Greek Night

Last term’s Greek night last was an enjoyable and unique school occasion. Thank you to all who attended and especially to those who worked beforehand and on the night to make the event so memorable and successful. Special thanks to the main organisers, teachers Pam Duncan, Suanne Kurick and Wayne Simmons, Parent Project Team members led Maria Reiakis and Specialist School Captains, Jessica Trevena (Music) and Barbara Obtulovic (Performing Arts).

Our first ever Greek Evening was a truly effective collaboration of teachers, parents and students. Andrea Litras’ play, *Odysseus*, was very moving for all who saw it. The audience included Greek grandparents who had made the same journey to Australia and their connection with the stories and characters based on Andreas Litras’ own family was palpable. The diverse range of Brunswick SC parents, students and friends who attended also laughed, shed a tear and strongly identified with the play’s themes of family, migration and identity. The Brunswick Secondary College Greek Band that followed was outstanding and is to be congratulated on the range, quality and vitality of their repertoire. Of course, it would not have been a true Greek event without the inclusion of Greek dancing, delicious shared food and a sea of blue and white decorations that magically transformed the Performing Arts Room into a Greek Taverna for the night. I am sure you will enjoy the photos of the Greek Night overleaf. Together with the organisers, I would like to express our appreciation to the generous

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**Greek Band playing the “Rebetiko”**

**Jessica and Barbara**

**Wayne Simmons on guitar**

**The “Tsifteteli”**

**A toast to a wonderful evening**
Parent Teacher Student Interviews

While the Greek night was one of the most enjoyable school events in 2010, the Parent teachers Student Interview Day (Thursday 22nd April 2.00-5.00pm) is in fact the most important event for parents, teachers and students in 2010. For many, it will provide a chance for you to meet your child’s teachers for the first time. As we always say, we understand that the best outcomes for students can be accomplished only where there are high expectations and a shared responsibility between the home and school. We are pleased that attendance at the term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews has hovered around 80% in the past few years. It is our hope that this rate increases even further this year. Details about how to book an appointment through PTO online were emailed (or distributed to those families who do not have the internet at home) on Monday. Remember to include time to travel between rooms in your schedule of interviews. We look forward to seeing you next week. Please call the school if you have not received your password.

School Self-evaluation

The School Self Evaluation (first stage of our Strategic Review) is nearing completion and was approved by School Council in a special meeting this week. Thank you to all parents who participated in the Parent Focus Groups or Parent Blog. I would also like to acknowledge the dedicated and effective work of our nineteen specialist school captains, all of whom were involved in running a student focus group.

New Teachers for Term 2

We welcome the following teachers who are replacing staff on long service leave:

- Avanthi Jayatilleke – Music
- Emma Oliver – English ESL and Humanities
- Victoria Cumner – English and Geography

We hope that they enjoy their time at Brunswick and that Suzanne Kurick, Annie Tsernjavski and Pat Grant enjoy their long service leave.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

Homework Club

Students are encouraged to attend the relevant Homework Clubs organised by the school and staffed by Brunswick SC staff and University Student volunteers.

- Monday: Maths Help Year 7-12, F2
- Tuesday: Year 10-12, Library
- Thursday: Year 10-12, Library, Year 7-9 F2

Student Profile – Katie, I will ask Patrick to organise

SPORT

Year 8 Girls Softball

The year 8 softball team had a great day out competing in the Interschool competition recently. Our first game was our biggest challenge against Melbourne Girls College. Our batting team started well with Ilayda Demir, Sally McBean and Maddison Holt all making it home in our first innings. Melbourne Girls matched our score quickly and overtook us to win quite convincingly. We played University High in our second game and showed a marked improvement in batting, fielding and pitching. Maddison and Sally again starred with the bat and made 2 home runs. Johanna Zafiropoulous pitched well and after 2 innings we had outscored our opponent by one run, a great team effort! Our final game to determine 2nd and 3rd placing was against Glen Eira, this was again a very even match with teams being level after 2 innings. We batted well with Kristie, Johanna, Iffah, Eliza and Sally all making runs in our final innings. We went on to win 17-13 which meant we came 2nd overall. I would like to congratulate the girls who showed great sportsmanship and determination and also thank Nikki Davis who assisted on the day.

Sally Goss, P.E Teacher

Year 8 Boys Volleyball

The year 8 boys volleyball team played play 6 other schools during their summer sports day. In a tough first game against University high, we lost 25-21, 25-23. Brunswick then had a tough 3 set match against Glen Eira S.C winning the deciding set. In the play off for third Brunswick lost in a tough third set match to Fitzroy H.S. Best player were Ioannis Avramidis, Tom Demelis and Guss Melhem.

Brent Pawley, P.E Coordinator

Year 8 Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the team – they came third in the
competition. Although beaten by Melbourne Girls A team in the first game, Brunswick rallied and beat Fitzroy in a tough game. After honing their skills the girls easily accounted for Glen Eira and outclassed Elwood in the play-off for third, winning both sets.

Lucy Payne stood out as a powerful and accurate server and combined well with Larissa Li (digging) and Georgia Evgeniadi (setting) on the court.

Thanks to Michael Akhee, Laura Phillips and Amy Blackman who assisted on the day. Michael also trained the team.

Tony Lawrence, P.E Teacher

Year 8 Baseball team

On Wednesday the 24th of March the Year 8 Boys Baseball team travelled to Princes Park to compete against other schools. Having made it to Zones last year the team was confident that they could get there again, if only we could get past Fitzroy’s team. The first game saw us face Uni High, who we defeated 2 runs to 17. Strong efforts from all batters were important and consistent, focused pitching and fielding kept our opponents out of the contest. The second game was against the feared Fitzroy team, after a 14-1 first innings we were feeling confident going into the second innings. Great pitching saw both teams go scoreless in the second innings, leaving us a superb 13 point victory. Finally, we played Glen Eira, in a game shortened to a single innings Brunswick won 10 – 0 to safely win a berth to the Zones. Excellent pitching by Sam Dean-Spanganolo, powerfully batting by Dylan Letoga and Joel Horsaniell were standout performances on an exemplary team effort where all players had great individual successes.

Steven Kolber, P.E Teacher

Perfect Study Score

Congratulations to Leiana Zampogna for achieving a perfect score of 50 for Business Management. We wish her all the very best for her studies in Criminal Justice at RMIT. Well Done!

Smaro Daskalaki, Business Management Teacher

Are You Interested In A Career In Art Or Design?

Students interested in exploring careers in design and pathways into the tertiary education sector should think about attending agIdeas 2010 Futures. This is an annual event where internationally acclaimed designers present images of their work and discuss their inspirations and career paths. Last year several teachers and students from BSC attended, hearing from a range of designers including architects, illustrators, industrial designers and motion graphics designers. It was a fascinating night and very inspirational. Mr Runting, Ms Cowcher and Ms Ferguson will be attending. Students (and their parents if they are interested) are invited to come along as well. agIdeas

2010 Futures will be held at Hamer Hall, the Arts Centre on Tuesday April 27. The careers expo runs from 4.00pm - 6.00pm, the presentations by the designers from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Tickets are limited, only $30 each. Every ticket holder will also take home a copy of the limited edition, 500-page design book.

We are asking that students purchase their own tickets for this event online at www.agideas.net/register If you are interested in coming, talk to your Art or Design teacher ASAP.

For more information go to: http://www.agideas.net/agideas-2010/futures

ACMA’s Cybersafety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations

As part of its Cybersafety Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersafety trainer. Presentations are free of charge.

Support materials for parents

The Australian Communications and Media Authority’s (ACMA) Cybersafety Outreach program offers a range of free resources for parents, teachers and children. Materials developed for parents include:

- Cybersmart Kids, an online guide to smart surfing, chatting and emailing.
  Visit www.cybersmartkids.com.au
- Cybersmart Kids brochures: Cybersmart Guide
  How to be phone smart
  Smart guide to social networking.
- Cybersafety Gateway - In mid-2009, ACMA will launch a Cybersafety Gateway—a web portal giving all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to the full range of ACMA’s cybersafety education resources. The Gateway will host current ACMA resources, link to existing national and international resources and offer new materials as they are developed. The Gateway will include strategic tools for cybersafety education planning.
- Cybersafety Contact Centre, for information and advice. Telephone 1800 880 176.
  Email for information, printed materials and advice about online safety. cybersafety@acma.gov.au
Courses for Adults at Brunswick
Neighbourhood House
18 Garden Street and 43A De Carle Street, Brunswick
Phone: 9387 9901/9386 9418
www.bnhc.vic.edu.au

Literacy Program
Difficulties with reading, writing and numeracy skills can be a barrier to finding work, participating in training or in supporting children with schoolwork. We hold friendly, small size classes for both adults whose first language is English, or other than English. Classes from $90 for concession card holders. Call Karen on 9387 9901 for more details.

Computer Classes
Computer literacy, the ability to communicate via emails, find information on-line and create simple documents is an essential skill in today’s world. Gain confidence in small, supportive classes with our Computer Basics course or for those who already have the basics learn more about Word, Hardware terminology and how to use and create spreadsheets and simple databases. Classes from $90 for concession card holders.

Employment Skills
To support adults looking for employment we also run short courses in How To Succeed in Today’s Competitive Job Market, Preparation for Voluntary Work, Effective Verbal Communication, Safe Food Handling and Levels One & Two First Aid.

Karen Mengell, Adult Education Program Co-ordinator
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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. 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.

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