In 2011, the goal of the Teaching and Learning team is to develop educationally sound learning programs, within the core curriculum, which will empower and enrich the lives of all our students. With new buildings and up-to-date knowledge about the 21st Century learner comes new ways of thinking about teaching and learning. These changes, led by Key Learning Area Leaders, (Cheryl Angus, Steve Thompson, Mark Vasyura, Janice Collins, Youla Pantazopoulos, Ian Anderson, Anthony Stewart) Julia Beer (Interdisciplinary Project leader) and Maddie Taylor (Literacy leader) will be developed through a range of programs and projects in 2011.

21CHAP – Our new High Achievers Program, implemented this year, is characterized by inquiry learning opportunities, Rich tasks and a Learning to Learn program. Students undertake the subjects of Great Philosophies in Semester 1 and Big Ideas in Semester 2. The Learning to Learn program, focuses on Thinking Skills and Personal Learning, and is embedded through Great Philosophies and Big Ideas. Entry to this program is through ACER test. Test details from Judith Davis.

RE-IMAGINING THE CLASSROOM PROJECTS FOR 2011 ARE:
- Rich Tasks
- Night of the Notables
- Innovative use of Technology
- Learning to Learn programs
- Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives
- City Experience AND
- Other new programs within the CORE Curriculum

We welcome input from parents as we seek to develop more relevant and interesting learning programs for the 21st Century learner. The Education and Policy Sub Committee values parental input and invites parents to have input into the new teaching and learning programs at the school. You can contact me at the school if you want more information on the process.

Arlene Roberts
Teaching and Learning Leader

MAKING THE LINK: COMMENTS FROM YEAR 7 STUDENTS ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NEW BUILDINGS AND LEARNING PROGRAMS:

New buildings will provide us with more advanced possibilities for learning.
Ali Ollaik (7C)

New buildings will provide us with better facilities for better learning opportunities.
Alex Lazaris (7C)

Students will have bigger spaces to learn in and to play
Albert Boka (7A)

New buildings will lead to more study areas – space for thinking
Emily Preston (7B)

School Captain: Lingyun Li

More space for our new resources
Natalie Stanbury (7B)

More comfortable rooms, with heating and air conditioning, and space to learn.
Kalina Taylor (7B)
PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

School Council Elections:

I hereby notify the school community that as the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies in any one membership category I declare elected those who have nominated, and a ballot will not be held for any membership category.

Congratulations to the duly elected School Council representatives, listed below, and I look forward to working together to maintain and strengthen Blackburn High School as a school of excellence in all fields of endeavours within our community.

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I would like to invite the existing Council and the new Council to attend the next meeting of School Council on the 16th March at 7.30pm, where we will farewell the existing Council and welcome in the new Council, including holding the AGM.

Attendance

Just a reminder to parents and students about the importance the school places on attendance and punctuality to class, in order to maximise your students learning opportunities. This is something we are emphasising and ask you to support us in this matter.

Sandra Woodman
Principal

BUILDING UPDATE NO. 006

Apologies to the school community that you have had no building updates until now. A number of things have been taking up time at the beginning of the year.

- We now have a slab and frame completed for our language centre. The roof will be going on as soon as the frame has been inspected (this week).
- The concreters have moved to the front of the school and will be pouring the slab for that building this week. When that is completed they will move onto the setting up of the admin building slab.
- Earth works have started for the gymnasium, soft clay is being removed and fill is being spread and compacted, this work is likely to go on for another week.
- The temporary pathway between 200 and 400 blocks opened on Thursday this week reducing the long march.
- Another temporary pathway will be constructed on the south side of the 200 staff room to enable students to walk around the building from two directions to ease crowded pathways.
- Existing storm water pipes which blocked and damaged have been replaced with a new system and this will alleviate the silt being washed away when it rains.
- Our telephone system has been dropping in and out with flooded pits and broken cables so apologies to parents if they have been unable to reach us.
- New operable walls have been installed in the VCE study Centre this week meaning that the shifting of classes has ceased.

Tim Dalton, Assistant Principal
School Building Liaison Officer
YEAR 7 BBQ

We would like to thank the Chaplaincy Committee for all their assistance making the night a success.
UPCOMING DATES

Monday 28 Feb  Ensemble rehearsals commence
Tuesday 1 March  Symphony Orchestra Performing at Melbourne Recital Centre
Sunday 20 March  Senior Stage Band perform at Parliament House
Wed 6 April  Autumn Concert – Beaumont Hall

MUSIC EXPO NIGHT

Thank you to all students who came along to the Music Expo Evening last night. It was encouraging to see so many Year 7 students and their families keen to try a variety of instruments. My thanks to Ms Wedding for organising and running the evening, to our many Instrumental Music Staff for giving up an evening to demonstrate on their instruments. Likewise to the members of the Friends of Music for manning the registration desk and providing a warm welcome for new parents. Finally, a big thanks to the Symphony Orchestra for performing so well at this early point of the year. At this stage there are a few places left on different instruments. Students interested in learning an instrument should see Mr Howes at the Music office next week.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

The Senior Stage Band (SSB) has been invited to perform at the Parliament House Open Day on Sunday March 20. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students to perform in a very different setting. For those who may be going along, they will be playing from 11am-1pm.

Details for members of SSB
Arrive at Music Block 8.40am
- School departure time (Williams Road Car park) 9am
- Depart Parliament House 1.30pm
- Arrive at BHS Music Block 2.15pm

ENROLMENT FORMS AND PAYMENT

All students having lessons at the school should by now have returned their re-enrolment forms and payment for the year to the General Office. As a staff we need to know who is continuing and on what instrument. Your assistance would be appreciated.

OUT AND ABOUT

The Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) run concerts each year to demonstrate A+ standard performance’s. Held at the Melbourne Recital Centre it gives students participating an opportunity to perform in one of the premiere venues in Melbourne. The Brass Quintet performed last Saturday evening to a large audience and the Symphony Orchestra will be performing next Tuesday a work written by Elana de Glaria Clark (2010) ‘All That Is Gold’.

Rehearsals
Rehearsals for all ensembles begin next week and will become a weekly feature of life at BHS. Students should check for their rehearsal time at the 600 Block or on the following pages:

Please note that the House Performing Arts Festival is Friday 25th February, at 7.30pm
Table of annual BHS Ensemble Events 2011

The following table shows the key annual BHS concert/festival events but does not indicate any individual (or the many smaller) events to which an ensemble may be invited to perform.

**Legend** (showing abbreviations for junior through to senior groups)
- **Wind Bands:** Novice Band (NB) – Junior Band (JB) – Concert Band (CB) – Symphonic Band (SB)
- **Orchestras:** Quattro Strings (QS) – Junior String Orchestra (JS) – Senior String Orchestra (SS) – Symphony Orchestra (SO)
- **Choirs:** Concert Choir (CC) – Chamber Choir (Ch Ch)
- **Stage Bands:** Junior Stage Band (JSB) – Intermediate Stage Band (ISB) – Senior Stage Band (SSB)

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**EVENING**
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School students have made a good start to the year. I am new to the school and I have been impressed with the way students relate to each other and their respect for the teaching staff. Many students have been working well in class and using their planner to be organised. I was proud of the Junior School participation at the recent swimming sports. I observed many students putting in their best effort for their house. Congratulations to Candy House on winning the swimming carnival.

The recent Year 7 BBQ/Music Expo (see photos on page 8) was well attended. It was an enjoyable evening and a welcome to meet the new parents to the school. I appreciated all parents who introduced themselves to me. The Year 7 camp is fast approaching. Please ensure you have returned all of the required forms. If you are unsure about which forms need to be returned, call Greg Hlasko on 9878 4477 to confirm. We are excited about the camp and keeping an eye on the weather.

During the week we conducted the Junior School information nights. Thank-you to all staff, parents and students who attended the information nights. From a school perspective, it is important we work in partnership to maximise the achievements of our students. All Year 9 students participated in a Leadership Program with Stride Leadership. Students took part in a range of activities that empowered them to start to think about their leadership capacity and future leadership opportunities. One activity required all students to document and work towards a goal. Ask your son or daughter if they are working towards their nominated goal this year. Respect, trust, building healthy relationships, connecting with people and leadership styles were discussed throughout the program. We spoke at length about how students can enhance the culture of the school and/or sporting club. I spoke to all Year 9 students about the importance of working with their teachers to improve learning outcomes. Communicating with teachers demonstrates a sign of maturity and a willingness to be a positive member of the learning environment. If the teacher and student are working together towards a shared goal, it is highly likely they will both benefit from the positive interaction and working relationship. The Leadership Program has set the tone for the Year 9 themes this year.

If your son or daughter does not have the correct uniform they need to bring a note to school and show it to their Coordinator. Failure to do so will incur a detention.

It is important to start the school day on time. Teachers provide important instructions about the learning activity at the start of the class. Attending class late has a negative impact on the late student, as well as on the teacher and other students in the class. Repeating instructions to late students obstructs the learning in the classroom. If your son or daughter is late for school they need a note explaining why they were late.

Assisting your child to achieve their best at school.

We need to work together to ensure your child experiences success at school. You can assist your child at school in many ways, including:

- expecting them to achieve their best and submit their best work on time.
- working with the subject teacher to discuss the child’s progress and areas of improvement.
- expecting them to complete regular homework and home study.
- attending school on time.
- being organised for school each day through using the planner daily.

Learning space at home.

I encourage you to set aside a space in your home where it will assist the student to study and complete homework. The ideal study space will have room for books and stationary equipment and be located in a position where there are few distractions. The ideal study place is what works for you.

The major purposes of homework and home study are:

- To give students an opportunity to improve and develop understanding and knowledge of their subjects.
- To extend the time available for learning and give routine and regularity to the learning processes of each student.
- To encourage initiative and the development of independent learning skills and self-discipline.
- To provide a means for students to develop organisational skills and learn to manage work schedules.

Homework

- Specific learning activities given to students for completion at home.
- Emerges from classroom activities and is suited to being completed outside of the classroom.
- Includes set tasks and exercises, preparation and research for assignments.
- By offering help and/or discussing the task, parents can emphasise the importance of additional study.

Home Study

- Involves reviewing classroom material learnt, preparation for tests, wide reading or vocabulary learning.

Be aware of upcoming events at school, including:

- Friday 25th February – House Performing Arts Festival.
- Monday 28th February - Ensemble rehearsals.
- Monday 14th March – Public holiday (Labour Day) – No school.

**Year 7**

- Monday 28th February – Friday 4th March - Year 7 Camp.
- Wednesday 16th March – Immunizations.
- Friday 1st April – Round Robin.

**Year 8**

- Wednesday 16th March – Summer Round Robin.
- Friday 18th March – Wednesday 30 March – Night of the Notables.
- Monday 28th March – Division Sports.
- Wednesday 30th March – Thursday 31st March – Night of the Notables Parent Presentation.

**Year 9**

- Monday 7th March – Years 9 & 10 – Inter Round Robin.
- Tuesday 22nd March - Years 9 & 10 – Inter Baseball.
- Wednesday 23rd March – Years 9 & 10 – Inter Round Robin.
- Monday 26th March – Interim reports given to students. Ask your child if they will be proud of their interim report. Are they submitting their best work?

If your child has achieved outside of school please call me or email. I would like to know. In addition to this, if you have any concerns mail.vic.gov.au

Geoff Vezey.
Junior School Leader
YEAR 8 CAMP
2011

The Year 8 Camp is scheduled for the week Monday, May 9 to Friday May 13 and will be at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. In previous years the camp was held at Camp Coonawarra near Bairnsdale. The camp venue has been changed closer to Melbourne to allow school staff to travel midweek and be a part of the camp yet not miss too many senior classes.

The total cost for the camp will be $400. The emphasis of the camp is on outdoor education, cooperation, teamwork and social interaction. All activities will be fully supervised by staff and accredited personnel at the camp, with the aim to provide each student with an enjoyable educational experience, away from the normal school routine.

Final payment ($350) will need to be made by Friday April 8 (end of term 1). This camp has been a highlight of the school year for a number of years. Each year students and staff return full of excitement and enthusiasm.

If going to the camp, each student will have to confirm his /her place on the camp attendance list by Friday March 4. A reply slip has been sent to all Year 8 parents and should be returned to the office. Most families have already paid a $50 deposit as this fee has been included with other school fees paid for this year. The deposit will need to be paid to confirm a place on camp.

If you have any questions please contact Ron Hansen or Geoff Vezey at school.

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YEAR 8 INFORMATION

The information night for Year 8 and 9 occurred on Monday 21st February. Thanks to the parents who attended; if you were there on the night the information in the following article has already been discussed.

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES – 2011 Year 8 Program

During the period March 18th to March 30th, apart from Sport and PE, the normal teaching and learning program will be suspended. Students will have to identify and select a person who inspires them, research and present their findings to a parent audience; their learning journey must include an ICT component.

Philosophy driving the Night of the Notables - that the 21st century learner need to be given opportunities, more than previous generations, to develop independent learning skills, to be able to think creatively, analytically, laterally, to be able to communicate with a strong sense of audience and purpose.

In this program the role of the teacher and student will change from the more traditional role: the student will become the ‘expert’ and the teacher will become the “facilitator and mentor” in the learning process.

Parents have a special role – an invitation to share in the learning journey on a daily basis. Help your child maintain a learning journal for two weeks and to attend and assess your child's display on the Presentation Night.

Night of the Notables Presentation Nights Dates: 8A and 8B Wed 30th March/8C and 8D Thur 31st March

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Lucky Draw Winner – Elnaz Roshdi

Every year one lucky family who has paid their account in full or has set up a full payment plan for their fees enters our “Lucy Draw”. The winner receives their Essential Education Items fee back and this year's winner is Elnaz Roshdi

**Congratulations**
SENIOR SUMMER SPORT ROUND ROBIN 1

On Monday, we played in our first sporting round robin in the new ‘Whitehorse Division’. Although we still compete against Forest Hill and Mullauna, we are no longer up against Vermont, but now have Koonung, Box Hill, Box Hill Senior and Doncaster East in our sporting division.

This year, our senior and intermediate round robin days have been split into 2 days and on Monday our Senior Softball, Baseball and Cricket teams went out to compete.

Ms. Roche—Sport Coordinator

CRICKET

Senior Boys Cricket

The boys went to Donvale Reserve full of excitement ready to take on the newest members of the Nunawading District. Their first match was against the powerful Box Hill Senior Secondary College outfit. Captain Charles Erasmus lost the toss and BHS took the field first. New ball bowlers Dylan Ellis and Jack Craig bowled well early and applied plenty of pressure. Unfortunately, the talented BHSSC batsmen took control of the innings and compiled 110 runs from their 15 overs. In reply, BHS had no answer to the BHSSC new ball bowlers, and coupled with some undisciplined batting from the middle order, BHS was all out for 35.

Our second opponent was Koonung SC. Again Erasmus lost the loss, and again we fielded first. Ellis and Craig didn’t have the impact they had in the first game, however, Gaurav Parikh stepped up and did a great job of breaking threatening partnerships throughout the innings. He finished with three wickets and was the standout bowler. With Erasmus sharing the bowling duties amongst all team members, Koonung rallied to compile an excellent score of 113 from their 15 overs. A re-shuffled but more determined batting line-up started very well, with the second-wicket partnership between Erasmus and Parikh worth in excess of 60 runs before both were required to retire according to the rules. Needing just over six runs per over for the best part of seven overs, the game ebbed and flowed. Contributions from Trevor Gilbert, aka Trevor Gilchrist because he walked after being given not out, and the middle order kept the runs flowing until we found ourselves needing seven runs off the last over. Unfortunately we weren’t able to do it and finished three runs short in an exciting game.
LINGYUN LI TAKES NUNAWADING YOTY

Last week Lingyun Li, our school captain competed in the Nunawading Lions club Youth of the Year competition. Lingyun was up against the school captains from 3 other large secondary schools. She completed a magnificent set speech on “refugees”, and responded to two impromptu questions for 2 minutes each.

The standard of the competition was extremely high but Lingyun managed to come away with the best speaker award as well as TAKING OUT THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR THE NUNAWADING CLUB.

What a great achievement from Lingyun who went on to compete at zone level last Saturday. According to club members Lingyun was equally impressive and was amongst the top place getters on the day.

We wish to congratulate Lingyun on this magnificent achievement. Also, well done again to Caleb Webb, Abigail Fabrik and Robert Liang who competed in competitions earlier in the year.

SWIM CARNIVAL

Well done to all our students who made our swim carnival a great success. It was great to see so many students involved and there were many examples of student leadership on the day. Once again I was amazed with the enthusiasm shown by our students.

Bring on House music next week which will also showcase our students amazing talent and leadership skills. Go Porter!

SPORT LEADERSHIP

49 students have begun the school sport leadership course in year 10 (a record number!!). The start of the year has been great and I am enjoying teaching the course with Ms Ailsa Davidson (a sport leadership graduate herself). Next term our students will once again be attending local primary schools for after school coaching sessions. This is the 15th year of this fabulous course at Blackburn High.

SRC & FORM CAPTAINS

Our SRC and form captain nominations have now closed. This is for all except year 7’s who have until Wednesday week (after their camp). We hope to announce our SRC and form captains in the next edition. Well done to all students who have applied. The successful students will have a big role to play in the restructure of the soon to be new school.

Volleyball Staff/Student Match

Roll up, roll up for our staff student Volleyball match. Calling all students – are you game to take on the staff.

It will take place on Friday, March 4th in the hall of course. There will be ‘sign up’ sheets going up on the door of the 500 block next week for students to sign up. We hope to make 3 teams of both staff and students.

ENVIRO COMMITTEE

Our school environmental group will meet for the first time today. The environmental group was started last year and was well patronised by a number of students. It is hoped to hold meetings every 2 weeks and all students interested in improving the school environment as well as working on community environmental issues are welcome to attend. More news will come.

MUNA – GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

MUNA stands for the model united nations and is a great leadership opportunity for year 11 students. Teams of two students for secondary schools across Melbourne get to represent a country in a model united Nations assembly. The event takes place in the parliament of Victoria chamber in May. Any year 11 students interested should see Mr Pas in the next two weeks.

STUDENTS HELPING WITH SCHOOL TOURS

I have had the great pleasure of working with our new publicity and promotions officer Margy Lanyon in identifying students to help with school tours. It is important that parents visiting the school hear from our students and it was great to see such enthusiastic participants. If you would like to be part of the program please see Mr Pas.

FIRST ASSEMBLY MONDAY

Our first major assembly will take place on Monday (Feb 28). This will be to celebrate our House performing arts festival as well as to recognise Swimming award winners. We will be holding 8 general assemblies for the year and they are important celebration of our school community. Assemblies take place at 10:25am and last approximately half an hour. Parents are always welcome.
TAKing THE LEAD

CONGRATULATIONS TO MADELINE AND LACHLAN

Last year I had the opportunity to recommend Madeline Coleman-Bock and Lachlan Hugo to undertake the Year 9 young science scholars program run by Rotary. Madeline and Lachlan attended the 3 day course in January. Here is Madeline’s report on the great experience.

YEAR 9 SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Before year 10, I was fortunate enough to participate in a science experience at Monash University run by the YSA (Young Scientists of Australia). During the 3 days of the experience, we were split into groups and had the rare opportunity to go see the anatomy labs, genetics labs and fish breeding facilities where they researched mutations and genes in zebra fish, played with deadly bugs and toads in the biology labs, completed great experiments in the chemistry labs (such as elephant’s toothpaste, water to wine, blue bottles, crystal gardens and the classic slime experiment), maths magic tricks, geology experiments (which may I say, I don’t like rocks much, but the mars stuff is really, really cool!) and so many more amazing things. Over the days we also had many lectures on the different aspects of science and the world around us, such as What do Pandas, Diamonds and Toilet Paper Have in Common?, Accident Research and Prevention, and research into saving the world’s amphibians, and one of the reasons, believe it or not, that they are dying out so fast is because people eat frog’s legs. On the second day was a barbecue/disco, which was said by many to be the highlight of the experience. It was incredible, a once in a lifetime chance to see science and the universe in a unique new light, and I think everyone should have the opportunity to experience it as well.