Friday, 18th February 2011 ..........No 3
School Captains: Li Lingyun and Caleb Webb

HOUSE SWIMMING
CARNIVAL
2011
PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Blackburn High School has a significant retirement this term with Sandra Johnson retiring after many years of making a significant contribution to the program at Blackburn High School and to state education in general. Sandra has been with BHS since 1983. I wish Sandra a happy and productive retirement and I know that she will be actively pursuing current and new interests.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival last Friday was a great success with excellent participation and enthusiasm from students. It was also great to see a number of parents come along to support their children. Students enjoyed the opportunity to compete against their peers in both serious and fun events.

Our students demonstrated great sportsmanship, competitive spirit and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all our winners, placegetters and participants. Thank you to Ailsa Davidson for overseeing the organisation of an excellent program. Thank you also to our teachers who supported the program by acting as officials, marshals, timekeepers and recorders on the day. Well done to Landy, close winners on the day!

Year 7 BBQ

What a fantastic night was had by all last Thursday evening at the Year 7 BBQ. Congratulations and thanks to the Chaplaincy Team who organised the event for our new Year 7 families. Despite the weather looking ominous a large number of students and their families turned up to enjoy the opportunity to meet their teachers and other families. It was great to see a large number of staff including the Year 7 form teachers chatting with our parents and students. In addition there were representatives from School Council, FOM and PCA and it just goes to show the wonderful level of community and parent support the school enjoys, encourages and appreciates.

The Music Expo was also held on this evening and many students and parents took the opportunity to try the many different instruments on show. Thanks to David, Steve, Sue W and the Music Dept for the entertainment and setting up of instrument trials.

A GREAT start to the year!

Student wins Award

On the 12th of February Janna Seeley attended the Lyrebird Awards ceremony where she was nominated for the ‘Young Performer of 2010’ award. The Lyrebird Awards are presented on an annual basis to companies and artists who are members of the organisation. This year 21 amateur member theatre companies performed 54 shows which were judged by three appointed judges who then nominated five companies or artists for each award. Janna was nominated for her performance in The Phoenix Theatre Company’s production of Godspell. She was judged to be the winner of this category. It is great that Janna’s musical talent has been fostered at Blackburn School and we congratulate her on such a magnificent achievement.

REMINDER: PARENT VEHICLES using drop off zone

Parents are requested to use only the drop off zone on the left hand side to let their children off and not stop just inside the gate. Please do not enter the staff car parking area at any time. Thank you for helping keep our students and yours SAFE!

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

We would like to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students and that student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

School Council

Have you considered nominating for School Council this year?

Nominations are now open to all parents for Blackburn High School Council and close on Wednesday, February 23rd at 4pm.

This is your opportunity to be involved and assist with setting the key directions of your school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, the school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that we provide for our students.

There are 4 Parent vacancies for 2011/12.
There are 2 DEECD vacancies for 2011/12 and 2 vacancies for 2011/12 for co-opted community members.

Nomination Forms were attached to the last issue of the Newsletter and additional nomination forms are available at the General Office and on the website.

Sandra Woodman
Principal
MUSIC NOTES
House Performing Arts Festival: Friday February 25
Rehearsals are well underway for the annual House Music/Performing Arts Festival. On Friday February 25 each house will perform a set choral song and present an abridged version of a stage musical, to be adjudicated by Mrs Eleanor Hardie who is a staff member of the school.

It is not too late to get involved – if you are not sure who your house leaders are, please speak to Mr. Hardie or any of the music staff, and we will be able to help you out. Rehearsals will be most lunch times and after school (finishing at 5.00 pm) until the end of next week.

Tickets will be available at the door for $10 Family (2 adults, 2 kids), $5 adults, $3 Concession

Piano Lessons
There are a few vacancies for students who are interested in having Piano lessons at the school. Enquiries should be made with Ms Birze in the Music Office.

Rehearsals
Ensemble rehearsals will begin from Monday 28 February. Rehearsals times and days are posted in the music centre. Beginning students in Novice Band and Quattro strings will not start until Term 2.

Enrolments
Please make sure that all enrolment forms and accompanying fees are handed into the General Office by Monday 21 February. Remember that lessons can not start until forms are lodged at the school.

David Howes
Director of Music

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
Blackburn High has been selected as finalists in this year’s SYN FM Awards (BHS was one of three schools nominated out of a group of over twenty schools who were involved with SYN FM). For the past three years the Year 9 Music Technology class has worked closely with SYN FM to enable students to broadcast a 2 hour radio show each week during Term 4. Last year’s Year 9 Music Technology class (2010) were very enthusiastic and did a great job with their radio broadcasts. Some students even volunteered at SYN FM during the summer holidays. A full list of finalists for 2010 is listed at syn.org.au/page/syn-awards

Parent’s staff and students are welcome to attend the awards. The invitation from SYN FM is as follows:

Every year at SYN, there is a celebration of the amazing media-making and contributions of our young volunteers at the annual SYN Awards. The theme this year is “A youth media fairytale” – we imagine there’ll be many creative dress-ups that go along with this theme, as in past years. It will be a fun and relaxed night, shared by SYN volunteers, alumni and their friends and family. We’ll also be joined by representatives of our partner organisations and local & state government. We’d love you to join us!

SYN Awards: Tuesday 1 March, from 6.30pm, BMW Edge, Federation Square Tickets: $15 concession/SYN members, $20 full, Dress code: informal (costumes encouraged!) Book your spot now by emailing Emma at info@syn.org.au.

Ron Hansen (will be attending) Music Technology Teacher

Victoria’s longest running all ages youth music festival, Push Over, returns Sunday 13 March to The Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne. Young people from right across Victoria from 8 years and up attend the state government funded non-profit drug, alcohol and smoke-free festival each year which features over 40 of the finest Australian and upcoming Victorian bands of all genres across four stages. The aim of the festival is to provide a safe, affordable and fully supervised setting for young people to experience live music. The festival supports upcoming talent from around Victoria in our FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands Competition as well as break dance and MC hip hop battles. Head to thepush.com.au for more info.
SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Once again I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents of the Senior School. This year promises to be both challenging and a time of change for all of us, but it will no doubt bring with it many associated rewards. I would like to re-introduce the Year Level Coordinators for the Senior School this year:

Year 10 – Mr Jarryd Main
Year 11 – Ms Jan Hsu
Year 12 – Ms Bronwyn Roach

Parent Information Evenings

Information Evenings were held for parents of Year 12 students on 16th February and parents of Year 11 students on 15th February. I would like to extend my thanks to the many parents that attended these meetings, it augers well for the year ahead to see so many families actively involved in the education of their children. The purpose of both evenings was to outline some of the main aspects of the VCE, the processes students will undertake this year as well as to outline support that can be provided by the school as students embark on their studies. If any parents were unable to attend and wish to discuss these matters with me or further questions have occurred to those parents that did attend then please don’t hesitate to contact me or any of the relevant Year Level coordinators at the school. You can either ring me at school on 9878-4477 or write via email to baxter.martin.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

During the course of these evenings I made mention of two particularly significant websites that I felt all parents and students should be familiar with.

First was the website for the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority or VCAA. They are responsible for the development of all the Study Designs that form the basis of course work in all VCE and VET classes. Parents and students should familiarise themselves with both the broad content of the course, individual Learning Outcomes of each unit and look over past examination papers. The address for this site is: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Second was the website for the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre or VTAC. At the completion of year 12 VTAC is responsible for matching student preferences with the various tertiary courses and then making a series of offers to students. The site contains a great deal of information regarding this process, associated matters such as subject scaling and most importantly course prerequisites and associated ENTER requirements. A particularly useful component is the Courselink aspect, in which students can enter existing or proposed courses for year 11 and 12 and then generate an exhaustive list of courses that these subjects would enable them to apply for.

The address for this site is http://euclid.vtac.edu.au/courselink/welcome.htm I encourage all students and parents to avail themselves of this facility and fully explore available career pathways.

Year 12 Study Day

All year 12 students attended a very successful study skills day on Tuesday 15th February. This forms the first part of a systematic program designed to explicitly teach the personal organisational skills that are such an integral component of success at the VCE. While I’m sure the students have already spoken to you regarding the entertaining and powerful key note address by Darren Periera the day also focused on many practical and immediate measures students could put in place. The first of these was the development of individualised Study Timetables. Parents should expect to see these timetables placed in prominent locations within the house so that all members of the family know when they should be working.

The Senior Team are looking forward to another very exciting year and we wish all the students and parents of the Senior School a successful year.

Mr Martin Baxter
Senior Sub-School coordinator
Sports Update

And the Winner is .............
LANDY!!!

Last Friday our annual House Swimming Carnival took place at Ringwood Aquatic Centre. It was a close battle right throughout the day between all of the houses. However Landy finished strong with a 200 point victory. The final house placings were as follows:

1st Landy  
2nd Strickland  
3rd Cuthbert  
4th Porter

Students were not only vying for points for their house, but also points which go towards individual age group placings. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 for each age group:

**13's Boys**  
1st Christopher Baldwin  
2nd Nicholas Hugo  
3rd Michael Stemp

**13's Girls**  
1st Erin Sanguinetti  
2nd Kalina Taylor  
3rd Lisa Woods

**14's Boys**  
1st Zac Coleman-Bock  
2nd Allan Pennings  
3rd Oscar Ahn

**14's Girls**  
1st Sarah Turner  
2nd Ashleigh Crockett  
3rd Elnaz Roshdi

**15's Boys**  
1st James Zukiewicz  
2nd Jackson Jephcott  
3rd David Woods

**15's Girls**  
1st Siobhan Hicks  
2nd Caitlin Jamieson  
3rd Rebecca Taylor

**16's Boys**  
1st Jarred Webb  
2nd Matt Morris  
3rd Hugh Griffin

**16's Girls**  
1st Madeline Coleman-Bock  
2nd Jillian Brooks

**17's Boys**  
1st Billy Lavery  
2nd Daniel O'Shea  
3rd Hayden Jeffery

**17's Girls**  
1st Ellen Turner  
2nd Madeline Wilmot  
3rd Demara Gates

**20's Boys**  
1st Jed Goodluck  
2nd James Fletcher  
3rd Alex Lee

**20's Girls**  
1st Laura Pennings  
2nd Susan Pennings  
3rd Miilikki Spratt

* The school team will be chosen from the carnival results and posted soon!
HATS HATS HATS HATS

A reminder that it is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 to wear a School Hat in all Sport Ed. And Physical Education classes. We have a ‘No Hat No Play’ Policy, and any students without hats will be asked to sit out and complete some educational worksheets from the Anti Cancer Council on the importance of being ‘Sunsmart’

Upcoming Sporting Events

Monday 21st Feb—Senior Summer RR 1—Cricket, Baseball, Softball
Tuesday 1st March—Senior Summer RR 2—Tennis, Volleyball
Monday 7th March—Intermediate Summer RR 1—Cricket, Volleyball
Wednesday 16th March—Year 8 Summer RR
Tuesday 22nd March—Intermediate Summer RR 2—Baseball, Softball, Tennis
Friday 1st April—Year 7 Summer RR
Tuesday 5th April—Division Golf
Friday 8th April—House Athletics Carnival
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Information for 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
- and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) which is the first day for teaching staff and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $230 for primary students and $460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: The School Office for application form and further information.

Nicole Taylor
Business Manager

PARENTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

All Parents of BHS interested in joining us at the next PCA on 2nd March please contact Beverly via email brcs1@optusnet.net.com.au to register your interest. Drinks and nibbles provided come and meet other interested parents.

Thanks The PCA Committee

HELP WANTED

CHAPLAINCY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our Chaplaincy Committee numbers have dwindled and we desperately need your support to continue this very important work that occurs behind the scenes at our school. The Chaplaincy Committee is primarily responsible for fundraising to support the Chaplain and the welfare needs of the school community. Our fundraising events are the Book Fair and the Second-hand Text Book Sale. We also support the Year 7 BBQ and have a yearly Chaplaincy Church Service. The committee meets for 1 ½ hrs monthly in the main staffroom at school.
If you are interested in hearing more about the Chaplaincy Committee please come and join us on 9 March at 7pm for light refreshments before our AGM which commences at 7.30pm.

Chaplaincy Committee
Blackburn High School

CHAPLAINCY AGM NOTICE

Supporters and interested persons are most warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Blackburn High School Chaplaincy Committee, which will be held in the Staff Room at Blackburn High School on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm.

Light refreshments will be served from 7pm.

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE
BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL
CAN YOU HELP??

Parents and carers are invited to join a fortnightly gardening group, to care for the gardens around the School. There are still areas of garden that remain during the building works, and it would be great for the School community if these could be kept looking tidy and pretty.

When: Every second Wednesday during term
      Term 1 dates are: 23 Feb, 9 March, 23 March, 6 April

Time: 9am – 11am

Where: Meet at the General Office at 9am

What to bring: Gardening gloves, gardening hand tools if you have any Carolyn Nette (Convenor, Facilities sub-committee)

STUDENT INJURY PERSONAL ACCIDENT PROJECTION FOR 2011

The school has received information from JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Limited regarding Student Inquiry Personal Accident Protection for 2011. This cover is designed for those families who may not have private health cover or choose to have it in addition to their private health cover. It covers students - 24 hours a day/7 days per week.

All project disclosure material/alternative schedule of benefits/policy wording/costs are available from the specifically designed website – www.studenthealth.com.au

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011 – Term 1

| Thursday 17 February | Year 7 BBQ | 5.30pm – 7pm |
| Thursday 17 February | Year 8 & 9 Music Expo | At 7pm |
| Monday 21st February | Year 7 Junior School Information Night | (6pm in Library) |
| Wednesday 23rd February | Year 7 Junior School Information Night | (6pm in Library) |
| Friday 25th February | House Performing Arts Festival | 7.00pm |
| Monday 28th February – Friday 4th March | Year 7 Camp Forms A & B (28-2 Mar), Forms C & D (2-4 Mar) |
| Wednesday 16th March | Year 7 Immunizations |
| Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm | Chaplaincy AGM Notice | 7.30pm in staffroom |

Term Dates 2011 – 2012

| 2011 | Term 1 1 Feb – 8 April | Term 2 27 April – 1 July | Term 3 18 July – 23 Sept | Term 4 10 Oct – 22 Dec |

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