School Captain: Lingyun Li

School Captain: Caleb Webb

Friday, 25th March 2011 ……No 8

This photo was taken on 21st June 2010, before demolition started.

This photo was taken on 29th January 2011. You can follow our progress on nearmap.com.
School Council
Our new School Council met last week and welcomed new parent members: Cate Harris, Gerrard Young and Councillor Andrew Munroe as our Community member. Thanks also to our continuing Council members, who were re-elected in Cecilia Joyner and Geoff Hugo. Congratulations are extended to Carolyn Nette who has been re-elected as our School Council President and Andrew Jeffery as Vice President and Treasurer.

Year 9 High Resolves Program
This is a new initiative for our school in response to discussions with a group of Year 9 students. It is open to all Year 9 students and will run over the year. The High Resolves Initiative is a not-for-profit, non-religious educational program that seeks to motivate high school students to view themselves as purposeful global citizens and to acquire the skills they will need to lead their communities, and the world, to a brighter future. The program is delivered through a creative mix of interactive simulations, role-playing exercises and small group discussions to help them to emerge as leaders working to improve their schools and to serve society. Students should take their expression of interest forms to the main office.

Graffiti
It is extremely disheartening to see that we have been the focus of mindless graffiti attacks this term as we take great pride in our school. It is certainly expensive for the school to repair each time and is not the message we want out in the community. It would help us greatly if at any time you see anyone acting in an untoward manner around our school, please call the Police directly.

Student Progress Conferences
We are looking forward to the opportunity for our students to talk with their parents and teachers regarding their goals and progress so far this year. Please ensure you take this opportunity and that your child accompanies you to these conferences, this is very important, as it is their progress and they need to lead the conversations. We will also be offering the opportunity to make comment on our current school uniform through a survey that will be distributed on the night.

Sandra Woodman
Principal

The 2011 School Council

Parent Representatives
Carolyn 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.

Back Row (L to R): Gerrard Young, Cecilia Joyner, Jo Dema, Jane Richards, Tim Dalton, Geoff Hugo, Cr Andrew Munroe, Nicole Taylor (Business Manager)
Front Row (L to R): Cate Harris, Carolyn Nette (President), Martin Baxter, Jenny Clear, Andrew Jeffery (Vice-President)
Absent: Sandra Woodman (CEO)
Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6 April          Autumn Concert          Beaumont Hall

Term 2
Monday 2 May                Jazz in 601               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 23 June             Winter Concert                Beaumont Hall
Friday 1 July                 Open Mic night               601

Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert on Wednesday 6 April will be the first concert for 2011 and will involve all ensembles apart from Novice Band and Quattro Strings. There will be two concerts on the night. Beginning 5.30pm will be largely Junior and Intermediate ensembles, which will conclude at approximately 7.15pm. The second concert will begin at 7.30pm and will involve Intermediate and Senior ensembles.

Friends of Music will be providing refreshments and food at the front of Beaumont Hall. As always, we ask that family and friends stay for the whole of one concert to support all students on stage. Tickets are available at the door $5 Adults and children are free.

Parliament House Open Day

The Senior Stage Band performer at the Parliament House Open Day on Sunday last week. Being a major performance so early in the year it was an impressive display of musical abilities. Their performance was highly regarded by members of the Navy Big Band and Police Show Band. Thanks to Mr O’Connell for his organizing of the gig.

Piano maintenance program

David Farrell has just completed two week’s maintenance work on the entire stock of pianos within the Music Program. This amounts to thirteen pianos (two grands and eleven uprights). Much of the work has been routine maintenance and tuning but there have also been a number of significant renovations required on instruments which receive very heavy use each day of the school year. We look forward to using the much improved pianos around the various teaching rooms. Thanks David for your fine work.

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
Sports Update

Year 8
Summer Round robin

Softball

It was a big day of Softball for our girls with four 50 minute games. The girls came up against some new and old schools in the new Whitehorse District format including Box Hill High, Mullauna, East Doncaster and Koonung.

They had a fantastic start to the day with a 14-2 win against Box Hill. Their batting was very commendable with 12 hits in only 2 innings of play. Jess demonstrated some outstanding pitching and Lucy caught well for the entire game.

Unfortunately the girls lost 14-4 against Koonung in a controversial game. Koonung had hot bats and were very tight in the field.

Our best hitters for the game were Jess, Molly, Monique & Sarah T.

Our third game was against Doncaster East who proved they will be competitive in the new district format. The final score was 10-4 in favour of Doncaster East. Mona hit exceptionally well & Sarah L was the starting pitcher. Mel T was our catcher for the game and was very determined to stop the Doncaster East girls from crossing the plate.

The girls finished the day strongly with a 1-1 draw against Mullauna. They made massive improvements to their skills and knowledge of the rules throughout the day and demonstrated excellent team spirit.

Well Done girls!

Miss Davidson

Baseball

Our Baseball team was a combination of two teams as most of the boys wanted to be involved. All students got to play at least one game on the day. In our first game we played Forest-Hill and were successful in winning the game runs 6 to 5. In our second game we played Mullauna who had a couple of very good pitchers and the boys were not quite good enough to defeat them. Mullauna went on to win the division and go on to Eastern Zone. Rikki Besho-Symes (pitcher) and Callum Gibson (Catcher) worked well together and all the boys contributed on the day.

Tim Dalton
Volleyball

Our Year 8 Boys’ Volleyball team undertook the Division tournament at Forest Hill last week. Our first game against Mullauna was a cliffhanger with Blackburn prevailing due to great serving by Stephen Hives and Shaun Burnicle. We were brought back to earth with losses to the strong Koonung and Box Hill teams before bouncing back against East Doncaster. Great spiking from Zac Coleman-Bock and cool defence by Brandon Mubaira and Jesse DeMaria saw us finish the day with 3 wins and 3 losses. Liam Goodes and Stuart Campbell were consistent all day and provided great support. Thanks to Jesses’ mum who supported the boys all day!

Well done Boys!

Mr. Pasquali

On Wednesday 16th of March, fifteen year 8 girls (2 teams) represented Blackburn High School at the Year 8 Volleyball Round Robin. While neither team was able to secure a victory, the girls displayed great sportsmanship and continued to compete to the best of their ability throughout the day. The girls worked well in their teams and were very supportive of each other. They had a lot of fun. Unfortunately it was powerhouse East Doncaster that won overall on the day. Well done to all the girls that competed and played well, and a special thank you to Grace who was our official umpire for the day.

Mr. Anderson

Upcoming Dates

Friday 1st April—Year 7 Summer RR
Tuesday 5th April—Division Golf
Friday 8th April—House Athletics Carnival
Taking the Lead

Breakfast Club great initiative

Our Blackburn High Breakfast Club has made a great start over the last two Thursday mornings. Students have come in to enjoy cereal, toast, fruit and Milo. The initiative is a result of a great partnership we have made with Blackburn North Square Woolworths. Store manager Errol (see photo) has been bringing all the food over for the Club at no cost to the school.

The generous donation is part of a healthy eating initiative that Errol is promoting through the Woolworths group. We have had the pleasure of Errol’s company for the first couple of breakfast clubs.

Errol has also organised boxes of beautiful new season apples that we have been giving to our students after Sport Education. He is also working on further sponsorship. The school community wish to thank Errol and Woolworths for their great initiative.

REMEMBER THE BREAKFAST CLUB IS ON EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FROM 7:45 TO 8:30 AND IS FREE TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF!!

YEAR 7 FORM CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following students who have been named of Year 7 Form Captains and Vice Captains for this year. The student will be meeting with me early second term to organise some fun initiatives for Year 7 students.

YEAR 7A:
Captain – Jack Kelly
Vice captain – Ella Birt

YEAR 7B
Captain – Kalina Taylor
Vice captain Samatha Woodfield

YEAR 7C
Captain - Niamh Mackey
Vice captain -

YEAR 7D
Captain – Majorie Devereux
Vice captain – Sky McCaulay & Stephanie Lawson

YEAR 7 SRC MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for their election onto the SRC for 2011.

Lindsey C from 7A
Emily Preston
Raymond Lo

Also congratulations to the following students for their election onto the SR executive:

PRESIDENT – Hayley Short
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT – Freya Rich
SECRETARY – Joanna Hewes
TREASURER – Darren Lee
SNR VICE PRESIDENT – Election to take place next week

Our next general assembly will be held on Thursday April 28. We will be commemorating ANZAC Day at this assembly.
BUILDING UPDATE

Building Update 25th March 2011

As you can see from the photos things are moving extremely quickly for the administration as I have already moved into my new office. I am a little disappointed with the floor coverings and size of the desk however we all have to make sacrifices for the greater good!

- Most of this week has been planning the transition into the new facilities in the next 12 months. This will require moving into new spaces and freeing up existing spaces for demolition or renovation. Some of these aspects will not be for a while but we are trying to coordinate around school holidays and exam times. As soon as this is finalised I will let the school community know.
- Year 7 building is about to have the roof started (all the steel work is completed)
- Administration building is about to have the steel work erected with the slab completed last week
- Plumbers and Electricians are putting all the services (water, power, heating etc) into the Gymnasium and the concreters are digging the footings.
- The Language Centre has all internal walls complete, services are running to the rooms and the external cladding has started. We have received notification from the DEECD that we have funds to purchase 5 Interactive Whiteboards for the Centre are working through the type and location of these IWB’s

Tim Dalton

STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES 7TH APRIL 2011

Student Progress conferences will be conducted for Years 7 to 12.

All students Progress conferences will be held in the 500 block (three storey building), Interim reports will be posted on Monday 28th March. The envelope should contain an Interim Report for each child and a set of instructions and log-in code for each family. You will be able to make bookings from 4.00pm Monday 28th to 4pm Wednesday 6th April.

Conferences will be of 5 minutes duration. For these conferences we are using the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PRO), the same as last year.

Using this system you will be able to book the conference times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. School computers will be available in the Library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for families via an, individual parent/guardian (Adult A on the School Enrolment Form). Only one interview for each child in each subject is available. If more than one parent/guardian wishes to attend the conference they need to make bookings together. Two parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend a single conference timeslot with their child.
BLACKBURN R.S.L.
ANZAC EVENTS
ANZAC COMMENORATION SERVICE
SUNDAY 17th APRIL, 2011

ASSEMBLE ON ROAD OUTSIDE CLUBROOMS, 2 DIGGERS WAY, BLACKBURN (OUTSIDE IGA STORE) AT 2.15 P.M.
TO MARCH TO MORTON PARK MEMORIAL FOR A SHORT SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A 3 P.M ANZAC
COMMENORATIVE SERVICE IN THE CLUB ROOMS Also

ANZAC DAY MORNING SERVICE
MONDAY 25TH APRIL, 2011

DAWN SERVICE AT BLACKBURN WAR MEMORIAL — ASSEMBLE AT MORTON PARK MEMORIAL, CENTRAL ROAD AT
5.45 A.M. FOR DAWN SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY “GUN FIRE” BREAKFAST AT CLUB ROOMS

ALL WELCOME           JIM MARSHALL 9878 1859

| Eastern Region Swimming & Diving | 25/3 |
| Reports Sent Out                | 28/3 |
| NON English/Maths/Science/Hum/LOTE | 18/3-30/3 |
| Division Golf                   | 5/4  |
| Student Progress Conferences    | 7/4  |
| Athletic Sports Day             | 8/4  |

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