French Film Festival

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As we move towards the end of term we have an exciting two weeks ahead.

Night of the Notables

What a fantastic event this was which was held over Wednesday and Thursday nights as a culmination of our Year 8 students last few weeks of inquiry learning. It was great to see the level of excitement in our students’ presentations and the level of parent support.

Parent tours of our school at work

It is great to be able to speak to the many prospective parents who have been attending our tours. It is exciting to talk with parents about our school direction, values and achievements which are many and varied. They are genuinely excited about where Blackburn is heading and the new opportunities that are on our horizon.

Open Night

Our school will be open for all prospective parents on Monday 9th May, please encourage any primary school parents to attend. Due to the high demand we will be offering two sessions this year and we encourage bookings to ensure your place.

Student Progress Conferences

Your Interim Reports will be arriving home. This is an essential piece of feedback designed to focus your student on improving their learning outcomes. An integral part of this process is the attendance of your student at the conference with you who will lead the discussion about their progress. This is a requirement for this day. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions; please ensure you book on line as bookings are essential. Please don't be disappointed if you turn up to sessions hoping to get an appointment without a booking as this will not be possible.

Uniform Survey

Uniform conveys a strong message about our values as a school and yourself as an individual. We are considering the current uniform, whether it is meeting our needs, community expectations, ease of wear, style etc. We are interested in your opinion and we will have a survey available at Student Progress Conference sessions. Students and staff will also have opportunity to provide feedback.

In addition we ask for your commitment, both students and parents to ensuring our uniform is worn correctly and with pride by all students. Hooded jackets are NOT part of our uniform not only at school but both to and from school.

School Organisational Model

An exciting new development for our school. 2012 will see the implementation of a new model for promoting student connections and learning partnerships. We have been working towards this agenda for the last 15 months with a staff working party. We have been sharing our thoughts with students and School Council, and it is now time to provide our community with the opportunity to hear our new direction and provide feedback. Students have been provided with focus group time and we would like to hold an information session for parents of students in Year 7-11 on Thursday 28th April at 7pm. A letter will arrive home this week to invite you to this information evening.

Sandra Woodman
Principal
Friday, 1st April, 2011
Director of Music: David Howes  Tel: 9894 4572    Fax: 9894 2751
A School of Musical Excellence

Upcoming Events

Autumn Concert
Saturday 2 April  Blackburn PS Family Day Junior Stage Band 1.30pm
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 Hall Winter Concert   Beaumont
Saturday 25 June  Snr String Orch departs for Germany
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. On arrival, all instrumentalists are to put their instrument case in 600 Block Instrument Store.

Instrument Cases
From the outside, cases look very similar especially when they are sitting in the store room. On more than one occasion, the wrong instrument has been taken home, which has caused considerable concern for the true owner. Could all students label the outside of their case clearly so that this can be reduced? A key ring tag around the handle can suffice well.

Generations in Jazz: May 6-8
Held in Mount Gambier each year, Generations in Jazz is a remarkable showcase of jazz talents in schools across Australia. Bands from many states come together each year to perform and support each other. Being in the far west of the state means that it will be a very long weekend. Students will be leaving school at 7am on Friday 6th and returning around midnight on Sunday 8 May. Letters and forms have been sent home and need to be returned by Wednesday 27 April.

Germany Tour
The Senior String Orchestra will be touring to Germany from June 25 – July 12 and will performing in Rothenberg, Vienna, Munich and Bonn. It will be an opportunity to experience the German culture and present our skills to school students and also to the general public. Over the past months, considerable fundraising energies has seen raffles tickets being sold, public performances and most recently a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Box Hill on Sunday last week. I would like to thank all those friends and family who are assisting with these events. The next Sausage Sizzle will be on Sunday 22 May in Nunawading.

Nomination
The Blackburn Brass Quintet has been shortlisted to perform at Top Acts run by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The aim of the concert is to give students studying different Arts subjects the chance to see and hear A+ standard. Well done to all members of the quintet – Bradley Todd, Caleb Webb, Alex Ma, Bethany Nette and Toshi Clinch

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE
Beginner’s Percussion Kit plus Extras
Great Price $400,

Price Includes
1x Snare Drum, 1x Glockenspiel, 1x Practice Drum Pad, 1x Glockenspiel and Snare Drum Stand, 1x Stick Bag, 1x Pair of Glockenspiel Mallets, 1x Pair of Xylophone Mallets, “Syncopation” Snare Drum Book, “Yamaha Band Student” Keyboard Percussion Book, 1 Specialized backpack to hold all of the above.

Included Extras


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.
Blackburn High School

2011 AUTUMN CONCERT

Wednesday 6th April

Beaumont Hall — 5.30pm start

Adults: $5.00 entry
Children enter free

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
Well done to all of our swimmers at the Whitehorse Division Swimming Carnival

Last week our swim team headed out to the Boroondara Pool for our first ‘Whitehorse Division’ Swimming Carnival. With the new School Sport Victoria Divisions, we now find ourselves up against 6 other school as opposed to the 3 we have competed against in the past. These new schools include; Box Hill High School, Koonung Sec College, Box Hill Senior Sec College, East Doncaster Sec College as well as Forest Hill and Mullauna— who were in our district last year.

With Koonung and East Doncaster being much larger schools the competition was really tough. Although we did not come away with a first place for the day, we had students place in the top 3 in some of the events.

**Madeline Coleman Bock**—3rd—16yrs Breastroke, 3rd—Butterfly, 3rd—Backstroke, 3rd Overall 16yrs Girls
Jack Cross—3rd—17yrs Breastroke
Laura Pennings—3rd—20yrs Breastroke & 3rd—Freestyle, 3rd Overall 20yrs Girls
William Lavery—3rd—17yrs Freestyle
Zachary Coleman Bock—3rd—14yrs Backstroke
David Slape—3rd—17yrs Backstroke
3rd—20yrs Girls 4 X 50m Medley Relay
3rd—20yrs Boys 4 X 50m Medley Relay
2nd—13 yrs Girls 4 X 50m Medley Relay
3rd—13yrs Boys 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay
3rd—15yrs Boys 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay
2nd—17yrs Boys 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay
2nd—20yrs Girls 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay

**GREAT EFFORT!!**
Blackburn high school
Swim Team 2011

Oscar Ahn  Antony Baldwin  Chris Baldwin  Jillian Brooks
Madeline Coleman Bock  Zachary Coleman Bock  Tim Cox  Ashleigh Crocket
Jack Cross  Jesse DeMaria  Katie Depyle  Tom Fearn Wannan
Janine Fitzgerald  Timothy Griffiths  Joanna Hewes  Siobhan Hicks
Sarah Hooper  Dylan Ioannou Booth  Hayden Jeffery  Jackson Jephcott
Maddy Jones  Joseph Kim  William Lavery  Stephanie Lawson  Cheryl Lee
Holly McCarthy  Matthew Morris  Dylan Morton  Daniel O’Shea
Laura Pennings  Allan Pennings  Victor Phan  Emily Preston  Mark Raskin
Dylan Reynolds  Jordan Robotis  Elnaz Roshdi  Erin Sanguinetti
David Slape  Michael Stemp  Rebecca Taylor  Aimee Tonkies  Ellen Turner
Sarah Turner  Jarred Webb  James Zukiewicz
Helpers—Hayley Short & Daisy Agius
BUILDING UPDATE

Another week of reasonably fine weather has meant that works are progressing well and on schedule:

- We now have windows and external walls being started on the BER Centre. All the internal wiring has been completed for power and communications. Plumbing rough-in has also occurred with the building getting ready for the plasterers when windows and doors are completed.

- The frame is completed on the Year 7 Centre with expectations that the roof will start soon.

- Steel work for Admin is being erected, my office may have walls soon!

- Services and footings are being installed in the Gym and are about one third complete.

- I have asked that the pathway from Music to 400 block be upgraded to try and stop the mud issues in those buildings when it rains.

- A lot of work is being done in running service from new and existing buildings that will remain after stage one back to the new Admin building. This work although not highly visible is vital for a smooth transition later in the year.

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal and Building Coordinator

SUCCESS AS THE 2011 DEBATING COMP BEGINS

The first round of the 2011 Schools Debating Competition was under way on Monday night. For the first time, this year Blackburn High School has entered two teams: a C Grade and a D Grade team.

Our C Grade team, Lachlan Hugo, Freya Rich and Madeline Coleman-Bock, argued against the idea that the government should stop funding major sporting events. Their convincing 4-point victory was very well deserved, as they were all well organised and presented compelling arguments and pertinent rebuttals. With the extremely impressive score of 78 out of 100, Lachlan was named the Best Speaker for the clear signposting and logical structure of his speech, along with his proficient and confident speaking.

Our D Grade team, Dylan Ioannou-Booth, James Kearney and Edwin Cornish, argued against the proposal that the government should ban violent video-games. This was James and Edwin’s first debate, and with Dylan’s help, they were able to speak valiantly and convincingly, and were even able to crack a few jokes. Although they did not win, we were all incredibly impressed with their performance, especially given that they faced one of the best D Grade teams we have yet encountered.

Well done to everyone! And we look forward to Round Two on Monday, 2 May.

Aaron Bear
BHS Debating Co-ordinator

Pinjarra – Yearbook Committee 2011

Do you enjoy Computer Design? Are you in Year 7 – Year 10?

We are looking for additional students to join the ‘Pinjarra’ Yearbook Committee to assist with layout, organising and design for our school magazine ‘Pinjarra’.

The following students have been invited to join the Committee - Daisy Agius, Alice Wang, Connor Dwyer & Daniel Smith

Please email Denise Strahan if you are interested in joining.
Strahan.denise.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
Last Friday a group of Year 10/11/12 students learning French at Blackburn High School attended the French Film Festival. The Festival is a significant annual event for all lovers of the French language and culture in Melbourne, so we simply could not miss it.

We travelled to the city to see “The Round-up”, a heart-breaking true story from a dark page in France’s history – the persecution of Jews living in Paris in 1940s. We were so deeply touched by the destiny of the characters that it brought tears to our eyes.

In the afternoon we enjoyed lunch at the French cafe “Roule-Galette” and had a discussion about the film on the lawn overlooking the CBD. What a wonderful location for a lesson!

Madame Beer
French teacher