

Blackburn High School

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Principal's Report

It has been a busy but fantastic term with a number of highlights that celebrated and acknowledged our students who have exemplified the School values of *Respect, Pursuit of Excellence and Citizenship*. As the very proud Principal of Blackburn High School, I was delighted to hand out certificates at the House Assemblies, to these outstanding young people who were nominated by their peers.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT CITIZENSHIP

Patrick Paciorkowski, Year 9 Hollows, demonstrated his outstanding citizenship during his first ever football umpiring match, where his actions saved the life of one of the players who was having a heart attack. He called for and used the defibrillator and used his knowledge from the Health unit that he studied that week. Mr Mark Pasquali (House Leader) and Mr Ewan Slater (Mentor Teacher) are understandably very proud of Patrick and so are we.



VALEDICTORY DINNER

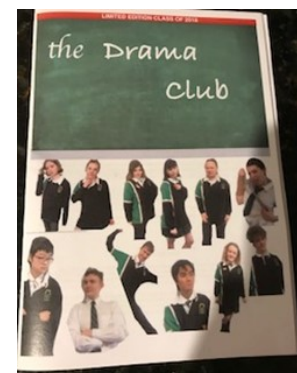
The 2018 Valedictory Dinner will be held on 22 October at the Ivanhoe Centre. The Principal Team, School Leadership, Teachers, Education Support staff, School Council President Mr Geoff Hugo and his wife Karlee will join the Year 12 students and their families in celebrating this significant school event.

EMERGENCY TRAINING DRILL

On Tuesday 28 August we successfully conducted a lunchtime lockdown drill which assisted in preparing the school community for the scenario of an intruder coming onto the school ground during the break times. A rigorous process was implemented to ensure that students and staff understood the expected actions that they should take during

2018 VCE DRAMA SOLO PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to Ms Kaitlyn Archer and the 21 students who mesmerised the audience with their outstanding performances last Friday night at the VCE Drama Solo Performances. Thank you also to Mr Zac Cuthbert and Mr Anthony McGirr who assisted as part of the panel and provided feedback to the students.



CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR

There are 50 students from Years 10 and 11 and five teachers who will be involved in the Central Australia tour from Tuesday 18 September and will return on Saturday 29 September.



Principal's Report

ROYAL SOUTH STREET RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the Royal South Street Competitions over the last couple of weeks and we would also like to acknowledge those staff involved in the Senior Music Camp.

Symphonic Band - 1st place
Concert Band - Honourable Mention
Junior Band - 3rd place
Senior Jazz - 2nd place
Intermediate Big Band - 1st place
Junior Big Band - 2nd place
Chamber Strings - 2nd place
Junior Strings - Honourable Mention
Concert Choir - 2nd place
Guitar Ensemble - 1st place

Individual Awards

Sam Ondaatje - 1st place - Peter Martin Jazz Solo Award
Anton Shultz (former student) - 2nd place - Peter Martin Jazz Solo Award
Oliver Shute - Honorable Mention - Peter Martin Jazz Solo Award

YEAR 7-10 STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to be involved in discussions with the teachers about their progress and achievement during the Student Progress Conferences that will be held on Wednesday 10 October 2018. The Term 3 Interim Reports will provide the platform for the discussions. These will be available on Friday 21 September.

CHAPLAIN

Ms Karin Van Der Valk, the Chaplain, will be leaving at the end this term. Karin has made a significant contribution to the Wellbeing team through her valued work with students and staff. She has developed strong relationships with students and their families and has played a key role in improving our processes and the way we support students, staff and our school community. Karin has developed new partnerships with external agencies, as well as strengthening existing partnerships. We wish Karin well for the future.

We welcome the new Chaplain, Ms Antonia Muston, to the Blackburn High School community

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS

I am pleased to announce the following provisional appointments for the new 2019 Blackburn High School Leading Teacher and Learning Specialist positions:

Ms Caroline Gachon-Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting, eLearning
Mr Martin Baxter-VCE Improvement
Ms Madeleine Taylor-English
Ms Louise Hartley-Science
Ms Siobhan Dwyer-Humanities
Ms Ailsa Davidson-HPE
Ms Emma Dickson-Languages
Ms Cheryl Angus-Art/Technology
Ms Kahlia Norwood-STEM

On behalf of the Principal Team, we hope that the students and their families have a safe and enjoyable term break and we look forward to seeing the students for the start of term 4 on Monday 8 October, 2018.

Mrs Joanna Alexander
Principal



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Dunlop House

DUNLOP FUNDRAISING DAY

On Friday 17 August, the courtyard at lunchtime was abuzz with music, laughter and the smell of a delicious sausage sizzle. The Dunlop student leadership team held their annual fundraising day, where students came in free dress for a gold coin donation. It was terrific to see both staff and students from all houses showing off their team spirit, coming dressed in an array of colourful outfits to support our day. Mr Conte and Mr McGirr worked with the student leaders to prepare a delicious sausage sizzle, perfect for a sunny but cool winter's day. A big thank you to Romy Bristow for assisting with the organization including all our supplies and to Bruce Wolstenholme and Mr Nicassio for helping to set up. The food was a big hit and quickly sold out within the first half of lunchtime. Congratulations to all Dunlop staff and students, who raised a total of \$2600.00. It was an amazing team effort and will go a long way in supporting important medical research grants provided by Dunlop Foundation that in turn support the health and wellbeing of our veterans and the wider community.

Congratulations to the following student leaders: House Captain James O'hehir, Mary Chen, Lauren Antoniou, Ella Mason, Amy Parcell, Ethan Hewitt, James Howlett, Khushi Viridi, Kai Barlow, Slade Kalil, Madison Killeen, Hayden Macphie, Taya Strahan, Midori Chui, John Phillipis, Jeremy Chen, Angus Field, Mathilda Karow, Siqi Xun, Bridgette Parratt

ROYAL SOUTH STREET SUPER STAR—SAM ONDAATJE

Congratulations to our very own Sam Ondaatje for being this year's award winner of the prestigious Peter Martin Award at the recent Royal South Street Music Festival. This is an individual solo performance that is held separately from the school competition. Sam is to be congratulated on his outstanding saxophone performance and for winning this award for an incredible consecutive third year.

Congratulations to all our Dunlop students who partook in various music ensembles and bands to perform at this year's festival. It is wonderful to see the culmination of 12 months of work come to fruition and for all groups to achieve outstanding results. We are very proud of you all.



SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather begins to warm up we are reminded that summer is just around the corner. Students are required to be in full Summer Uniform from the beginning of Term 4. Now is a great time to check to see if you haven't out grown your summer uniform and, if required, to place an order through Dobson's to update uniform items. Alternatively you can visit our second hand uniform shop which is open on Tuesday mornings.



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Dunlop House

HOUSE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This past week at House Assembly we celebrated our proud house culture, presenting students who had been nominated by their peers for a House Citizenship Award. These awards are to acknowledge those students who consistently demonstrate our school values of:

RESPECT

Of oneself, others and of learning is displayed through honesty, integrity, consideration and the celebration of diversity in a safe and inclusive environment.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Reaching your full potential by developing wide-ranging skills and capabilities, and to show growth academically, personally and socially.

CITIZENSHIP

- Active and informed citizens through participation at a local, national and global level.
- Involvement in the rich opportunities within the school and wider communities.

- Students relationships with others and their participation in all aspects of their school life.

Congratulations to the following students for recognition of their consistent effort in demonstrating and upholding our school values.

Respect: Elizabeth Cooper, John Fillips, Brooke Weller, Lauren Antoniou, Khusi Viridi, Charlotte Kinnear, Jasmine Lefebure, Jamie Messenger, Daphne Papamichael, Thomas Gilbert,

Pursuit of Excellence: Emma Busuttill, Charlie Marini, Thomas McCracken, James Manu, Angus Field, Ryan Hewitt, Emily Varcoe, Rujuta Kulkarani, Jessica Van Meurs, Emily Rushby,

Citizenship: Tony Kaufusi, Adam Suidgeest, Kat Tobin-Spall, Tamay Fathi, Emily Gittins, Annaliese Hughes, Josh Yong, Harry Raj, Slade Kalil and James O'Hehir .



VCE Year 12s

There is only three weeks remaining of class time for our Year 12 students before they commence preparations for end of year exams. We understand how challenging this time of the year can be, especially with the finishing line in sight! It can be helpful to seek the support of teachers, family and friends at this busy and often stressful time. We encourage our Year 12 students to use mentor time to express any questions or concerns that they might be having with their Mentor Teacher and/or House Leader. We wish all our Year 12 students the best of luck with their practice exams over the term holiday break.



Freeman House

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect

Of oneself, others and of learning are displayed through honesty, integrity, consideration and the celebration of diversity in a safe and inclusive environment. We teach students to have due regard for the opinions, feelings, wishes and rights of others.

Pursuit of Excellence

Students are supported to reach their full potential by developing wide-ranging skills and capabilities, and to show growth academically, personally and socially. We value and celebrate effort and achievement. We motivate students to do their best, at whatever level that may be, by nurturing a culture of striving for excellence which in turn opens up the pathways to success.

Citizenship

Students are encouraged to become active and informed citizens through their participation at a local, national and global level. We teach students the skills and knowledge to understand and engage with the world they live in. This is demonstrated through involvement in the rich opportunities within the school and wider communities. Students are supported to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, their relationships with others and their participation in all aspects of their school life.

Over the last week, we have been looking at 'citizenship' during mentor time.

Questions the students had to think about were:

What does it mean to demonstrate Citizenship?

Who in our school community demonstrates Citizenship?

How do they do this?

How else could someone do this?

CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE During the course of your school day, aim to demonstrate at least one example of Citizenship.

The students also watched a video from the **thankyou.**

company and how they have made a difference in the lives of many people throughout the world.

'Thankyou' is a social enterprise. They believe they can end global poverty in this lifetime, together. That is why they commit 100% of the profit from their products to helping people in need. 'Almost a billion people live in extreme poverty, while six billion people don't. We reckon the six billion of us could work together to put an end to global poverty, for good.'

Students were asked to nominate other students in their Mentor Group who were upholding our school values.



Freeman House

We awarded the following students at assembly on Tuesday, 11 September:

CITIZENSHIP	RESPECT	EXCELLENCE
Tink An	Ashley Barton	Joey Armstrong
Madelene Bishop	Gaby De Angelis	Zoe Azzopardi
Luke Brito-Babapulle	Stephen Burton	Isabella Bradley
Steph Brooks	Zara Collins	Max Castor
Millie Castor	Andre Heeraman	Hao Wen Deng
Fran De Angelis	Dylan Hosken	Josh Elrom
Chelsea De Witt	Harriet Jenkins	Jasmine Kellock
Alyssa Forato	Jason Kelly	Victoria Lazaris
Abbey Jones	Jack Lauder	Evita Liu
Cody Miers	Briget Lawlor	Raha Majidian
James Parratt	Kara Mazzilli	Jemma Nhu
Cassie Pennings	Rubi Reeh	Oliver Shute
Jordi Pullen	Elliot Shute	Sujandeep Singh
Alysha Yaacoub	Nick Walker	
	Jeff Yao	
	Mona Zhang	



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Hollows House

We hope that all members of our Hollows community are travelling well at this point in the year! It's been a big term, and it's hard to believe that we are almost at our Spring break!

HOLLOWS HOUSE

Earlier this term we were fortunate enough to have Jane Crouch of the Fred Hollows Foundation speak at a House Assembly, where she was able to accept the money raised by our school community and talk to us about the great work the Foundation does. Ms Crouch was able to inform our house of the difference that our fundraising efforts make, and how it can be over great benefit to others. We thank Ms Crouch for her humbling visit to our school, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Fred Hollows Foundation.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of our Year 12 student, Peter Yan, who is the number one ranked player in Men's Single Badminton in Australia. Peter spoke at a recent house assembly and shared his amazing experiences with us, as well as telling us about the competitions he has on the horizon. Peter also challenged our House Captain, Jack Laurie to an exciting volley to demonstrate some of his skill. We thank Peter for speaking at assembly, and we wish him luck in his future endeavours.





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Hollows House

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Year 9 student, Sevda Chalanitorkamani, who achieved a credit in the recent ICAS Science Competition, which is no easy feat! Well done to Sevda on this fantastic accomplishment!



YEAR 7 BBQ AND TABLE TENNIS LUNCH

Our Year 7 leaders, led by Aaliyah Christou and Jerush Perera, organised a fantastic and relaxing event for the Hollows Year 7 cohort earlier this term. The event aimed to build the positive energy and spirit between students, and offered them the opportunity to bond outside of class time. A delicious barbecue was organised, which was followed by many rounds of table tennis between the students. A big thank you to all of our leaders who helped to make this event happen!





Melba House

Term 3, as usual has been a busy term for Melba staff and students. There have been a number of staffing changes due to retirement and Long Service Leave and we want to acknowledge the resilience of the students who have taken this in their stride. We know they will welcome some new staff who are joining us in Term 4.

We wish Judith Davis a happy retirement, as well as fondly farewell Peter Schneider, Assistant House Leader who is undertaking a new and exciting role elsewhere.

EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK (EERN)

The past few weeks Melba student leaders have lived and breathed the annual Melba Fundraiser, which culminated with our free dress day and BBQ on Friday 14 September. A huge congratulations to students who were involved - your willingness to contribute is

indicative of the budding citizens we have at Blackburn High School.

The Melba House students would like to give a massive THANK YOU to the school community for their support in raising **\$3,201.05** for the Eastern Emergency Relief Network at our fundraising BBQ on Friday. We have also been overwhelmed with the food and toiletry donations received over the past few weeks. Our fundraising effort would not be successful without the generous support of the Blackburn High School families. The Melba Student Leaders are looking forward to heading off to the EERN warehouse, where they will package the food and toiletry donations into hampers that will be delivered to local families in need.

See photos next page.

STUDENT WORK

What If?

What if we could read minds?

We could see what we want to find and have no more lies.

What if we really had that in the future?

Maybe, we could try and not hide.

Find information that someone is trying to cover up.

Why do people lie?

Usually running away from life.

We could find where they are and make them come out.

People come up with something but make it seem like nothing.

We should read minds and have no lies.

Sarah L

What If?

What if we could go back into the past,

And live a life in the century before last?

Have to struggle without our phones,

And live without air conditioning in our homes.

Maybe travel even further back in time,

Go back even more;

A very, very long time ago

Back with the dinosaurs.

Swim without being eaten by a giant, carnivorous fish,

Or by a T-Rex,

A dinosaur which will break your neck.

So I guess we're lucky, in this day and age,

And we don't know where we are going next until we turn the page.



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Melba House





Debaters Association of Victoria Schools Competition 2018

The Debaters Association of Victoria Schools Competition wrapped up earlier this month, as debating teams from Years 8 to 12 had their fifth and final debate for year. Topics this year covered a range of issues from universal basic income to government school funding, and fossil fuels to gambling advertising. Each team performed exceptionally, receiving a number of top three placings across the different grades.



Our Year 9 team, consisting of Talia Langton, Henry Shand, Inigo Lamond, Leo Dykes and James Parratt, finished above 29 other teams in their division to qualify for the State play-offs. Coming up against Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar on their home turf, they argued that citizens should *not* opt out of the government's My Health Record. While being defeated on the night, it was an impressive debate and they can be proud of being the first Blackburn team for some time to qualify for State finals, which is an incredible achievement.



Languages

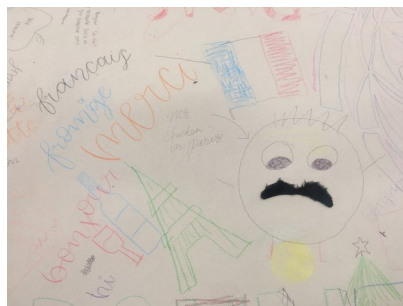


On Friday, 10 August, at Fintona Girls School, 116 students from nine different high schools spent the evening making new friends and working out the answers to questions on French History, Geography, Gastronomy and the French Language as part of the AFTV Soirée Trivia.

Blackburn High School had two Year 9 and two Year 10 teams participating. Each team combined 4 members from one school with 4 members from another. This year, one of our Year 10 teams just missed out on third place but the big winners for BHS this year was one of the Year 9 teams who walked away with first place!

The evening gave Year 9 and Year 10 French students the opportunity to meet French students from different schools in a stimulating and fun environment.

Un grand merci to Mme Dickson and Mme Pochinco for helping organise the excursion and the event!



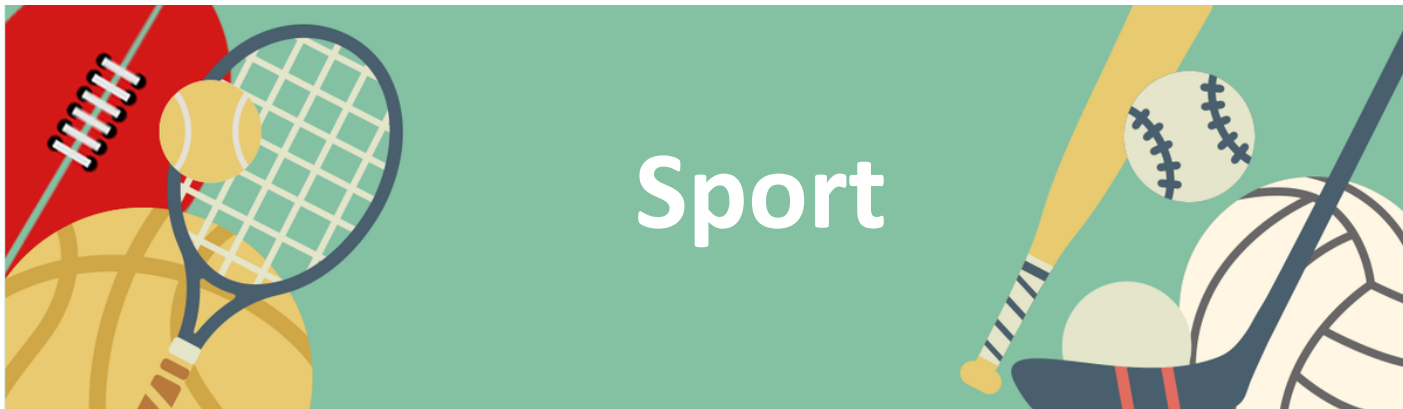


HISTORY LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

'Why and How the Soviet Union Won the Second World War in Europe'

On Monday 5 September, fifteen students from Years 10-12, accompanied by Kaye Sampson and Mr Wirth, attended a public lecture at the University of Melbourne to hear historian, Mark Edele discuss the role of the Soviet Union in World War II, and how the interpretation of history changes over time. Professor Edele presented a series of seven theses in his lecture that detailed the significant role of the Soviet Union during the war, and how they compared with other nations. This fast-paced lecture allowed for the students to engage in this fascinating history and develop their own knowledge of this twentieth century superpower.





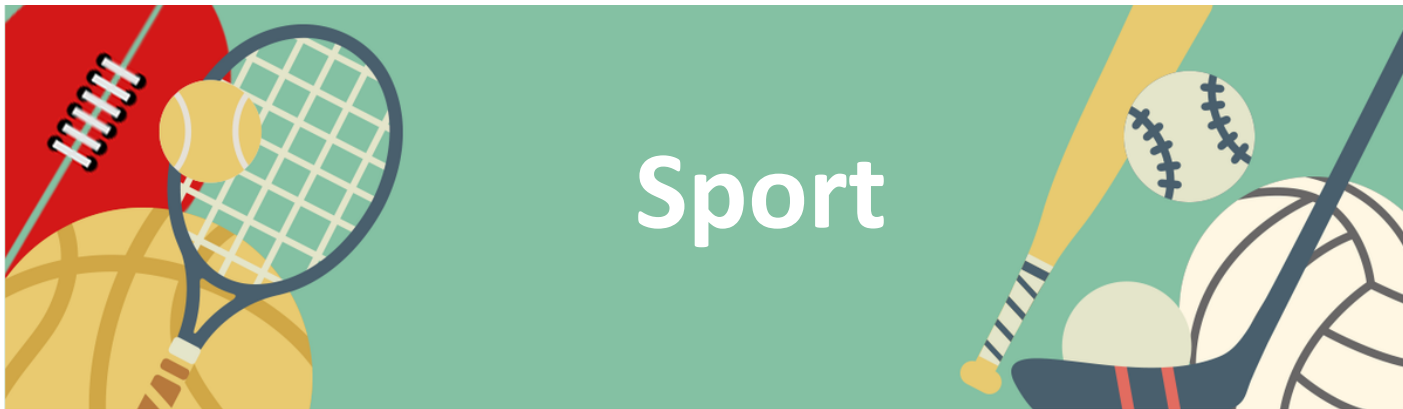
Blackburn Blitz at Whitehorse Division Athletics

Last week 150 of our students represented Blackburn at the Whitehorse Division Athletics Carnival. Our athletes certainly did us proud. We had students entered in each and every event and it was great to see the Blackburn colours shine.

The final results for the day were;

- 1st Place—Blackburn 1,824 Points
- 2nd Place—Box Hill High 1,263 Points
- 3rd Place—Koonung 1,071
- 4th Place—East Doncaster 1,064 Points
- 5th Place—Box Hill Senior 665 Points





Sport

At the end of the day when the scores are tallied, an age champion is awarded for each gender and each age group. Of the 12 Age Champions awarded, 8 were Blackburn students. Just to note, we had the Age Champion for each and every female age group.

Congratulations;

13 Years Girls—Hannah Linnett

14 Years Girls—Grace Hayen

15 Years Girls—Daphne Papamichael

16 Years Girls—Bethany Hayen

17 Years Girls—Bridgette McLaren

20 Years Girls—Skye Cody

17 Years Boys—Keith Ngugi

20 Years Boys—Joshua Valle

These students will be presented with medals at House Assemblies when they arrive.

We have 40 students who have qualified for Eastern Regional Finals on 12th October.

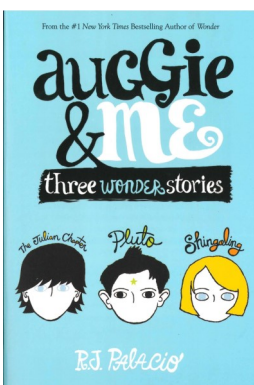
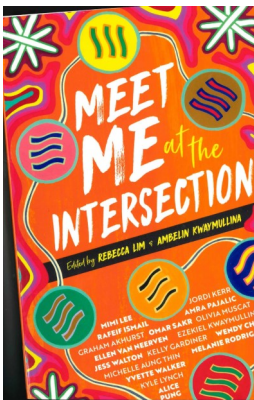
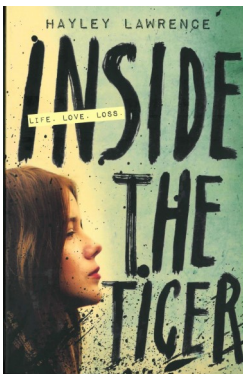
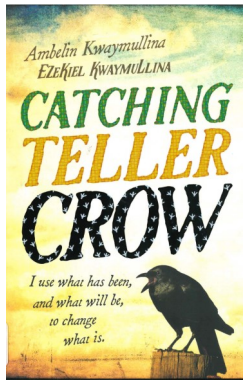
Again, Congratulations to all of our Athletes!

Nadine Roche—Carnivals Co-ordinator





NEW BOOKS



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE CONCLUDES

This month in the Resource Centre we celebrate the conclusion of the Premier's Reading Challenge and congratulate all of the participants this year and, in particular, the five student who completed the Challenge.

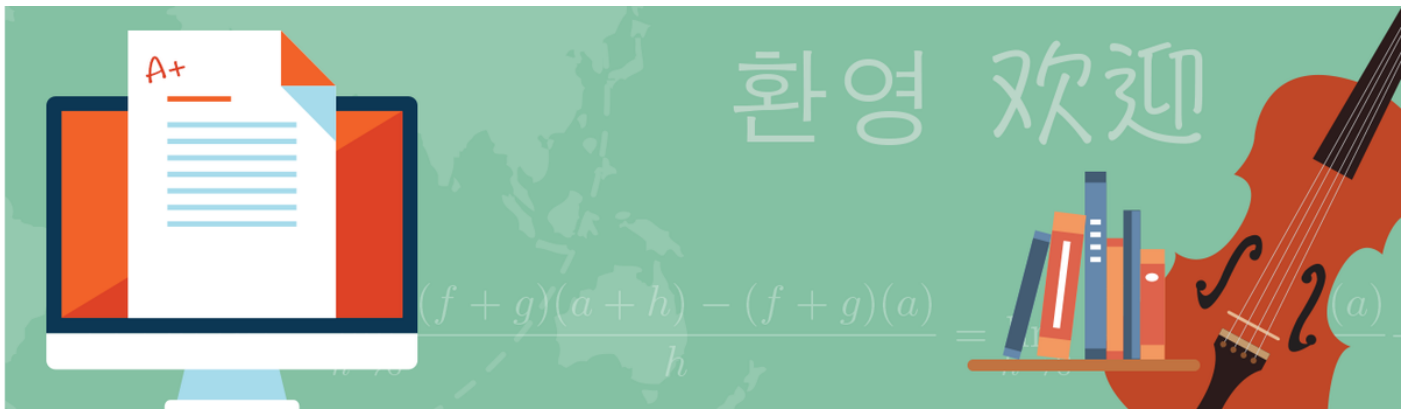
The Reading Challenge commenced in April this year and concluded early in September. Participants needed to read 15 books in that time—at least 10 books from the proscribed Reading Challenge lists for their year level, and up to 5 free choice books.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully complete the Challenge this year:

- Genevieve Cullinan (Year 9)
- Tamay Fathy (Year 9)
- Charlotte Hammond (Year 10)
- Dewang Kulkarni (Year 9)
- Alana Saunders (Year 9)

Each of these students will receive a certificate from the organisers of the Challenge, as well as a book voucher to encourage their further reading.

Well done to these students!



HOMESTAYS WANTED

We are looking for:

Local families to host International Students from overseas who are studying at Blackburn High School.

Homestay families are paid approximately \$300- \$330 per week. You must be English-speaking, willing to help the student(s) adjust to life in Australia and help improve their English through a variety of means.

Please contact the International Students' Program Coordinator Isabel Zhou on 8804 6400, or please email: zhou.isabel.y@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like to have any further information.

