

Blackburn High School

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Year 12 students in their Elevate Education session

Principal's Report

We have had a very smooth but busy start to Term 3 with the acknowledgement of student and staff achievements and a range of amazing learning opportunities for our students that included the: Subject Expo, Future Pathways conversations, VCE Student Progress Conferences, STEM activities, Language activities and the Music Camp.

35 Years of Service

Congratulations to Mr Greg Hlasko who recently received a Certificate of Recognition for his 35 years of service with the Education Department. What a fantastic achievement and milestone. The Blackburn High School community will formally acknowledge Greg at the whole school assembly scheduled for Thursday, 16 August, where some of his students will fondly reflect on how he has inspired and encouraged them.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Cadhla Schmidli of Year 9, who was a representative for School Sport Victoria football competitions at the National Championships in Adelaide in July. Victoria came out as the well-deserved champions. Cadhla kicked the first goal of the season and was voted "best on ground" for the first game against Queensland. In addition, at the closing ceremony, Cadhla was given the ultimate privilege of being awarded one of 25 places in the Under 15 Girls "All Australian Team for Australian Football 2018" along with four other Victorian girls.

The results:

VIC vs QLD – won 5.8.38 to 2.1.13 (Cadhla kicked the first goal)

VIC vs WA – lost 2.2.14 to 4.5.29

VIC vs ACT – won 21.16.142 to 0.1.1

VIC vs SA – won 3.4.22 to 1.1.7

Grand Final-VIC vs NSW 5.2.32 to 3.5.23 of which Cadhla kicked one goal and was responsible for a second.

We are very proud of Cadhla's achievements and it was great to hear that the coach mentioned that she is an amazing and very respectful young person.



Junior/Intermediate Music Camps

We had 128 students attend the Junior/Intermediate Music Camp from Wednesday, 1 August to Friday, 3 August with students involved in intensive rehearsals prior to upcoming performances at the South Street Music Festival. Thank you to Ms Jemima Bunn for her work in organising the camps and to all the music staff who attended and supported the students. Well done also to our senior music leaders who went to Rutherford Park on Thursday to tutor the junior students.



Principal's Report

Pathways Showcase - Subject Selection Expo

On Wednesday, 18 July, the school conducted the very successful Year 9-12 Subject Selection Expo. Students and their parents had an opportunity to move through the various learning area displays to talk with the teachers and Learning Leaders about their subject areas. In addition, there were information booths to assist with the subject selection process for Year 9 to 12 students.

Year 10 Student Pathways

The Year 10 to 11 Student Pathways interviews were conducted on Wednesday, 25 July, in the Resource Centre and this year we had a significant increase in the number of parents that attended with their children. Thank you to the 19 staff who provided the students with an opportunity to discuss their pathways options and a special acknowledgement to Ms Jane Richards and Mr Jay Brutovic, who organised this important event.

VCE Student Progress Conferences

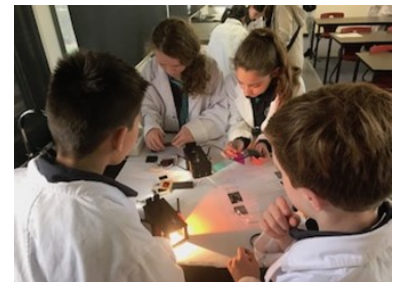
The VCE Progress Conferences for students undertaking Unit 2 and 4 studies were held on Thursday, 26 July, and were very well attended. They provided the students, together with their parents/guardians, with an opportunity to meet with their teachers to discuss their progress and achievement. We encourage students to act on the discussions and recommendations for learning improvement detailed during the conferences.

STEM at Blackburn High School

Last week, the Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed working with scientists from Swinburne University where they developed a better understanding of water sample techniques. Students collected water from Blackburn Creek to examine for microbial contamination and together with the scientists they observed the different microbial colonies and pathogenic bacteria in our creek water.

The Year 9 students and some Year 7 students participated in a robotics incursion to celebrate science week. The students were highly engaged in the activities that strongly linked the science and technology curriculum and provided an exciting opportunity to work collaboratively to build and code a robot.

On Friday, 10 August at Blackburn High School, a STEM specialist working with the CSIRO STEM in Schools' program, Simone Tyndall, visited our school to talk to students about her career in the intellectual property field. Simone studied for a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree (with majors in Chemistry and Film Studies and Honours in Chemistry) and a Masters in Intellectual Law at Monash University. She has worked as an attorney and intellectual property manager, taking care of a diverse range of portfolios from Agriculture and Manufacturing to Oceans & Atmosphere and Land & Water. I would like to acknowledge Ms Kahlia Norwood and Dr Louise Hartley who have initiated the STEM activities.



Mrs Joanna Alexander
Principal



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Dunlop House

Weary Dunlop Foundation Commemorative Service

As a prisoner of war, Sir Edward Dunlop was very well aware of the impact of war service on veterans and their families. He strongly believed that this warranted greater attention, and typically, resolved to do something about it. In 1985 his drive led to the creation of the Weary Dunlop Foundation, to encourage emerging medical researchers to study health conditions of veterans, serving personnel, and their families. The health and well-being of those who have served and sacrificed remains vitally important today, and the Weary Dunlop Foundation continues to pursue the vision inherited from this truly great Australian.

During the term holiday break Dunlop House Captain James O'Hehir and Mentor Leader Mathilda Karow represented Blackburn High School at this year's Commemorative Service and launch of the annual Weary Dunlop Appeal on Thursday, 12 July. This is a day for all of the foundation members and associated organisations to come together to pay tribute to Sir Edward Dunlop and celebrate his ongoing legacy. In support of such a worthy cause, Dunlop House will be holding its annual fundraiser event, 'Help Us to Help Others', consisting of a gold coin out of uniform day, as well as a lunchtime sausage sizzle, on Friday 17 August.



Student Leadership

During the final weeks of Term 2, we celebrated all of the work and achievements of our student leadership team for Semester 1 with a pizza luncheon. It was great for students to reflect on everything that they have achieved as a team so far this year. We look forward to their plans for the upcoming House fundraiser and student-led activities in Mentor Group.



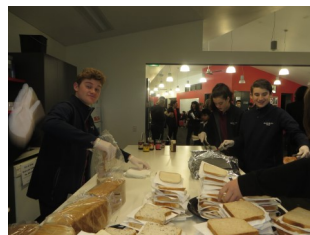


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Dunlop House

House breakfast

The student leadership team put on a delicious House breakfast on the second last day of Term 2. Students worked together to prepare fresh fruit, juice and delicious bacon sandwiches that were snapped up and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Sophia Guo, for winning the attendance raffle.



Ms Claire Greve
Dunlop House Leader

DUNLOP SUPERSTARS

Ethan Hewitt – Dancer Extraordinaire

An enormous congratulations goes out to Ethan Hewitt (Year 7) who recently competed in the Victorian State Irish Dancing Championships. He gave an outstanding performance and was crowned with the State Champion title, and becomes a world qualifier for 2019 competitions to be held in the United States of America.



Annabel Twidale –Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to Annabel Twidale (Year 9) for achieving the Bronze Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program.



Music Leadership

Congratulations and thank you our senior music leaders including two of our very own, Shanice Weatherly and James O'Hehir, for giving up time in their busy Year 12 schedules to tutor/mentor students last week at Junior Music Camp. They also treated junior students to a fantastic performance - well done! Congratulations also to the students who attended the Music Camp and had a very productive and rewarding experience.



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Freeman House

At the first assembly for the term, we celebrated the achievements of Freeman students in a range of fields.

In the sporting arena, Gaby De Angelis continues to shine. According to her coach, Peta Searle, after the game on 22 July, "Little Gaby De Angelis, her pressure was really high. She couldn't quite find the scoreboard, but she looked dangerous every time the ball went down on the ground."

As well as playing for St Kilda in the VFLW, Gaby was selected in the Vic Metro Under 18 team to play in the AFLW Championships over the next school holidays. After watching a snippet of her play in that tournament, we asked her to speak about her experience and to give some advice to up-and-coming players. Her advice to work hard and enjoy what you do, seems sound indeed!

We also congratulated the Year 7 and 8 students who had represented the school in junior netball and football teams last term. The Year 7 Boys Football and Year 7/8 Boys Netball teams both progressed to the EMR finals, while the Year 7 Girls Netball team just missed out, but played exceedingly well in their division.



In the music world, it was marvellous to watch a clip of the Oliver Shute Big Band who performed at the Thornbury Theatre on 9 July. Described as "a vibrant 18 piece youth jazz orchestra playing classic and contemporary big band charts", the band is led by Ollie, and joined by other Freeman students, Alistair Hardie and Max Castor.

Academically, we applauded the following students whose attendance for the first half of the year was either perfect or near perfect, missing less than a day. It is a wonderful achievement to sustain this attendance level over a semester:

Jessica Baird, Bailey Brito-Babapulle, Ashley Burton, Megan Burton, Elsie Castle, Lillian Castle, Tahlia Corigliano, Casey Cusin, Xavier Daniels, Andrew Davies, Cooper Dennis, Porter Dennis, Danesh Devjani, Edward Du, Cathy Fan, Lydia Fangridas, Callum Farquhar, David Fong, Riku Fujimura, Angus Gough, Cameron Grooby, Dylan Hosken, Bruce Hou, Andy Hu, Gavin Huang, David Huynh, Wilson Huynh, Rachael Kim, Evita Liu, Gandanni Liu, Luke Liu, Alan Liu, Raha Majidian, William Pronyszyn, Chris Qian, Teresa Qin, Ewan Ren, James Rowan, Henry Shand, Robbie Slenders, Emma Stoparis, Zoey Tan, Lewis Tran, Mark Whyte, Alysha Yaacoub, Jeff Yao, Each Zhang, Mariah Zoumpoukas.



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Freeman House

Big Science Competition Online

At our assembly on Tuesday 14 August, we acknowledged the students involved in the Big Science Competition Online. The questions in this competition are written by Science Education Professionals and draw on real-life examples and contemporary issues, to test skills in critical thinking, problem solving and scientific literacy.

Participation

Jessica Cho, Mona Zhang

High Distinction

Mia Marmberg, Mishko Novometsky, Henry Shand,
Robert Slenders

Distinction

Abbey Jones, Talia Langton, Lachlan Stoker, Each Zhang



Year 7 Mentor Activities- Term 3, Week 1 & 2

During weeks 1 & 2 of term 3, the Freeman Year 7 students took part in an alternate mentor program whilst students in Years 8-12 were completing subject selections and career action plans. The first activity 'my

individual potential' encouraged students to reflect on their Semester 1 reports and scaffold a plan to increase their results in Semester 2. Next, the students provided responses to a range of prompting questions relating to their first semester at Blackburn High School. We received many detailed and insightful responses to the questions '*what changes could be made to better enhance your transition experience from primary school to high school*' and '*what advice would you give to the 2019 Year 7s*'. This information is already being used in planning for the transition program next year and the 'advice' responses will be shown to the Year 7s on their first day in 2019. Other activities that were completed as part of this program included a reflection on bullying behaviours and appropriate help seeking strategies. Students are encouraged to call out bullying when it starts to ensure it does not escalate. Lastly, a number of team challenges brought out the competitive side of both 7FA & 7FB as they went head to head in various games including Wall Soccer.

Lastly, as we move into the more intense part of Term 3 and end of Unit 4 for our Year 12 students, we'd like to encourage parents to follow their child's progress by checking when Learning Tasks and CATs are occurring. If you have any concerns about any aspects of their learning and Year 12 studies, please don't hesitate to contact either their subject teachers, Mentor Teacher, or one of us for support.

**Ms Sharon Gardner-Drummond, Ms Bronwyn Roach &
Mr Adrian Ferres, Freeman House Leadership Team**



Hollows House

We hope that all members of our Hollows community had a restful Winter's break, and are settling into Term Three well! We have a big term ahead of us, with many events and opportunities available!

Hollows Breakfast

We would like to extend our gratitude to all students and staff who helped with our Hollows breakfast on August 3. Our spread of bacon and eggs, hash browns and sweet treats was well received by our students on the cold Friday morning. We are looking forward to similar opportunities in the future where the whole house can come together and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere.

Student Achievement

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of students in Hollows House. Firstly, we would like to congratulate Peter Yan for becoming the number one ranking player in men's single badminton in Australia. This is an incredible achievement and we wish Peter luck in his endeavours.

Another sporting accomplishment was achieved by Michael Beech, who was recently awarded first place in the GRIPS Invitational Gymnastics Competition, which is an incredible feat. Well done, Michael, and best of luck in all future gymnastics pursuits!

We would also like to acknowledge the achievement of Cadhla Schmidli, who was a recent representative for School Sport Victoria at the National Championships in Adelaide. Not only was Cadhla awarded the best on ground in her first match, but she was also awarded a place in the Under 15 Girls 'All Australian Team for Australian Football 2018'. Congratulations to Cadhla and best of luck in the upcoming tournament!

Moving away from sporting accomplishments, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate the hard work of the Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble for receiving platinum awards at the Victorian School Music Festival. Congratulations to the involves Hollows students: Astrid Botha, Tara Bu, Anna Chan, Andy Chen, Natika Jobson, Isla Johnson, and Ringo Ma.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate a number of our students for participating in the recent DAV debater's competition. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Alex Foster, Aidhan Mitsopoulos, Josh Charles, Leo Kaser, and Alexzandra Newitt for speaking well in their debates. We would like to make a special mention to Alice Turner and Sophie Harris, who came second in their division, which is a spectacular effort!

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the effort of Lucas McArthur and Ben Chen for their recent engagement in the science competition. Both students have demonstrated great passion and determination in taking part in this competition, and we're looking forward to seeing what's in store for them next!



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Hollows House

Assembly Challenges

Our Mentor Groups have been engaged in friendly competition in recent assemblies, where they are competing for a coveted pizza lunch at the end of the year. Recently, students have needed to work together

and pit their physical strength against each other in a tug of war, and they have needed to use their strengths in literacy in a spelling bee. Congratulations to Cam Pirzas of H5 for becoming our champion speller!

Mr Matthew Wirth, Assistant House Leader





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Melba House

As the freezing conditions continue, we are now unbelievably almost halfway through Term 3. We wish all parents and students who have come down with the typical winter illnesses a speedy recovery!

Our most recent House Assembly was all about celebrating student achievement. We welcome parents sending us notifications of any achievements that happen outside of school.

Moving forward for this term, one of the focuses will be our annual fundraiser for the Eastern Emergency Relief Network. More information will be forthcoming about this and we thank students and parents in advance for their support.

The student leaders have been working hard to develop ideas and activities for Mentor Group and House assemblies. Last week, Hannah McAulay and Eboni Mezzina ran a 'fastest tie tying competition'. Bailey Porter won, tying his tie the fastest (and neatest), followed by Ben Johnson and Fraser Clarke. It was interesting to see the different techniques students used.



Duke of Edinburgh International Awards

This is the second year that Blackburn High School has offered the Duke of Edinburgh International Award through an elective at Year 9. Last week, we celebrated three students who have achieved their Bronze Award- Ben Johnson, Grace Hayen and Greg Perkin. This is a remarkable achievement as much of the work for the award is done in their own time and covers the areas of Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and a Team Adventure. Congratulations to Ben, Grace and Greg and good luck to those students still working towards their award.





Melba House

State Dancing Championship

Louise Hewitt in Year 10 recently competed in and won the Victorian State Irish Dancing Championship. As well as being State Champion, she has qualified to dance at the World Championships in the United States of America next year. We wish Louise the best of luck and continued success in Irish Dancing.

Subject Selection

We have finally finished a successful subject selection period. A big thank you to parents who are integral to this process in supporting their students to make informed decisions. The House team was also very impressed with how well prepared Year 10 students were for their subject selection interviews. Now the wait for students to see what preferences they get!

Looking forward to a successful Term 3, especially for our Year 12s who are fast approaching the business end of the year.

*Mrs Jacinta Marcus
Melba House Leader*



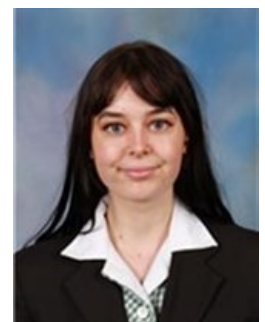
MELBA HOUSE FUNDRAISER – EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK

The Melba House student leaders have met recently to discuss the upcoming fundraiser on Friday, 14 September.

The Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN) is an organisation, run by and for our local community. Established in 1995, the EERN has been making a difference to families in need by providing furniture, food, toiletries and other necessities. They are a donation-based volunteer organisation that aims to give help to those who need it, and we aim to do the same.

This is why Melba House continually chooses to fundraise for the EERN every year, donating canned goods, toiletries and blankets. By donating these often over-looked items, we can have a big impact where it counts – to the most vulnerable families in our community. We ask that you please start to consider the items you might like to donate later this term. There will be further information communicated closer to the date. Thank you in advance.

Lily Williams-Zangmeister, Melba House Captain

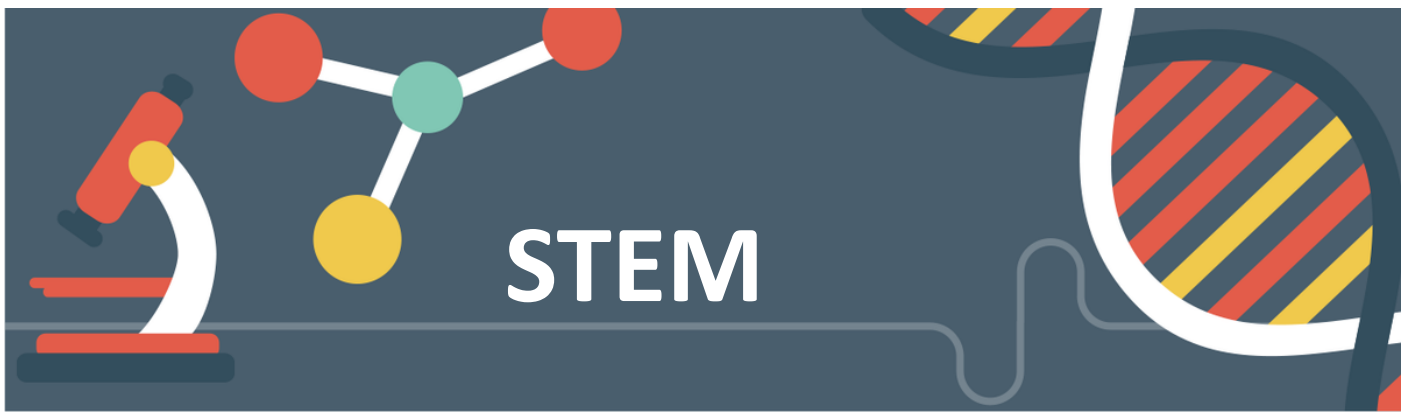




A group of Year 9 and 10 girls attended the “Girls in Physics Day” at Melbourne University on Friday 20 July, accompanied by Dr Hartley. Students toured the undergraduate physics laboratories and listened to talks on quantum physics, dark matter and the arrow of time. Minds were blown by the idea that our DNA behaves in a quantum mechanical way and that most of the matter in the universe has never been detected, but may be soon, by a planned dark-matter detector in Gippsland. Students were impressed by the University of Melbourne and declared their intention to study there. Thanks to the University of Melbourne Physics Department for this free event.



*Dr Louise Hartley
Science LAL*



Year 7 Global Water Issues STEM Project

The Year 7 students have been busy over Term 2 exploring the global water crisis and designing solutions to make water easily accessible to people across the globe. Within this project students were fortunate enough to work with engineers and scientists, and to attend an excursion to the Eastern Treatment Water Plant to learn how our water is cleaned locally.

The Year 7 High Achievers class took this issue one step further by investigating bacterial contamination of our local creek water with a team of microbiologists from Swinburne University.

The Year 7 teachers were impressed by the creative solutions designed by students.



Year 9 Robotics Incursion

What does the future hold for our students? It is hard to say for certain but, given the rapidly advancing field of machine learning and artificial intelligence, one thing seems certain: robots will play an important role in business and daily life.

The Year 9 cohort participated in a robotics incursion where they learned how to construct and code a robot to perform specific tasks. Students who enjoyed this experience are encouraged to keep an eye out for the Robotics Club, using EV3 Lego, which will begin later this term. See Mr Metheringham or Miss Norwood for more information on this.



STEM Career Talk

On Friday 10 August, we had a visit from STEM specialist Simone Tyndall, who is working with the CSIRO STEM in Schools' program, to talk to our students and staff about careers which combine Law and Science. We hope to continue to bring more experts in throughout the year to talk to students about career options.

Biomedical Research Discovery Day

A group of 20 budding Year 8 scientists set off to Monash University to work closely with leading biomedical researchers to discover advancements in the field of biomedicine.



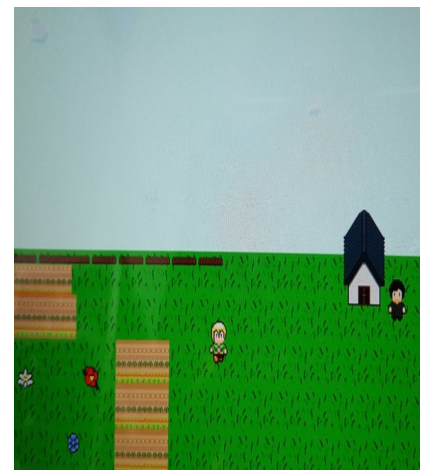
Da Vinci Decathlon

Congratulations to the eight Year 8 students and 16 Year 7 students who recently represented Blackburn High School in the Da Vinci decathlon at Camberwell Grammar School.



Australian Video Game Challenge

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Australian Video Game Challenge over Semester 1. We encourage all students who are keen in game design and developing coding skills to participate in this challenge next year. Below is a showcase of some of the great work created by students. Thank you to Ms Lorraine Blyth for supporting the club this semester.



Miss Kahia Norwood
STEM



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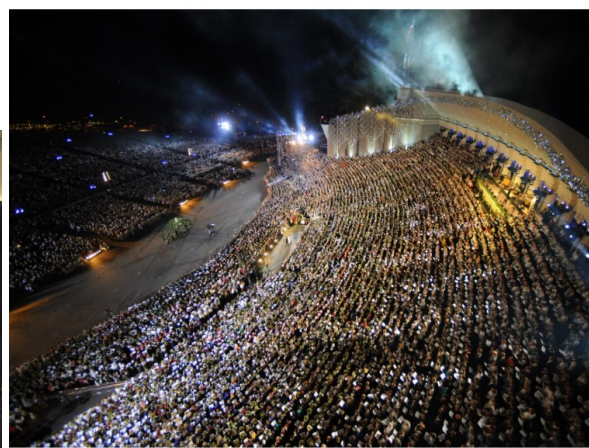
Staff share in 145 years of tradition at the Song and Dance Festival in Latvia

Sandra Birze and Marianne Rigby-Black enjoyed the largest choral festival in the world when they performed as part of *Dziesmu un deju svētki* in Riga, Latvia. Sandra conducts two Latvian language choirs in Melbourne, *Veseris* and *Daina*, and both choirs auditioned successfully to participate in the festival, with *Veseris* being invited to perform at several other feature events as well.

Marianne went to sing, to watch the conductors and to explore the rich musical heritage of Latvia, and has come back truly inspired by the experience. "I wondered why Latvian and Baltic composers are writing some of the best music in the world - and now I know. All Latvians sing from when they can speak; they all learn to conduct as teenagers; singing not only frames their culture, but their political voice and social activity. Singing is to Latvian society what sport is to Australian society. I think I've found a second home!"

Come along to Blackburn's Senior Ensembles Concert to hear Concert Choir perform *Lec saulīte*, one of Latvia's moving anthems.

Ms Marianne Rigby-Black
Music Teacher





OUTSTANDING RESULTS AT VSMF FOR OUR CHOIRS

We are very excited to announce that both our Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble received Platinum Awards at the Victorian School Music Festival on Tuesday, 7th August, at the fabulous Deakin Edge performance space.

These are our first Platinum awards and reflect the dedication of the students over the last 2 1/2 years as well as the work of Sandra Birze, Adrienne Gammune, Jenny Lu and myself in building our choral-vocal programme.

If you see any of our choristers (names below) please congratulate them on their fantastic work!



CHOIR MEMBERS

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| Amaris Andrew | Mitch Kaufusi |
| Madelene Bishop | Tony Kaufusi |
| Astrid Botha | Jasmine Kellock |
| Tara Bu | Jason Kelly |
| Max Castor | Elouise Kiss |
| Anna Chan | Charlie Logan |
| Andy Chen | Luke Lui |
| Josh Elrom | Ringo Ma |
| Charlize Estrada | Anthony Malin |
| Emily Gittens | Liam McCrorey |
| Alistair Hardie | Roan Nair |
| Andre Heeraman | James O'Hehir |
| Ethan Hewitt | Liam O'Neill |
| Luisa Hickey | Amy Parcell |
| Amber Holt | Teresa Qin |
| Gavin Huang | Amber Roach |
| Natika Jobson | Cooper Sochacky |
| Isla Johnstone | Parmida Taheri |
| Abbey Jones | Nick Walker |
| Yuna Kai | Tara Webb |
| | Joanne Yang |

FRIENDS OF MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Did you know that humans and giraffes have the same number of neck vertebrae? But exactly how many is that? This was one of the questions perplexing the crowd at last week's Friends of Music trivia night.

The sold-out night saw people gathering with new and old friends for a night of fun and brain teasing at the Foragers Drop in Mitcham. The host for the night, our 'Trivia Master', had won *Sale of the Century* in the '90s and was a great source of random facts and amusing games.

Over \$1,000 was raised for the music department's new timpani set and the night was befittingly won by FoM member Danielle Marrs and her team.

Many thanks to those who came and supported the night and to the FoM members who organised it.

By the way, the answer to the vertebrae question is 7!



Ms Marianne Rigby-Black
Music Teacher



French Model United Nations

Publicly debating a complex issue of international humanitarian law is challenging in any context, let alone in a foreign language. Congratulations, therefore, to the following Year 11 & 12 students who recently participated in the French Model United Nations: Gabriella De Angelis, Lily Castle, Seth Kawamura and Natasha Kate.

This event is a simulation of the General Assembly run entirely in French, so the level of language is extremely advanced. This year's theme of "Refugees and Asylum Seekers: A Humanitarian Crisis" required students to have a deep knowledge of a range of issues as well as a highly-specialised vocabulary. The event was opened by the French Honorary Consul-General Mrs Myriam Boisbouvier-Wylie, with Mme Diane Saint Leger, a lecturer from the Department of Languages and Linguistics at the University of Melbourne, in the role of UN Secretary-General.

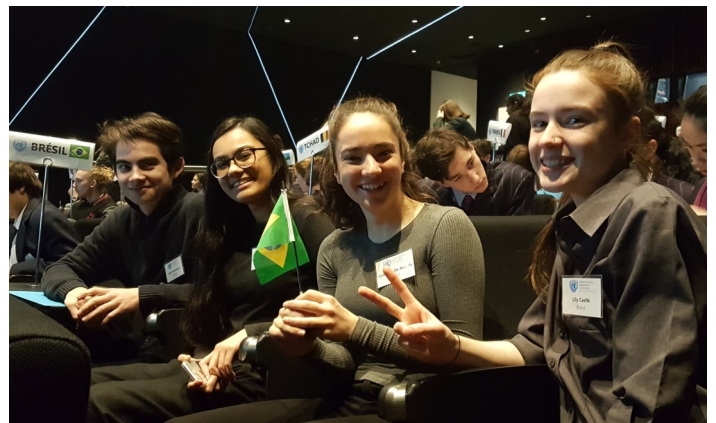
Our Blackburn High School team represented Brazil and conducted extensive research prior to the event on Brazil's history and policies on this issue. They were active and vocal participants throughout the day, delivering their country's position statement in the morning, taking part in the moderated debates, and negotiating with other delegations in the breaks in-between.

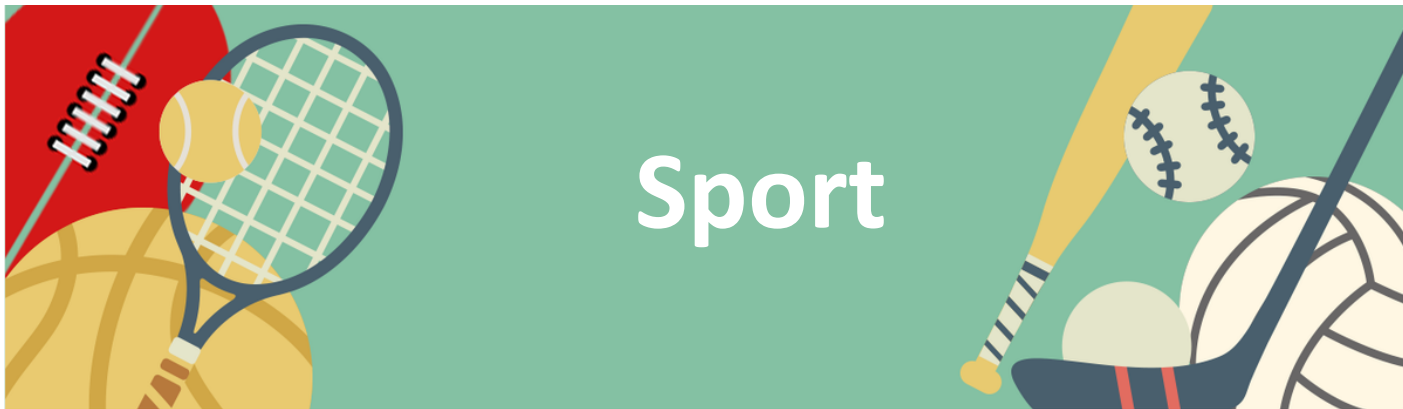
In the final session, our team's proposed amendment was one of only five to be selected for a formal vote out of 30 submissions. The BHS team managed to convince a majority of delegates to vote in favour of the amendment, which was adopted in the final resolution. Bravo!

Thank you also to our language assistant, Mélodie Malartre, for assisting the students in their preparation.

This activity was presented and subsidised by the Association of French Teachers in Victoria (through DET funding).

Ms Emma Dickson
French Teacher





Sport



Intermediate girls hockey



Junior boys netball

EMR Junior Boys Netball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Netball team that competed at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals on Monday, 30 July - Peter Hammond, Aidan Reid, Darcy O'Brien, Fletcher Irvin, Ashley Dowler, Harrison Lefebure, Kyle Richards, Dylan Hosken, Luke Stute and their coach Ruby Jones from Year 9. The team competed very well in a high class competition, finishing second in their pool and progressing through to the semi-final! Unfortunately, Camberwell High School proved too strong for the boys and they were knocked out of the tournament in extra time after finishing the semi-final in a 12-12 draw. It was an outstanding effort by the team to not only win the Whitehorse Division competition but to also maintain regular training sessions leading up to the regional finals.

Well done!

EMR Year 8 Girls Netball

Congratulations to the Year 8 Girls Netball team that competed at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals on Wednesday, 8 August - Mia Barrett, Emma Busuttill, Bridie Conroy, Kendall Gaudion, Grace Hayen, Rebecca Hedley, Jamie Ryan, Alice Turner, Belinda Young and

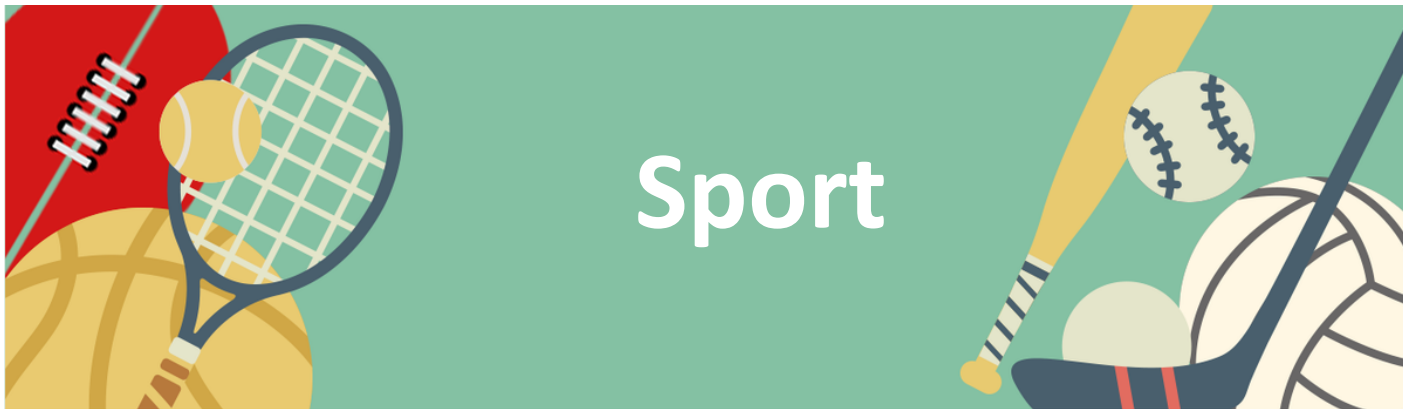
their coach Ms Gardner-Drummond. The girls displayed excellent sportsmanship as they took on the teams from Ringwood SC, Glen Waverley SC and Lilydale HS in the Pool A competition. Unfortunately, the girls did not make it through to the semi-finals, but had a very fun and successful day nonetheless. The girls should be congratulated on their commitment to the team and continue to strive for success in the future.

Fantastic effort by all!

Interschool Sport Regional Finals

Throughout the year we have had numerous teams achieve success at the Whitehorse Division Interschool Sport Competitions and so far Term 3 has been no exception. In week 2 of this term the Intermediate (Yr9 and Yr10) students competed in Table Tennis, Basketball and Hockey round robin tournaments. Blackburn High School sent a number of teams to each competition, showing that our students are incredibly passionate about their sport. The school would now like to wish the Intermediate Boys Hockey and Intermediate Girls Hockey Teams the best of luck at their Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals in October!

***Ms Ashleigh Hosier
Sports LAL***



Sport

Congratulations to our EMR and State Final Cross Country Athletes

On 19th June, 24 Blackburn students headed out to the Yarra Glen Racecourse for the Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross country Finals -

Luke Bell, Kynan Brown, Lily Carroll, Luke Casey, Merryn Dickinson, Emily Gant, Jason Kelly, Cate Laurie, Hannah Linnett, Ringo Ma, Rachel Morton, Grace Mullenger, Keith Ngugi, Jake Noble, Dylan Podolak, Alex Richardson, Olivia Roche, Charlotte Small, Digby Wellman, Niels Withoff, Jake Wright.

Special mention goes to our State Finalists:



Joel Casey—1st place EMR



Tom Carroll



Joel Carter



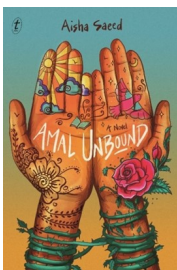
Ms Nadine Roche, PE & Sport



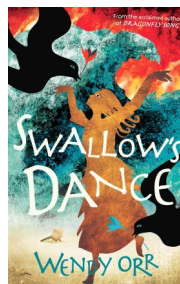
Resource Centre

NEW BOOKS

INDEPENDENT READERS—books suitable for competent reader who enjoy longer, more complex stories.

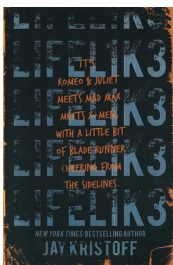


Twelve-year-old Amal loves learning and dreams of becoming a teacher. Then something unimaginable happens. After an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, she is forced to work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt.

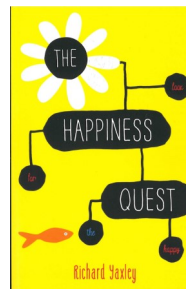


Leira is about to start her initiation as a priestess when her world is turned upside down. A violent earthquake leaves her home - and her family - in pieces. And the goddess hasn't finished with the island yet. With her family, Leira flees across the sea to Crete, expecting sanctuary. But a volcanic eruption throws the entire world into darkness...

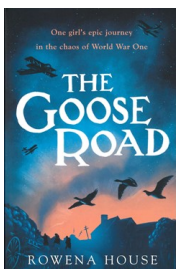
EXTENDING READERS—books with mature themes for children and young adults with established reading skills.



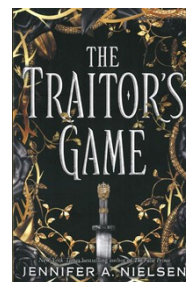
Seventeen-year-old Eve isn't looking for trouble - she's too busy looking over her shoulder. The robot gladiator she spent months building has been reduced to a smoking wreck, she's on the local gangster's wanted list, and the only thing keeping her grandpa alive is the money she just lost to the bookies.



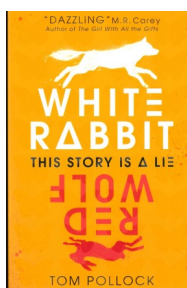
Tillie Bassett is sad, and she doesn't understand why. Her parents and friends suggest very different, allegedly helpful, remedies. But it is the suggestion of her counsellor, Gilbert the Goldfish, that the answer may lie in finding the nature of happiness.



France 1916. Angelique Lacroix is haymaking when the postman delivers the news: her father is dead, killed on a distant battlefield. She makes herself a promise: the farm will remain exactly the same until her beloved older brother comes home from the Front.



Nothing is as it seems in the kingdom of Antora. Kestra Dallisor has spent three years in exile when a group of rebels snatch her as she reluctantly travels home. The kidnapers want her to retrieve the lost Olden Blade, the only object that can destroy the immortal king, but Kestra is not an obedient captive.

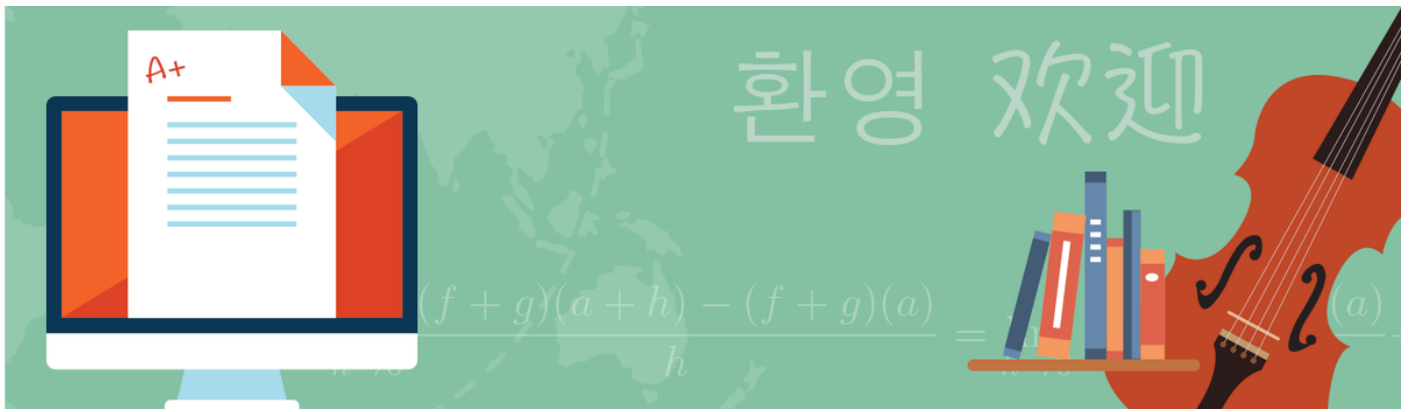


Seventeen-year-old Peter Blankman is a maths prodigy. He also suffers from severe panic attacks. Afraid of everything, he finds solace in the orderly and logical world of mathematics. However, when his mother is found stabbed before an award ceremony and his sister is nowhere to be found, Pete is dragged into a world of espionage, armed only with his extraordinary analytical skills.



Elizabeth Miller has always lived in Deni, a small rural town. When, however, her dad disappears before her eyes, Beth discovers that he's not who she thought he was. Her family's secret past has caught up with them, and someone wants her dead.

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