Friday, 18th March 2011 ....... No 7
Last Wednesday we had the final meeting of our 2010 School Council and the first meeting of our 2011 School Council. The Annual Report was presented to School Council at the Annual Reporting Meeting. This will be available soon on the school’s website. The final meeting for the evening was the first meeting of the new Council at which the Office Bearers were elected.

Our thanks to our retiring School Council members, Cheryl Angus and Helen Crisp who have made valuable contributions to the work of School Council during their terms. Cheryl has been a DEECD Representative on Council and Helen was Vice President of the 2010 School Council. We greatly appreciate the time and effort they have given to their roles as School Councillors.

The 2011 School Council

Parent Representatives
Caroline Nette (President)
Andrew Jeffery (Vice President & Treasurer)
Jo Dema
Jenny Clear
Cecilia Joyner
Geoff Hugo
Cate Harris
Gerrard Young

DEECD Representatives
Sandra Woodman – Principal – Ex-Officio Member
Tim Dalton – Assistant Principal
Jane Richards – Assistant Principal
Martin Baxter – Senior School Leader

Community Representative
Andrew Munroe

Minute Taker
Nicole Taylor – Business Manager

Observers
Lingyun Li – School Captain
Caleb Webb – School Captain

Having a vibrant and active School Council greatly benefits our school and we look forward to working with the 2011 School Council.

Our Student Progress Conferences will take place on Thursday 7th April with afternoon and evening sessions. We will again be using the Online Booking system and details will be posted to parents soon.

Sandra Woodman, Jane Richards & Tim Dalton - Principal Team
MUSIC NOTES

Friday, 18th March, 2011
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A School of Musical Excellence

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6 April  Autumn Concert
Term 2
Beaumont Hall

Monday 2 May  Jazz in 601
May 6-8  Generation In Jazz Mt Gambier
Monday 9 May  Open night BHS
Tuesday 17 May  Buddies BBQ 601
Thursday 19 May  Cluster PS Band Day 601
Thursday 26 May  EMR Concert Melb
Convention Centre
Saturday 28 May  Band festival
BMW Edge Fed Sq.
Thursday 16 June  Novice Soiree 601
Thursday 30 June  Winter Concert
Friday 1 July  Open Mic night 601

Autumn Concert

The concert will consist of two exciting program halves, commencing at 5:30 and 7:30pm in Beaumont Hall at BHS. This will be the first major Music Dept. concert for the year. Please arrange to stay at least for one entire half and support a great night for our marvellous musicians. Tickets are $5 Adults and school aged children are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Holiday Stage Band rehearsals

In order to be ready for Generation in Jazz at Mt Gambier, the three stage bands will be rehearsing at different times over the holidays. Times and dates are:

Senior Stage Band  Mon 11, Tue 12,
Wed 13 April  9am-4pm
Intermediate Stage Band  Tuesday 19 April
9am-4pm
Junior Stage Band  Tuesday 19 April
9am-4pm

Parliament House Open Day

Senior Stage Band will be performing at Parliament House on Sunday 20 May from 11am-1pm. For members of the band the load times are as follows

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

Information

Quattro Strings / Novice Band to start rehearsals next term!

Having commenced specialist tuition on their chosen instruments in recent weeks, all our beginner string-brass-woodwind-percussion musicians will join their first ensemble, the first week back next term.

Quattro Strings: (all beginner string players) will commence rehearsals on Tuesday, May 3 12:40pm (lunchtime) in Room 2 of the 600 Block. They will be directed by Mrs Felicity Schijf.

Novice Band: (all brass-woodwind-percussionists) normal rehearsal time is to be Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30pm, Beaumont Hall. The FIRST rehearsal, is Tuesday May 3, 3:30-4.30pm. Students should have their Essential Elements 200 and instrument. This band will be conducted by Ms Suzanne Wedding.

Concert Choir and Chamber Choir: All voice students should be a member of one of these choirs. All piano students, (who are not in another ensemble), should also be a member of one of the choirs. See Mr Stephen Hardie for further enquiries.

Guitar Ensemble: All guitarists should be a member of either the Guitar Ensemble or one of the stage bands.

Instruments for sale

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

The School is publishing this advertisement because it may interest some students, but the school is unable to endorse or recommend any instruments for sale.
Intermedium Round Robin Cricket & Volleyball

Cricket Boys Through to Eastern Zone

On Monday the 7th of March a group of talented young cricket players, selected from Year 9 and 10, represented Blackburn High at the first Intermediate Round Robin for the year. The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and skill, beating Mullauna and Forest Hill by significant margins and as a result ending up on top of our pool. The boys were then required to battle in a 20:20 match on Thursday 10th, against East Doncaster, the winners of the other pool, to see who would progress to the Zone level in Term 4. Both teams represented their schools with pride and it was a fight until the end. Congratulations to the Blackburn High School Intermediate Boys’ Cricket team for their win over East Doncaster, 105-86, to progress through to Zone later this year. Great team effort all day.

Mr. Anderson

Antony and Alex perform well at National Athletics Championships

Last week, two of our students competed in the National Athletics Championships in Sydney.

Antony finished 1st in the 400m—hence is the National Champion in this event.

And

Alex finished 4th in the Triple Jump

Congratulations to both of you!

Anthony Baldwin

Alex Webb
Volleyball

On Monday March 7th, the Intermediate Boys Volleyball teams travelled to Forest Hill College to participate in the Division round robin event. Both of our teams enjoyed a very successful day. The “A” team played some great team orientated volleyball, serving well, and setting up team mates and bringing each other into the game. They won all but 1 of their games, finally going down to Mullauna by 2 points, 9-7 in the final set. The “B” team also had a great day, winning all but one of their matches. They really focussed on fun and enjoying the day, which was evident in all of their matches. Both the “A” & “B” teams finished runners-up in their pool which was a great effort. The boys to represent Blackburn on the day were: Jordan Di Luzio, Thomas Haylock, Brian Ruiz, Nick D’Addazio, Oliver Rocha, James Canik, Antony Baldwin, John Peter De Vera, Chamath Dissanayake, Michael Lo, Alexander Royle, Connor Ruddell, and Jackson Stanbury.

Mr. Main

The girls had a fun day and showed improvements in their skills right throughout the day. The ‘A’ team came away with two wins, against Forest Hill and Koonung with some great serving from Hepi and great team play from the rest of the girls—Helena, Sarah, Madeline, Kirralee, Adriana and Brooke.

The ‘B’ team also came away with two wins, against Forest Hill and Koonung with great sportsmanship and team play. Sunny was the stand out server for the day. Well done Penny, Amy, Jessica, Janna, Kimberly and Emma.

Ms. Roche
I have spoken to many Junior School teachers who have been commending students on their ability to be organised for class. If your teenager is organised for school on a daily basis, please praise them. Their organisational skills and attitudes will give them an opportunity to achieve success at school.

It has also been impressive to see the many students who have submitted work on time – as it has been that they have submitted their best work on time. There are students in Year 7 who have received a grade, and then have been given an opportunity to re-submit to receive a higher grade. These students have taken on board advice and used the opportunity made available to them to improve their submission. They are to be congratulated for their mature approach to their studies.

Homework is being set on a weekly basis and a range of projects are currently due. Many tests have been revised for and conducted already. If your child is coming home and saying they don’t have homework, revision or projects to work on, then I would suggest they may have forgotten work that is due. If you are unsure ask them to bring their planner home, or, simply write a note in the planner. You may wish to contact the teacher of that subject. If you need assistance in helping your child to get organised, or, to determine what work has been set, write a note to the teacher in the planner and/or contact the following people below at the school.

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The Student Progress Conferences (Thursday 7th April) are fast approaching. Continue to discuss this event at home. I will be expecting students to attend and to take their school books with them to the conference. It is important to note that it is a three-way conference with the student being the centre of the conversation. Students are asked to reflect on positive aspects of their learning, as well as nominating areas for improvement.

Year 8 students (and staff) are excited about the Night of the Notables! We start working on this project next week. The project will run from Friday 18th March – Wednesday 30th March. I look forward to seeing parents on either Wednesday 30th March or Thursday 31st March at the parent presentation which will be held in the Library.

I have been visiting classes and am pleased with the manner in which the uniform is being worn by students in the Junior School. If your child cannot wear the correct uniform, please write them a note indicating the reason and then ask the student to take the note before school to the Year Level Coordinator.

Dobsons, our uniform supplier, have indicated they cannot supply our bucket hat in our preferred colour. Therefore, we are working with the supplier to have this situation rectified for Term 4. Our Sun Smart Policy is operational during Term 1 and Term 4. If your child does not have a school hat, please write a note for the Year Level Coordinator to get a uniform pass for the remainder of Term 1.

I would like to congratulate and support the Food Technology Department under the leadership of Ms. Monda, who have started a ‘Breakfast Club’. The Club is operating every Thursday morning starting at 7.45 am and concluding at 8.30 am. Breakfast is available in Portable 2 and is available to all students.

Please make note of the upcoming events.

**Junior School Events – Term 1 2011**
- Monday 21st March – Division Swimming at Boorondara.
- Friday 25th March – Eastern Region Swimming.
- Monday 28th March – Interim reports given to students.
- Tuesday 5th April – Division Golf. 9.00 am.
- Wednesday 6th April – Autumn concert. 5 pm.
- Thursday 7th April – Student progress conferences.
- Friday 8th April – Athletics sports day.
- Friday 8th April – Last day of Term 1.

**Year 7**
- Friday 1st April – Round Robin.

**Year 8**
- 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**
- Tuesday 22nd March - Years 9 & 10 – Inter Baseball.
- Wednesday 23rd March – Years 9 & 10 – Inter Round Robin.

Geoff Vezey
Junior School Leader
YEAR 11 STUDENTS – Elevate Education

On March 23rd and 4th May from 1.30 – 2.30pm all Year 11 students will be attending a seminar run by Elevate Education. In each of these sessions students will be placed in small groups of approximately 20 students with their own presenter.

On March 23rd the seminar titled STUDY SENSEI will cover the Study Skills students need to be successful in their learning.

In this session students learn:

- Dynamic Reading – how to read a text and pull out the key points, not just summarise every sentence.
- Note-taking – how to get those ideas the students have extracted from their readings into an organized set of notes that will facilitate effective learning.
- Conceptual learning skills – teaching students how to break the information apart into its relevant parts as opposed to simply rote-learning the material.
- Independent learning – what independent learning means and how to get it done.

On May 4th the seminar titled TIME MANAGEMENT will help students find time to fit in the work with!

Elevate’s acclaimed time management seminar introduces students to a range of time management techniques which will ensure that they stay balanced and productive across the final years and stay on top of their workload.

In this session students learn:

- Study Routine – How to develop a study routine that allows for socializing, a part-time job, sport, extra-curricular activities but still ensures academic productivity.
- Working Smart – How to identify the work that is going to get students the most marks across years 11 and 12 and how to ensure that it gets done.

In study groups – Students are shown how to leverage their time across the year by using study groups. This is a particularly powerful technique for those:

- Students who are time poor.
- Procrastination – Students are introduced to the most common reasons for procrastination and how to get around it.

Any queries please contact the Year 11 Coordinator Ms Hsu

VCE Physics Day Luna Park

On Thursday 3rd March the Year 12 Physics class ventured to Luna Park to experience the physics of theme park rides. It was an excellent day during which the students got to enjoy many of the rides. They also completed worksheets which make up part of their VCE SAC.

Many other schools attended on the day as we were put on a 20 minute rotating schedule per ride (12 rides over the entire day). That’s right four hours of theme park rides without any breaks (for the strong stomached).

Some students went on ALL of the rides throughout the day and some even went on them more than once.

Rides included the Scenic Railway, Metropolis and Enterprise.

Students investigated areas of physics such as forces, energy, centripetal force, and free falling.

To complete a perfect day, an amazing team effort on the “Skill Tester” resulted in the birth of “Phyllis” the turtle, who is now the Year 12 Physics mascot who joins us for every physics class.

Mr Rosas
Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp this year was a fantastic experience for both staff and students. Students participated in a range of activities including the giant swing, leap of faith, archery and canoeing where surprisingly a number of students (and staff) got wet! It was great to see the students encouraging one another when some found the going a little scary, particularly when attempting the giant swing or leap of faith.

Although the weather was very cool it did not deter the Year 7s from swimming and participating in beach games at Mt Martha beach. On both Tuesday and Thursday we managed to sight a number of dolphins as well as a large number of friendly (although smelly) seals.

At the camp students were able to either relax or participate in a number of sporting activities when they had some free time.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings the local ranger organised two night walks where the staff and students had the opportunity to see some of our native fauna in their natural habitat. On Tuesday and Thursday nights, students formed their own teams and participated in a Trivia Night and Talent Quest. I would thank our staff who gave so much of their time and energy and without whom the camp would not have been possible.

Greg Hlasko
Year 7 Coordinator
An opportunity to assist Rotary

Rotary offers families an opportunity to volunteer to host an exchange student for a suitable period of three to four months or one semester of the student's exchange year.

This is rewarding for the whole family and will allow everyone to learn and share a new culture, develop a lifetime of friendships and enjoy many rewarding experiences. The Rotary exchange program has a well-earned reputation and a strong infrastructure to support all of the participants in the exchange, both students and host families through the host Rotary club.

Exchange students are typically between the ages of 16 and 17 years of age and attend a secondary school in the area of the host club. ALL host families are interviewed by Rotary first and there is no commitment implied by enquiring about this possibility.

It is not necessary for the host family to have an exchange student involved in the program.

Applicants sought for Rotary Exchange

If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 an opportunity for a Rotary exchange in 2012 is possible. Places are likely to be available in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Taiwan and Brazil.

The Rotary exchange program provides a unique opportunity for you to experience first hand the culture of a new country, to learn a new language and gain in your personal development. The many friendships that you make will be both lifelong and not just restricted to your host country.

Students are selected on application and after a personal interview. Applications close April 15th.

Further information is available from -
Stuart McDonald,
Phone 0408 388 489, or;
www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES
The School is publishing this community notice because they may interest some students or community members, but the school is unable to endorse or recommend any of these advertisements
BUILDING UPDATE

Over the past week we have been blessed with reasonable weather and therefore good progress with our building works. The following has been achieved:

- Language Centre has seen the carpentry work commence and the frames being built for the internal walls (which won’t be interrupted by rain)

- Year 7 building has seen the steel frame commenced this week and should be moving along reasonably quickly.

- Administration building has the concreters finishing the footings and form work for the slab which should be poured this week.

- Gymnasium has had the site cleared of old services, re-laying of new services and fill being compacted for the slab. Four pickets on the pad denote where the wooden floor will be and is cut 80mm lower to allow the wooden floor to be laid at level with the remainder of the building.

- Movable walls are complete in the VCE Centre and a revamping of rooms has allowed a study space for Year 12s in all periods of the week.

- A replacement of the sewer across the oval in new pipe will ensure we have no more blockages.

- Our phone services should now be fully restored to eight lines coming into the school, until this week it has only been a maximum of four which means parents may have been transferred to the message bank or got an engaged signal.

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal
## Dates for your Diary 2011 – Term 1

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