Friday, 29\textsuperscript{th} April 2011

...No 11

Athletics Day

School Captain: Lingyun Li

School Captain: Caleb Webb

Blackburn High School
WELCOME BACK

I would like to warmly welcome back all our students and their families to Blackburn High School for Term 2 and trust that you all had an enjoyable break. I hope that all our students are feeling refreshed and ready for another stimulating and challenging term of learning and enrichment.

Staffing changes for Term 2

I would like to welcome our new staff to Blackburn:
Kirsten Winkett – joined us at the end of Term 1 as our Chaplain
Shannon Burton-Rushworth – English/Humanities
Simon Scouler – English - English/Humanities

Congratulations

Our Brass Quintet: Toshi Clinch, Alexander Maher, Bethany Nette, Bradley Todd and Caleb Webb have been selected to perform in Top Acts 2011. This makes them a very elite group to be selected as one of the highest performing acts in VCE in 2011. They will perform at the Palais Theatre on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm. Well done to all of these students!

Student Progress Conference evening

It was great to see this evening so well attended as it is a very important plank in creating a partnership to work together to maximise your student's potential. It was also important to see the large number of students who attended and took the opportunity to discuss their progress.

Anzac Day Assembly

Last Friday saw a whole school assembly to commemorate Anzac Day. It was a fitting tribute with the students leading the assembly which included some memorable footage. Of particular note was Brad Todd who played the bugle and a pictorial tribute to the diggers and also in memory of the recent Japanese disaster. The SRC will be holding a free dress day next Friday with gold coin donation to raise funds for the relief effort. Thanks to Mark Pasquali for his organisation and enthusiasm as he always ensures an assembly to remember.

Autumn Music Concert

What a treat this was to listen to our marvellous musicians who should be congratulated on their standard of performance so early in the year. Thanks to all of our Music staff for giving of their time and energies to make the night so successful. Particularly, David Howes and Steve Hardie who organised the evening to showcase our students. Special thanks to FOM (Friends of Music) for their support of this evening; the sausages were definitely sizzling.

Open Night

We are looking forward to Open Night next Monday week, 9th May, it would be great if you could find some time to visit us; to see and speak to staff about all the exciting programs and projects that are going on in our school.

21st Century High Achievers Program

We are really looking forward to the next intake of this program in 2012 for Year 7 students. There are application forms available on our website and at the front office. Please note the deadline for their return is 10th May and the testing dates are: 18th and 21stMay 2010.

Athletics

What a great day to finish off Term 1. Congratulations to Ailsa Davidson on the success of her first carnival. Well done to all the students who participated and it was great to see Strickland come out with a win!

Sandra Woodman
Principal
NAPLAN TESTING

NAPLAN TESTING: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
OF YEAR 7 AND 9 STUDENTS

Students in Years 7 and 9 will undertake the NAPLAN
tests on the following days:

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions/
                   Writing task
Wednesday 11th May – Reading
Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

Exemptions:

Students may be exempted from one or more of the
tests on the following grounds:

i) English language proficiency: students
    with a LOTE background, who have been
    in Australia less than a year, may be
    exempt from NAPLAN tests.

ii) Students with disabilities: students with
    intellectual or complex disabilities may be
    exempt from NAPLAN tests.

Parents who wish to withdraw their child from the tests
on the grounds of English language proficiency or due
to a disability must contact Arlene Roberts, Teaching
and Learning Leader, by Thursday 5th May.

FREE DRESS DAY

Next Friday May 6th
COST $2.00

All proceeds to Red Cross for Japan Earthquake Appeal

Also

A BBQ will be held at Lunchtime
in the new garden area at front of hall

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Saussages</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drinks</td>
<td>$1.20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 2 May</td>
<td>Jazz in 601</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 6-8 May</td>
<td>Generations in Jazz – Mt Gambier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 9 May</td>
<td>Open Night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed May 18</td>
<td>Novice Buddy Mentor BBQ (lunch)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs May 26</td>
<td>EMR Annual Concert, Melb. Convention &amp; Exhibition Centre, 7:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat May 28</td>
<td>MYM Festival of Bands, BMW Edge, Symphonic Band, Concert Band</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs June 9</td>
<td>Novice Soiree #1, Rm 601, 7:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs June 16</td>
<td>Novice Buddies join NB rehearsal, 3:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues June 21</td>
<td>Novice Buddies join Quattro Stgs rehearsal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs June 23</td>
<td>Winter Concert, Beaumont Hall from 5:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat June to 25-July 12</td>
<td>Senior String Orchestra Tour to Europe</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Autumn Concert

Another remarkable evening took place on Wednesday 6th April in Beaumont Hall with the 2010 Autumn Concert. From 5:30pm, when the festivities commenced, until closing at just after 9:15pm, audiences experienced a real array of over thirty musical items from seventeen ensembles, one after another providing the audience with a highly professional night of entertainment.

From the opening week of rehearsals in late February this year, all our groups have been working hard to establish their own books of repertoire and their own styles.

I would like to acknowledge the students and their excellent performances; the many staff involved both directly and indirectly (including all the backstage duties); the sound and lighting crew, the Friends of Music for another outstanding effort in providing the many supportive duties in Front-of-House and as stage crew.

A number of parents and friends who attended the concert took some very good photos. Our archive of photos on the night is not large and I would appreciate any more photos on CD or DVD that may have been taken. They can be left in the music office at your convenience.

Mt Gambier Forms

A reminder that all forms for Mt Gambier Generation in Jazz are now due back at the office with your final payment. The three bands will be leaving at 7am on Friday 6th May for what is always an enjoyable but also intense weekend of music making. Over the holidays, students and conductors have been in at the school working on their programs together and with tutors. We wish them well as they head off to go ‘note to note’ with other bands from around the country. In order for them to further prepare for the event, the music department will be hosting Jazz in 601 which will be held in 601 on Monday 2nd May starting at 6.30pm. It will be a chance for the stage bands to perform their program and an opportunity for parents, friends and family to hear what they have been up to over the holidays.
Open Night

Monday 9th May as many of you will be aware is Open night at BHS. The Senior String Orchestra will be holding an open rehearsal in 601 as part of the night from 5.30pm.

Novice Buddy Mentor BBQ (lunch)

On Wednesday 18th May, the senior students in Years 10 and 11 will be holding a mentor BBQ for new music students in Year 7. It will allow younger and older students to get to know one another and will also be a chance for Year 7’s to meet their music mentor. This is a great initiative and provides our beginning students with a student mentor who can not only assist them with the technicalities of playing their instrument but also pop into rehearsals and help them with reading the music, following the conductor and etiquette in rehearsals. Parents will be receiving a letter about this exciting event shortly.

Top Acts

Congratulations to the VCE Brass Quintet on being selected to perform in Top Acts 2011. They will be playing at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda on Friday 13th May.

Jnr, Int and Snr Stage Band
BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

WILLIAMS ROAD, BLACKBURN

PRE-LOVED

BOOK FAIR

Saturday, 14th May

8.30 am - 2.00 pm

THOUSANDS OF BOOKS

Enquiries – 9878 4477
CONVICT KITCHEN
9B Humanities class cooking like convicts transported to Australia in the late 1700s

In the early morning of the 6th of April, 2011, a group of year nine students discovered the trials and tribulations of cooking like a convict from the 18th century. With their rations limited to a small amount of beef, pork, peas, flour, vinegar and water, students attempted to whip up a ‘culinary storm’. Rations on the transport ships bound to Australia were usually divided up between a ‘mess’ of six convicts and had to last for a full week. The students, however, had things a little easier with smaller groups and much fresher produce than what would have been supplied on the ship.

Each group made a menu which would have fed themselves for the week. They then created a recipe for one of their meals and worked together to cook their chosen dish. The results varied with some dishes tasting quite nice, while others experienced Masterchef Catastrophes!

It didn’t look very good and it tasted quite bland because we couldn’t use salt or any spices and we only had a small ration of butter.

The end result was disgusting! We learnt what we could do differently next time but we had a lot of fun.

Our meal didn’t taste too bad. The beef was the best part but the convicts wouldn’t have had fresh meat like we cooked with, it probably would have been salted and tough.
YEAR 11 STUDENTS

YEAR 11 STUDENTS are to attend a seminar titled

TIME MANAGEMENT

Date: May 4th

Time: 1.20pm to 2.30pm

This seminar on Time Management held by Elevate Education will introduce 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

---

YEAR 12 NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. The Athletic carnival BBQ was a great success, raising approximately $400 which will go towards the end of year celebration day. Term 2 is a very busy term with mid-year exams, the GAT, excursions, guest speakers and of course ‘The Formal’ on the 16th June. Letters regarding the Formal will be given out today during assembly.

Ms Roach

---

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011 – Term 2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Shakespeare on Trial</td>
<td>2/5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHP Billiton Maths Competition</td>
<td>4/5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Night</td>
<td>9/5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Students will be dismissed at 12.30 on Mond 9th May</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chaplaincy Book Fair</td>
<td>14/5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Division Athletics Carnival – Nunawading</td>
<td>25/5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Division Cross Country – Ruffey Lake Park</td>
<td>2/6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe Tour</td>
<td>25/6 – 12/7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eastern Region Cross Country</td>
<td>24/6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sem 1 Reports Posted Home</td>
<td>1/7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Term Dates 2011 – 2012

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Term 1</th>
<th>Term 2</th>
<th>Term 3</th>
<th>Term 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

---

Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road
Blackburn 3130
Postal Address: P.O. Box 114
Blackburn 3130

Telephone: (+613) 9878 4477
Facsimile: (+613) 9894 2435
Absences: absences.bhs@blackburnhs.vic.edu.au
E-mail: blackburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
Web: http://www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

Music Department:
Telephone: (+613) 9894 4572
Facsimile: (+613) 9894 2751