Friday, 4th February 2011 ..........No 1
School Captains Li Lingyun and Caleb Webb

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2011

Li Lingyun

Caleb Webb

MUSIC CAPTAINS 2011

Jenny Liu

Bradley Todd
WELCOME BACK

I would like to warmly welcome back all our students and their families to Blackburn High School for the 2011 academic year and trust that you all had an enjoyable summer break. I hope that all our students are feeling refreshed and ready for another stimulating and challenging year of learning and enrichment.

To all our parents, I am really looking forward to working with you this year in providing a supportive, happy and stimulating learning environment for your children.

On a sad note, Peter Vance, School Councillor, passed away on Friday 21st January and his funeral was held on the 28th January. Peter made a valuable contribution to our school in a number of roles - as our "Lollipop" man, member of School Council and the Chaplaincy Committee. He will be greatly missed. His wife, Frances, would particularly like to thank the students for their wonderful card and expressions of regard for Peter.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Blackburn for 2011, and look forward to working with them in the year to come.

Geoff Vezey: Junior School Leader
David Howes: Music Director Leading Teacher
Georgia Pashias: Maths
Jarrod Main: PE and Yr 10 YLC
Alan Keeble: French/Science/Maths
Tess Monda: Food Technology
Margie Lanyon: Community Liaison
Julia Bates: Integration Aide
Jennifer Robinson: Multicultural Aide (Korean)

We had a very successful 2010 in academic performance, sporting achievement and in music and arts with our students excelling across the board. Our 2010 VCE results were excellent and we are proud of all of our students who achieved individual excellence by attaining their goals. Well done to the dux of the school, Alex Mraz who has been accepted into Journalism at RMIT. 70% of our students received 1st or 2nd round offers and 90% received an offer which is fantastic. Congratulations to all VCE students and their families, the senior school leadership team and all our Year 12 teachers, on your excellent performance.

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Bastow Leadership Program

Our Leadership team has been awarded a position in the Bastow Leadership Program. This program will assist the leaders to:

- establish collaborative practices across the school community.
- establish collective responsibility for the commitment to learning and growth.
- challenge others to continually improve their performance.
- ensure that common models of learning and teaching underpin all classroom practice.
- ensure that the principles of developmental learning inform the alignment of curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting.
- build the capacity of people across the system.

We are very much looking forward to the opportunities provided by this program.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT’S NATIONAL SOLAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our school has been successful in obtaining funding from the Australian Government’s National Solar Schools Program. The grant will give our school a head start in tackling climate change and conserving Australia’s precious non-renewable resources. We will examine the possibilities of funding external night lighting and hot water panels.

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TERM ONE 2011

Positions noted here are those which may be of particular interest to parents and do not include all leadership positions.

Principal: Dr Sandra Woodman
Assistant Principal: Mr Tim Dalton Junior School, OHS, Facilities
Assistant Principal: Ms Jane Richards – Senior School, Student Wellbeing
Senior School Leader: Martin Baxter
Junior School Leader: Geoff Vezey
Teaching and Learning: Arlene Roberts
Student Leadership: Mark Pasquali
e-Learning leader: Jason Bourke
Director of Music: David Howes
Student Pathways: Terry McGann
Teaching & Learning Coach: Cathie Mallis
Student Wellbeing: Amelia King
Chaplain: Megan Thompson (on study leave)
TBC
Sport: Nadine Roche
Integration: Nadia Zylan
Community Liaison: Margie Lanyon

Year Level Co-ordinators:
Year 7: Greg Hlasko
Year 8: Ron Hansen
Year 9: Rod Bate
Year 10: Jarrod Main
Year 11: Jan Hsu
Year 12: Bronwyn Roach

Sandra Woodman
Principal
NEW PIANO ARRIVES

It was with great excitement that the department took possession of our new Yamaha C5 Grand Piano. Our current C5 Grand has lasted from March 1982, and dealt with daily heavy usage for all of those 28 years. The purchase of this instrument has been a long term objective and has been made possible with the assistance of numerous people and organisations including our music staff, FoM and students who have done a great deal of fundraising. A great deal of work behind the scenes has also been done by Christine Simpson, Sandra Birze and David Farrell to source and transport the instrument. On behalf of the music department, I would like to thank all of those people who have assisted in making this possible.

SENIOR SUMMER SPORT ROUND ROBIN

Signup sheets have been placed up on the windows in the entry to the 500 Block. These must be filled in by Wednesday as this is when the entries are due. Teams with not enough interest will not be entered! We are now a division of 7 schools so late entries will not be accepted. Please note there are two round robins for the summer sports, so students are able to participate in two sports, one from each round robin day.

Ms Roche
Sport Co-ordinator

MATHS HOMEWORK SESSION

The afternoon Maths homework session will commence on Thursday, 10th of February. The sessions take place in the library each Thursday afternoon from 3:20 to 4:15. It is a great opportunity to gain assistance with your work.

Steve Thomson
Maths Co-ordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 16th February. Students were given envelopes in assemblies today. Please read the instructions on the envelope carefully. All students will be photographed for school purposes regardless of whether they are ordering photos or not. Students should bring the envelopes with their orders on the day of the photographs. All students must be in full school uniform for school photographs.

Jane Richards
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Teenagers always seem to grow during the Christmas holidays and you might find that your son or daughter's uniform is too small suddenly. The Chaplaincy Committee would welcome all donations of uniform for the Second Hand Uniform Shop. Proceeds from the sale of second hand uniform goes towards student needs. Donations can be left at the General Office at any time.

Kaye Sampson
Chaplaincy Committee

SCHOOL UNIFORM

New Uniform Shop
Greythorn, 274 Doncaster Rd North Balwyn. Phone: 9816 3366

Second Hand Uniform and Text Book Shop
Blackburn High School
Thursdays: 8.30am to 9.00am

RE-ENROLMENT FORMS

Re-enrolment forms and Sport – House Swimming & Athletics Parent Notification & Permission Forms are now overdue. Please send all forms to the general office as soon as possible.

ABSENCES

Where possible please advise by 10.00a.m.: By telephone – 9875 4477
By email – absences.bhs@blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

MUSIC NOTES

Friday, 8th October, 2010
Music Director: David Howes Tel: 9894 4572 Fax: 9894 2751
A School of Musical Excellence

FORTHCOMING MUSIC DATES, TERM 1

Sunday 13 Feb
Billy Hyde Music Reading Day

Thursday 17 Feb
Music Expo, Beaumont Hall and 600 Block – Following the BBQ

Friday 25 Feb
House Performing Arts Festival 7.30pm

Monday 28 Feb
BHS Ensembles rehearsals commence

Tuesday 1 March
Symphony Orchestra performing at Top Class Sound

Saturday 20 March
Senior Stage Band performing at Government House

Wednesday 6 April
Autumn Concert, Beaumont Hall from 5.30pm

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals commence during the week of February 28 for all ensembles apart from Novice Band and Quatto Strings. Students should check for rehearsal times (including sectionals). Information regarding rehearsals and concert dates will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Top Class Performance
Each year VCAA produces a concert showcasing the very best performing musicians from the previous year. This year the VCE Brass Quintet from 2010, has been invited to perform. The concert will be held on Saturday February 19 at the Melbourne Recital Centre 6.30

Top Class Sound
The Symphony Orchestra will be performing a work by Elana de Gleria Clark - 'All That Glitters' - on Tuesday March 1… Elana is to be congratulated on producing a composition of such calibre and the school is delighted to be able to present this work in such a prestigious venue as the Melbourne Recital Centre

The Senior Stage Band will be performing at Government House on Saturday 20 March for the inauguration of the new Governor
Barbeque for Year 7 Students and their Families Blackburn High School, Thursday February 17th 2011.

You are invited to a BBQ for Year 7 students and their families. This is followed by a music expo. All Year 7 families are encouraged to come to this fabulous night to discover the joys of learning instrumental music.

Year 7 BBQ
Thursday 17th February
5.30pm – 7pm
followed by Music Expo at 7pm
at Blackburn High School (behind Beaumont Hall)

BYO drinks and cups
Sausages, veggie burgers and bread provided.

- Meet other families
- Meet staff members

Organised by the Blackburn High School Chaplaincy Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011

TERM 1

Tuesday 15th February VCE Units 1&2 Information Night 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th February VCE Units 3&4 Information Night 7.30pm
Thursday 17th February Year 7 BBQ 5.30pm – 7pm
Music Expo at 7pm
Friday 25th February House Performing Arts Festival 7.00pm
Monday 28th February – Friday 4th March Year 7 Camp Forms A & B (26-2 Mar)
Forms C & D (2-4 Mar)
Year 7 Immunizations 16th March 2011

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