets to spare.

We then played Princes Hill. The captain wanted to give everyone a go and opened with Sam Francis and George Di Ciero, who unfortunately went out for ten. Julian Pizi had a good innings, making 28 before retiring. The match was shortened to eight overs per side, however Brunswick was still able to make a competitive 48.

The bowlers, faced with a small total to defend, did an amazing job to put Brunswick in a winning position with two overs to go. However, several chances were dropped in the field and Princes Hill won by a narrow margin.

We may have lost the final match but everyone played well and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mr. Pawley and Mr. Crossley for getting us to and from the games.

By Henry de Olevere & Jasper Woodcock

Instrumental Music and Roll Marking

In the past there have been some difficulties with getting accurate rolls for students learning an instrument. This has at times caused concern for parents who get a sms indicating their child missed a class when in fact they were at their music lesson.

The process now in place to ensure accuracy of roll marking is that students who have an instrumental music lesson should see the teacher of the class they will miss to let them know they have a music lesson. This class teacher will then mark the student present. Instrumental music teachers will check that students have seen their teacher.

If you have concerns about the accuracy of an sms message, please enquire and the information can be checked and corrected if necessary.

Heather Secomb, Assistant Principal Yr 7-9

Senior Interschool Debating

BSC has made a terrific start to the year with Senior Interschool Debating. One of the most pleasing aspects has been welcoming the influx of new debaters to the teams: Gus Holian, Alison Millward, Jo Boyce and Rachel Hocking (year 12); Chris Allan and Vasilika Garuli (year 10); and Mia Lickliter, Anthony Campana, Henry de Oleviere and Gracie Jirik (Year 9). Once again, BSC has a strong presence with four teams competing in the Coburg region.

Round 1 on Wednesday 10 March presented some challenging topics, requiring students to demonstrate their knowledge of current affairs, as well as politics and economics. Our A Grade team (Year 11 and 12) presented strong arguments in favour of the topic “That we should set a maximum wage of $1 million for corporate executives.” Unfortunately they were just beaten by the opposition by one point. Commiserations to our D Grade Team 1 who were also ‘pipped at the post’, although they did a great job preparing and presenting their arguments.

Congratulations to our C-Grade team of Chris Allan, Mikaela Constable and Brianna Inturrisi (best speaker) who won their debate, persuading the audience that “Australia should adopt a national internet filter.” Congratulations also to D-Grade Team 2 of Gracie Jirik, Christos Milas and Alexandra Brown who successfully argued that “Cosmetic surgery should be banned.” Special congratulations to Gracie who, in her very first debate, put in a terrific speech to win best speaker. Thank you also to Ms Kavanagh who has been helping our teams prepare for their debates.

Come along and help support our teams in Round 2 of the competition on Wednesday 21 April 2010 at Mercy
Parent Update Survey

We want to hear from you! — please click on link. Complete our quick, three-minute Parent Update survey and tell us what YOU want to read about.

Moreland Aspie Team (MAST)

The group is part of the network of the State Library of Victoria's online community - myconnected community or mc2.vicnet.net.au

MAST is for parents, teachers and students to share information and practical ideas to enhance opportunities for teenagers with Asperger's Syndrome (AS). This is NOT a place to complain about your children, your students or your school but to provide a safe and welcoming forum for those with AS and their families and teachers.

You are invited to share problems and ideas on the Forum. You can ask others for useful contacts in relation to particular problems or issues. You can share the names of professionals and programs that you have found useful.

Personal stories are also welcome provided that they respect the dignity and privacy of others to whom that is important. Remember whatever your write here will be read by a wide variety of people.

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 contact 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.

School Start Bonus (SSB)

The majority of parents of year 7 children have now redeemed their School Start Bonus vouchers; however a number have yet to do so. Please hand your cheque into Australia post with photo ID to claim. If you have lost your cheque, please contact Katie in the office.

In Shared Files you can upload any documents of interest. The group can be found at http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/mast/index.html

Access to the resources on site is for members only. People wanting to join the group will need to click on ‘join this group’ on the left of the description of the group. They will then need to register as members of my connected community. Once they have completed this step, they can apply to join the group.

BSC Office hours are between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone calls and office inquiries 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 Parents/Guardians,

Brunswick Secondary College students will continue to have terrific opportunities open to them in 2010. Through participating in state and national competitions, students are able to test their skills against a wide field, assess their performance against students outside of the school who share their interests and talents, and develop experience and confidence in performing under pressure. The College is proud of our ongoing high participation and success rate in state and national competitions.

To make the process of entering competitions easier to coordinate, the following is a list of all examination-style Maths, Science, SOSE and English competitions that are running in Terms 2 & 3. All competitions listed will be held at school, during class time on the dates listed. Every effort will be made to ensure students complete their entries during subject-appropriate class time, but there may be occasions when students are taken out of their scheduled class.

All students are encouraged to participate in any competition that they would like to. Please note that all Year 7-10 SEAL students are automatically enrolled in the competitions listed below, with the exception of the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition, and entry fees have already been paid. Parents of SEAL students need only return this form if their child wishes to participate in this competition. Please have all entries in by Friday, 16 April. If you have any queries, please contact me on 9387-6133 or via email at crowley.kimberley.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kimberley Crowley

Student Leadership & Enrichment Coordinator

Please tick the competition(s) you would like to enter:

- [ ] Australian Maths Competition – Years 7-12 (17 August) Entry Fee: $5.00
- [ ] Australian Schools Science Competition – Years 7-10 (9 June) Entry Fee: $6.60
- [ ] Rio Tinto Big Science Competition – Years 7-12 (1 September) Entry Fee: $6.00
- [ ] Australian Schools Writing Competition – Years 7-10 (22 June) Entry Fee: $16.00
- [ ] Australian Schools English Competition – Years 7-10 (3 August) Entry Fee: $7.00

Student’s name: _____________________________________________ Pastoral Group: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: ___________________________ Total entry fees included: ________________

Parent’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________
EXCURSIONS 29th – 31st March

Monday 29th March:
Ten pin Bowling & Go-Karting/Lasers

Tuesday 30th March:
Indoor Rock-Climbing & West-side Circus

Wednesday 31st March:
Luna Park

Cost: $30 (GST inc.) Conc • $50 (GST inc.) Full
Prices include all activities, food and transport.
To be Paid by Wednesday 24th March 2010

EXCURSIONS 7th – 9th April

Wed 7th April:
West-side Circus & Go-Karting/Lasers

Thurs 8th April:
Ten pin bowling & Canoeing

Fri 9th April:
Werribee Zoo & Mansion

Cost: $30 (GST inc.) Conc • $50 (GST inc.) Full
Prices include all activities, food and transport.
To be Paid by Wednesday 24th March 2010

You are given a choice of either week, YOU CANNOT DO BOTH

Bookings will be taken from Wed 10th March onwards. Get in quick! Places will fill fast. For any more info please contact Jacqui on 84708922
The Darebin Teenage Holiday Program is largely subsidised by the government, and is aimed at young people who are disadvantaged and have few or no opportunities to fund their holiday activities. Therefore:

- **DEFINITE PRIORITY** is given to young people & families who have a Health Care Concession Card.

- You **MUST** be aged 12-15 years

- You **MUST** live or go to school in Darebin (evidence is required – for eg. Student card or concession card)

**HOW TO BOOK????**

Bookings from AGENCIES, Schools, & Young People/ families with a health care card will be taken via phone from Wednesday 10th March on 8470 8922. You are not booked in until you have been told “YOU ARE BOOKED IN”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Jacqui on 8470 8922.

Regards,
Jacqui Faliszewski
(Youth Programs Officer)
Northland Youth Centre