Friday, 11th March 2011 .......No 6

Year 7 Camp

School Captain: Lingyun Li

School Captain: Caleb Webb
Leadership Residential

Sunday and Monday saw our leadership team at Silverwater in Phillip Island. The purpose of the 2 day conference was to consider the implementation of our new school organisational model. We had lively and vigorous debate with many fruitful outcomes which we shared at our staff meeting on Tuesday. Information about our exciting new model will soon be coming to our school community.

School Council

The AGM will be held this Wednesday in the main staffroom at 8.30pm, where the school’s annual report will be tabled. All are welcome to attend.

High Energy Drinks

There is growing concern across our school at the number of students partaking of high energy drinks, and often more than one drink per day. I have included an article from the Herald Sun a few weeks ago, 6th March, which outlines the dangers of these drinks. In the best health interests of our students, these drinks will not be permitted at school. We ask all families to support us in ensuring your students are physically healthy and able to achieve their maximum learning potential. Drinks will be removed from students if they are brought to school.

Breakfast Club

A great initiative being introduced through our Food Technology Department, Sam Clifton and Tess Monda, will see breakfast being provided by “Safeway”, every Thursday morning for our students. Please see the article in this newsletter.

Sandra Woodman
Principal
Trumpet Success

Bethany Nette is to be congratulated on performing at the Australian Society for Music Education VCE conference. Not only did she perform as a soloist but did so to a room of 400 music teachers from across the state. Many who attended the conference commented on her strength of sound and confidence. Bravo!!

Concert Choir

Concert Choir is on Wednesday at 3.30pm. It is a compulsory ensemble for all Piano and Voice students who aren’t involved in other ensembles and play Piano or voice. It is also open to any students in the school community who would like to partake in the enjoyment of singing. See you in 401.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are now well and truly under way. It has been a busy start to the year with Performing Arts Festival and now many music students will find more of a routine in their week. Whist conductors are aware that there are reasons why a rehearsal needs to be missed, it is important that students inform them prior to the rehearsal so that planning can be done.

Instrument Cases

A great number of instruments are taken in and out of the music store room each day. Sometimes it can be tricky to tell one case apart from another. In some cases, the wrong instrument has been taken home! To avoid this, would you ensure that the outside of your case is clearly labeled.

Date Error

The date of the Winter Concert was previously given in Music Notes as Thursday 30 June – this date is incorrect.

The correct date is Thursday, 23rd June

Instruments For Sale

Trevor J James Classic Alto Sax
w/neck strap and carry case.
2nd hand, including 5 new reeds.
$500 ono. Call 0418 814 595

Original German Thurmer Upright Piano
Walnut Finish, Iron frame Good cond.
$400 ono, plus removalist fees. Great for a beginner. Call 0418 814 595

Trombone, Bach Aristocrat TB600, One Owner, Perfect Condition, Original Hard Case, Includes Essential Elements 2000 with DVD and CD, $450.00 ONO, Phone Liz 0411 230 091.
FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Yes that’s right. Thanks to the generosity of the Safeway Woolworths store at North Blackburn Square and the initiative of our home eco department (Ms Tess Monda and Ms Sam Clifton) we are able to offer students (and teachers!!) a breakfast club every Thursday morning.

The Woolworths store are going to provide cereal, toast, fruit and juice for students to enjoy so why not come in and have a healthy breakfast before school. All you have to do is your own dishes. Details below so please come along to this amazing program.

WHAT: Blackburn High Breakfast Club
WHY: To come along and enjoy a free breakfast whilst socialising with other students.
COST: Absolutely nothing
WHERE: In the home eco room
WHEN: Every Thursday from 7:45am to 8:30am

SRC MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the SRC from year levels 8-11. Our year 7 nominations close today and will be announced next week. It is great to see the high level of interest in the SRC with a number of elections having to take place. Our school captains and vice captains also have a place on the SRC.

Our first meeting last week talked about the spending policy of money raised and the report back process to year levels. Our next meeting will elect the SRC office bearers.

SRC MEMBERS YR 8-11
Year 11, Cheryl Lee, Saranda Paqarada, Ing Lim
Year 10, Hayley Short, Daisy Agius, Zoe Duncan
Year 9, Allan Pennings, Freya Rich, Joanna Hewes
Year 8, Andre Burborough, Darren Lee, Edmond Davis

ENVIRO GROUP

Our Environment Group met for the first time last week and great discussion was held about various short term and long term environmental issues at the school.

The group will meet every fortnight on Friday Yellow week at lunchtimes. The first project for the year is to make another student seating area in between the two portables on Williams Rd. This is in response to the short term lack of seating areas whilst the school rebuild is on. Building of this area should take place before the end of term.

The group has elected Robert Liang as president and Hayley Short as secretary. Please come along to our next meeting.

STAFF STUDENT VOLLEYBALL MATCH

Three fantastic matches were played yesterday in friendly spirit between the staff and students. Many staff members relived their youth with some death-defying dives and powerful spikes. Unfortunately, the final scores were misplaced but great fun was had by all.
Taking the Lead

(Cont…)

JOANNA HEWES WINS LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Joanna Hewes of Year 9 who was announced as one of two Eric Perkins scholarship winners. This scholarship is put forward by the Lions Club of Box Hill and goes to Year 9 students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to both their studies and extracurricular activities. Joanna will receive a sum of money to put toward her studies each year up to Year 12.

The scholarship was presented to Joanna at a dinner which was attended by her family as well as Mr Bate. Also in attendance was Andrew Woods (Year 11) who received the scholarship two years ago. Congratulations Joanna on this great achievement.

MUNA STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Blackburn High in the Model United Nations (MUNA). This is a fabulous program run by the Rotary organisation. It involves students spending two days at Parliament House debating world issues.

Students involved are:

Team 1: Cheryl Lee and Sophie Hamilton
Team 2: Brooke Gibson and Taylah Jones

FORM CAPTAINS

Congratulations to all students who have nominated for positions of Year 7-9 Form Captains. Interviews will be held next week and the Captains will be announced in our next issue.
SENIOR ROUND ROBIN 2
Tennis & Volleyball

SENIOR TENNIS

Between passing showers that threatened to derail the day altogether senior tennis was played at Koonung High School. The court surface was a new experience to all, with its low bounce, the slice and drop shot would have to play a role in the outcome.

The first round saw the boy’s team clean up against East Doncaster 6 sets to 0, 36 games to 8. The girl’s were equally impressive, also against East Doncaster winning 5 sets to 1, 30 games to 15.

Spirits were high moving into round two!

The boy’s were pitted against Box Hill High School. After four sets of singles everything was squared away; 2 sets each, 8 games each. The match was balanced on a knife’s edge. It would be decided in the two sets of doubles. The boy’s put up a spirited fight going down by a small margin.

Meanwhile the girl’s played against Box Hill Senior Secondary College; a tennis academy. The girl’s battled hard however the result didn’t go their way.

The boy’s then played off in a final against Koonung High School to decide 3rd and 4th spots. Again the teams were equally matched with Koonung High School squeaking home.

It’s fitting to pay a special tribute to the boy’s team, as in their six years at Blackburn High School they achieved district champions five times, including winning zone once and finishing third in the state two years ago.

Steve Thomson
Sports Update

VOLLEYBALL

On Tuesday March 1st 14 senior boys participated in the Senior Volleyball Round Robin at Forest Hill College. The competition was very tough with many talented teams competing on the day. Our “A” team battled hard all day without being disgraced. Although they did not win a match, many of their games were very close and several going to 3 sets. Our “B” team fared a little better, winning 2 out of their 5 matches. Our boys represented the school in a most impressive manner, and showed that fun and enjoyment were a major focus of their day. Team representatives were: Andreas Pinten, Mark Chen, Billy Chang, Robin Zhou, Fred Veith, Kevin Tran, Daniel Leung, Chris Yeomans, Martin O’Hehir, Daniel O’Shea, Daniel Highton, Stewart Murray, Henry Ross-Stubbs and Jack Craig.

The girls too, had a great day out with them giving their all. Our A team began with a close match against Koonung, which ended in a draw. They then went on to defeat East Doncaster and Forest Hill, but were unable to overcome Mullauna and Box Hill Senior. Although our B team were not successful, their skills improved throughout the day. Well done to all of the girls for a great day! Elish Barry, Briannan DeJong, Ashlee Dowdell, Louise Erasmus, Ing Lim, Angela Nguyen, Edana Oakley Lacey, Susan Rezaee, Ellen Turner, Hannah Urwin, Daina Vagars, Jayme Vanderschoot, Judith Veith, Lauren Webb, Madeline Wilmot, Jazmin Zamburro Migliore, Kasia Zietara, Lydia Wilsom, Lauren Black and Meg Goodes.

Mr. Main & Ms. Roche

Upcoming Sporting Events

Wednesday 16th March—Year 8 Summer RR
Monday 21st March—Division Swimming
(Team to be announced in the next week)
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
Building Update 007 11th March 2011

More work has been done on the BER Centre with the carpenters putting the internal and external frames for the walls.

The steel work has started for the Year 7 building and the Admin slab will be poured today. The weather is still affecting progress but not as badly as earlier this term.

We now have all our phones up and operational after much work and discussion as to whose responsibility it was to fix things.

The work on the slab for the gymnasium will commence as soon as the Admin one has been poured.

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal

FRIENDS OF MUSIC WISH TO INVITE PARENTS TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2011 AT 7PM IN THE 600 BLOCK.

Friends of Music, Blackburn High School are a friendly group of parents who are interested in helping the wonderful teachers who comprise the Music department. We are the back up support for the department. We provide the ‘manpower’ to do the physical side of the amazing concerts and events in which our children perform. The work in general is not arduous, and, as we must attend each of the main concerts, it is nice to be part of the mechanics of the nights. Parents provide Front of House, refreshments, stage crew and other duties at each of the concerts. We fundraise to purchase new instruments and equipment which are used by the students.

Friends of Music is one of the very few areas in the high school where parents are able to play an active role in their children’s education by directly supporting the teachers.

We need at least five new parents to join our wonderful committee this year. Please consider joining the Friends of Music committee, we only have about six or seven short meetings during the year, but we achieve a lot!

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