On Friday the 29th April the Year 11 Art class attended The Top Arts 2010 exhibition. The students were amazed at the standard of the art work and were greatly inspired.

Marina Crescia
Year 11 Art Teacher

Year 8A Shoes 2011

Year 8A shoes made by using the coil method
Marina Crescia
Year 8 Art Teacher
Parent Information Evening

A parent information evening was held last Thursday to share our new school directions. This included the changes to the student organisational structure; the mentoring strategy via a house structure & house staff that progress through the year levels with the students plus the proposed longer lesson periods. Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this evening. It was clear that consideration had been given to our new changes through the questioning and vigorous discussion that occurred. Your input is valued and important in maximising the learning outcomes for your students. There will be further student forums through the SRC which will be advertised. These are exciting times!

Politicians visit

Last week we invited Dee Ryall, our new local member and Bruce Atkinson, MLA to visit our school. We were able to share our new directions and programs. In addition we toured the new building facilities and talked about Stage 2 of the project and our need to initiate this stage of our building program.

Open Night

We are looking forward to Open Night next Monday. We are looking forward to the opportunity of prospective students and parents coming to see and speak to staff about all the exciting programs and projects that are going on in our school. A big thank you to Geoff Vezey, Margie Lanyon and Denise Strahran for their wonderful, enthusiastic efforts in organising our Transition Program, visiting primary schools and preparing for Open Night.

Sport Leadership Primary School Program

Staff and our Sports Leadership students are visiting our local primary schools, on Wednesday afternoons over the next few weeks to deliver sport programs for their students after school. This is truly student leadership in action, which is strongly supported by our Sports Leadership staff.

Debating

Congratulations to our debating team students who placed first in both their competitions this week. They are being ably coached by Aaron Bear.

Medieval Day

Wednesday saw the Year 8 students move back in time and experience the medieval days. I watched students enjoying wearing the armour, holding up swords and shields and then even trying to ride a horse whilst they managed all of this- not real of course, the chair had to suffice. They all got into the spirit of the day and were able to almost experience firsthand what it might have been like!

Good Luck

We have tours to Mt Gambier with the Music Program and Year 8 camp occurring next week. We hope everyone has an enjoyable time.

What a great week it has been!

Sandra Woodman
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The re-prints of the photo books from Arthur Reed Photos have arrived and were given out to students in their assemblies today.

Jane Richards
Assistant Principal

MATHS & NAPLAN

The Numeracy component of NAPLAN will be run this Thursday 12th May. One of the two Maths tests involves the use of a scientific calculator. Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will be required to bring a scientific calculator to school on this day in order to best complete the test.

Steve Thomson (Maths Co-ordinator)
Junior School students have made a good start to Term 2. Many students have been working well in class and using their planner to be organised. Encourage and assist your child to use their planner to help them meet deadlines and plan for the day and weeks ahead.

Thank-you to all parents and students who attended the Student-Progress Conferences at the end of Term 1. From a school perspective, it is important we continue to communicate with each other about student learning. We should reward good work and reflect on areas of improvement. If you have any concerns about the progress of your child’s learning contact their teacher to discuss them.

Before the Student-Progress Conferences, Interim Reports were posted. I trust that you have had an opportunity to read the report and discuss it with your child. It is important you praise your child when good results have been achieved, as well as reflect on areas where they can improve. Continue to praise good work and evaluate strategies implemented to address areas of concern.

The semester report will be posted in July. Teachers and students are currently working on projects and tests that will be reported on in the semester report. A report that the student will be proud to show you, needs constant work daily. Each day at school is important as every class builds on the child’s learning and future success. Therefore, daily homework and study needs to be planned for, and, conducted.

The Year 8 students participated in Medieval Day last Wednesday. This event was an extension of student class work. Students rotated between activities which they thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to thank Ms Purcell for organising the day and all teachers who worked with students throughout the day.

I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to Ron Hansen for organising the Year 8 Camp and also to staff who are attending the camp. Staff are very generous in giving their time to such an educational and fun event. The Year 8 Camp will run from Monday 9th to Friday 13th May. I would encourage parents to supervise the packing of bags to be taken to camp. Ensure sufficient clothing is packed for all weather conditions. Best wishes to all campers.

NAPLAN tests have been scheduled for Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. Year 7 students will undertake the NAPLAN tests in the 200 Block and Year 9 students will complete the tests in the 500 Block. Please check that your child has the equipment needed to be able to complete the tests on the day, such as a scientific calculator, pencils and an eraser.

Our Open Night will be on Monday 9th May. There will be two sessions for the local community to attend. The first session is between 5 – 6.30 pm and the second session is between 7 – 8.30 pm. I encourage you to attend this event to see students performing, view student work and ask teachers about our specialised programs and future changes to the school.

BUILDING UPDATE

Welcome back to all for Term 2

- Over the term vacation much important work was achieved during the break. Even though time was lost due to the flooding that occurred on the 11th April.
- Lots of work was done on the services, new gas lines to existing buildings and new ones were installed. In the 200 Block we will be able now to use the heating and gas in the Science rooms. Heating to the Hall and 500 Block has been reinstated, however the 400 Block this is still an issue. Some rooms have reverse cycle air-conditioning which will help with the cold.
- Fire protection was laid throughout the site, storm water, sewerage and cold water lines all replaced and ready for use.
- Power and data cabling completed and ready for changeover when buildings are ready to come on line.
- In the BER (Language Centre) plastering is nearly complete, external cladding complete and guttering etc is about 50% complete. This building is still looking to come on line this term.
- Admin/Year 7 has the roof almost finished and framing has started on the walls. It is important that the Admin area is done quickly so that we can transfer power and communications from the 200 Block. It is still anticipated that this will occur in the September Holidays. If so the school will be completely shut for that period of time.
- The Gymnasium is about 3 weeks behind schedule due to the rain. There are 3 more slabs to pour in this building and these should be done in the next couple of weeks. The steel for that building is ready and will be delivered soon.
- Finally the Admin Team met with both of our local MP’s last week who will be supporting our application for Stage 2 planning and development.
Mt Gambier and Jazz in 601

On Monday 2 May the rehearsals room known as 601 was transformed by Friends of Music to create a jazz haven complete with candles, tables and plush couches. The event was Jazz in 601 where the three school stage bands and the vocal quartet presented their programs before heading off to Mt Gambier for Generation in Jazz on Friday 6 May.

All three groups played with a great sense of strength and style. Hearing the Junior Stage Band play with purpose is a great indication that the future of music is secure.
### MYM at BMW Edge

Concert Band and Symphonic Band will both be performing at BMW Edge - Federation Square as part of the Melbourne Youth Music Festival On Saturday 28 May. Sound check and performance times on the day are as follows:

**Concert Band**
- Soundcheck: 12 Noon
- Concert: 2pm – 4pm
- Performance: approx 3pm

**Other bands performing:**
- Caufield Grammar School
- Melbourne University Wind Ensemble
- MYWS

**Symphonic Band**
- Soundcheck: 5pm
- Concert: 7pm – 9pm
- Performance: approx 8pm

**Other bands performing:**
- MYWS
- Scotch College Band
- Melbourne Winds

**Flute Guild Competition**

Five Flute ensembles will be taking part in the Victorian Flute Ensemble Competition on Sunday 29 May at Fintona Girls School in Balwyn. These ensembles work with Ms Grace each week and have been working steadily towards this competition.

**Beaumont Jazz Club**

The Friends of Music are having a spectacular fundraiser on Friday 3 June in Beaumont Hall. The BJC will be a night of Big Bands and dancing. Bring along a hamper and something to drink. Make up a table of 10 or join one on the night. More information to follow in next week’s newsletter. Tickets will be available from the office from Friday 20 May.

### Boroondara Eisteddfod

The Chamber Choir will be performing at The Boroondara Eisteddfod on Tuesday 17 May. Letters and forms have gone home and need to be returned by Wednesday 11 May at the General Office.

### AFTER THE CURFEW THROUGH TO SEMI-FINAL

On Sunday April 3rd, Hayden Jeffery (Year 11), Tim Cox (Year 11), Oliver Iacono (Year 9) and their friend Matt Joyce (Highvale Secondary College) competed in a Battle of the Bands at The Esplanade Hotel in St Kilda. The band, After The Curfew, has been together since early 2010 and has played many shows around Melbourne, even with bands from the USA. At the competition they had a 25 minute set to impress three anonymous judges, and were against 8 other bands from around Melbourne. The top four bands were selected to go through to the semi-final and the winners receiving a free live recording of the show.

After The Curfew were first to play on the day and blew away the audience with their stage presence and musical ability. The winners were announced at the end of the night and having waited around all day the boys were over the moon with the result: 1st Place!!

The semi-final is being held at The Esplanade Hotel on the 29th of May.

### Novice Buddy Mentor

This initiative was launched in 2008 with great success and is run by our students. We invite all beginner musicians in Year 7 to join the fun from 12:35pm in the 600 Block and come and meet your Year 10/11 buddy.

The buddy project aims to assist Year 7 students settle into the school; get to know other musicians who have lots of experience within the program; and importantly to provide a link of friendship which allows both to stay in touch throughout the year. Our senior buddies will be available to answer their questions at any time and they will also join in selected novice rehearsals through the year to help our Year 7s with their musical skills in these groups.
Year 11 girls shine in Model United Nations

Four Year 11 girls represented our school in the Model United Nations Assembly on the weekend at Parliament House.

Cheryl Lee and Sophie Hamilton represented Japan and Taylah Jones and Brooke Gibson represented England. The girls greatly enjoyed the experience where they had to make resolutions based on the point of view of the country they were representing.

The girls spoke very well and a big thank you goes to the Nunawading Rotary Club for sponsoring this challenging but rewarding experience. Well done girls.

Assembly commemorates Anzac Day

All the students commemorated ANZAC Day at a general assembly last Thursday. The students were led through proceedings by the school leaders with Brad Todd playing the ‘Last Post’ and ‘The Reveille’.

Also a big thank you to Caleb Webb and Stephanie Greenwood who represented the school in the Blackburn RSL ANZAC Ceremony in the school holidays. Caleb read the Anzac oath and Stephanie sang the Australian and New Zealand anthems.

Sport Leadership sessions begin

More than 40 Sport Leadership students began their Hockey coaching sessions at local primary schools this week. The students enjoyed the experience of teaching students in Grades 3-6. They will undertake 4 weeks of coaching before all the schools will come together for a hockey gala day on May 30th.

School Captains visit parliament

Our School Captains were invited for a tour of Parliament House by local Upper House member and President Mr Bruce Atkinson on Wednesday night.

The students were congratulated on their leadership roles and given a tour of the amazing parliament building. The students also met School Captains from other schools in the area.

Environment Group creates another seating area

Congratulations to members of the Environment Group who have created another seating area at the front of the school. Many students worked during the student free day and Mr Joseph worked hard on the crow bar and shovel as well.

These seating areas have been widely used whilst the building program is in progress. Well done students and Mr Joseph.

Free Dress day

Thank you to the school community for supporting our Free Dress Day today. All money raised from the day will go to the Red Cross Appeal for victims of the tragic Japan earthquake and Tsunami. Thank you to the SRC for organising this event.
Double Victory for BHS in the 2nd Round of the Schools Debating Competition

The second round of the 2011 Schools Debating Competition took place on Monday night, 2 May, at Camberwell Grammar. It was a clean sweep for Blackburn High School, as both our C Grade and D Grade teams clenched well-earned victories.

Our C Grade team, Jackie Hu, Lachlan Hugo and Madeline Coleman-Bock, argued that schools should be allowed to drug test students. They put forward some compelling arguments, and really stressed that drug testing would be for the benefit of all students. Lachlan was again named best speaker, as he spoke confidently and maintained a strong presence. Jackie also needs to be commended for her very solid effort in what was her first attempt at schools debating.

Our D Grade team, Evette Harris, Brianna Beck and Dylan Ioannou-Booth, argued that animals should not be used as objects of sport. For Evette and Brianna, two of our year 7's, this was also their first attempt at debating for BHS. But again, with Dylan’s help, they were able to hold their own against the older Year 9 students. The team really pushed the emotional side of the debate, and this is what ultimately handed them a very close victory. Evette was named co-best speaker for her passionate presentation of her arguments. Additionally, Brianna must also be commended for filling in on very short notice.

We look forward to Round 3 on Monday, 23 May.

Aaron Bear
BHS Debating Co-ordinator

Blackburn High School
Chaplaincy Book Fair
Saturday 14 May - 8.30am to 2.00pm

We have thousands of pre-loved books available catering to all genres!

Enquiries PH: 9878 4477.

Location:
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# NAPLAN TESTING

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

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**European Tour**

Europe Tour 25/6 – 12/7

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