Friday, 13th May 2011 ……No 13

Having studied the work of the impressionist artist Edgar Degas, The Year 10 art students have produced their own chalk drawings of Ballerinas

Marina Crescia
Year 10 Art Teacher
Open Night

What a fantastic evening! A big thank you to Geoff Vezey and Margie Lanyon for their wonderful enthusiastic efforts in organising the evening and to our staff who created such interesting interactive displays to showcase our programs. It was great to see our parents representing School Council in attendance and able to help prospective families with feedback from their perspective.

There were some very impressive aspects such as the student ambassadors; the roaming choir that was so lovely and joyous in the corridors; and the Student talks in the hall. It was great to see the large turnout of parents, and the feedback from the evening as they toured was extremely positive. Well done to all!

Buildings

We are currently experiencing issues with our heating, consequently we have allowed students to come in free dress this week. We are hoping to address these concerns promptly.

High Achievers Program

Students will sit their entrance test this week for this exciting new program. Thanks to Judith Davis, Arlene Roberts and Tim Dalton for their efforts in developing and coordinating this initiative.

Sandra Woodman
Principal

Year 8 Camp

Just a few words from camp to let you know what a great time we have had so far. Surfing has been a big hit as the water temperature is still warm (17 deg) compared to the air temperature. The nights of hail and rain have served us well as everyone has had a great sleep with it being too cold to get out of bed. No major injuries have occurred and the staff have been appreciating the new venue for Year 8 camp. Phillip Island Adventure resort motto is “Outdoor Adventure, Indoor comfort” with every cabin having an ensuite bathroom. Students have been really tired out by the fresh air and outdoor activities. Expect the campers to come home exhausted. More news in next week’s newsletter.
TWO SUCCESSFUL STUDY SEMINARS FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

On the 23rd of March and the 4th of May all Year 11 students were offered the opportunity to attend two seminars at Blackburn High School. Five young representatives from Elevate Education presented the first seminar on a Study Sensei and the second was on Time Management.

Students found the seminars very enlightening and informative as shown by the following excerpts by students:

The Elevate Education seminars provided a lot of useful information on how to manage time and organise notes during VCE. The presenters with their quirky humour were helpful in giving students examples of the most effective ways to study to achieve top results while also leaving ample time for leisure. They encouraged students to prepare a study schedule, consider studying in groups and to add information bit-by-bit to your notes as an ongoing process.

Overall, the seminars really inspired students to have a try and to find the best learning style for themselves. More information can be found on www.elevateeducation.com

By Ing Lim

EVLEVATE EDUCATION

Blackburn High School's Year 11 students had the privilege of attending seminars to improve our study skills. Students were obliged to attend two sessions conducted by Elevate Education. The award-winning program engaged students with fun, youthful presenters each with interesting accounts of how they graduated from VCE with outstanding ENTER scores.

The first session was called Study Sensei. It was designed to help us organize our workbooks and advance our overall learning process. The second seminar, held just last week, was all about managing our time to effectively avoid procrastination. Each session provided helpful tips and guidelines on how to improve our learning process while still maintaining free time to relax and enjoy.

Simultaneously entertaining and informative, Elevate Education’s seminars successfully inspired students to develop a productive work ethic and improve their studying abilities.

By Shelley Ryan
Upcoming Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17 May</td>
<td>Chamber Choir – Boroondara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eisteddfod</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thur May 19</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</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun May 29</td>
<td>Concert Band</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri June 3</td>
<td>Beaumont Jazz Club – 7.30pm</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 25-July 12</td>
<td>Senior String Orchestra Tour to Europe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>Gala Soiree, Rm 601,7:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon July 25</td>
<td>Joint Concert w/ Heidelberg Winds, Buckley Hall Ivanhoe Grammar (BHS ensembles TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat July 30</td>
<td>Melbourne Schools Strings Festival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 10 – 13</td>
<td>Melb Schools Bands Festival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 14 – 27</td>
<td>South St String Section</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 27</td>
<td>Music Camp &amp; South Street Comp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 31-Sept 3</td>
<td>Sym Orchestra perform at Heidelberg Choral Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat Sept 10</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Generations in Jazz 2011

It was 7am and the sun was just starting to rise when 57 students and 7 staff left for Mt Gambier on Friday for the 22nd Generations in Jazz festival. This year the festival had a record 2000 students and 100 stage bands performing in four different divisions as well as a jazz vocal quartet in a new division. As always, our students presented themselves and the school in the best light and performed at an exceptional level. A full report will be in next week’s newsletter.

Results:

**Junior Stage Band**

- Overall: Superband
- 7th: John Athan

**Intermediate Stage Band**

- Overall: Superband
- 6th: Selene Missinis

**Senior Stage Band**

- Overall: Superband
- 2nd: Brody Everest
- 3rd: Brad Todd
- 4th: Steph Greenwood
- 5th: Liam Butler Webb
- 6th: Toshi Clinch

**Beaumont Jazz Club**

For one night only the Beaumont Jazz Club will be playing a storm in Beaumont Hall on Friday 3 June at 7.30pm. Run by Friends of Music, it will be a night of great dancing, music and food. Bands on the night include Junior, Intermediate and Senior Stage Bands from BHS, the Alumni Bag Band and Plan B Big Band.

Bring along some drinks, a hamper and your dancing shoes. Tables of 10 or less can be booked on 0411 431 430. Tickets are $20 each and booking close on 30th May. Coffee and cake is included so dust off your dancing shoes.

**Mentor Buddies and BBQ**

Our Student Music Committee is running a **Novice Buddy Lunch BBQ** on Thursday 19 May.

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.

We hope beginning musicians will take advantage of this activity and meet their designated buddy. Please meet at the 600 (Music) Block by 12:35pm for a (free) BBQ snack.
Year 7
Summer Round Robin
UPCOMING
SPORTING CALENDAR
TERM 2

Wednesday May 18th—Intermediate Winter Round Robin 1
Badminton, Boys Netball

Wednesday May 18th—Junior Girls Football (Years 7-9)

Thursday May 19th—Senior Winter Round Robin 2
Girls Football (Years 10-12), Boys Netball, Table Tennis

Wednesday May 25th—Division Athletics

Thursday June 2nd—Division Cross Country

Thursday June 16th—Intermediate Winter Round Robin 2
Boys Football, Girls Netball, Soccer

Friday June 24th—Senior Winter Round Robin 3
Soccer, Basketball

Wednesday June 29th—Year 8 Winter Round Robin
Netball, Badminton, Soccer, Football

Friday July 1st—Year 7 Winter Round Robin
Netball, Badminton, Soccer, Football

*** A reminder that the sign up sheets for Intermediate and Senior Round Robins go up early and if we do not get enough numbers on a sign up sheet for a given sport, we will not enter a team in that sport. Also, a reminder that seniors do not play any sporting round robins after Term 2. Intermediates and Seniors can enter more than one sport in Term 2, as long as they are on separate days ***

Any Questions, please see Mrs. Roche
SHAKESPEARE COMES TO BLACKBURN

Last Monday afternoon the students of Year 11 English were offered the opportunity to see Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* come to life in the common room. *Macbeth* was studied in Year 11 English classes in Unit One, so the students had plenty of time to understand the plot and the characters.

The Performance by the theatre group “Shakespeare on Trial” challenged their ideas about who was most responsible for the killing of Duncan, Lady Macbeth or Macbeth, by staging a trial. The performers, through their arguments to the judges (Blackburn High Students) and reenactments of various key scenes of the play, did their best to convince our students of Lady Macbeth’s overpowering hold over her husband and his subsequent murder of the king at her command.

The students enjoyed the performance and had a great time shouting Shakespearean insults at each other derived from the play itself once it was over.

And if you’re wondering about the result of trial, according to our esteemed judges, Lady Macbeth was, by majority vote, considered as being most responsible for the death of Duncan. Whether we agree with the judges or not, the cast did a great job and the students hopefully benefited from their performance. Below are some photos from the event.

Mrs Pantazopoulos Kim McMahon.

English Coordinators.

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:
Blackburn High School, Beaumont Hall, Cnr Springfield & Williams Rds, Blackburn
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Winter has set in and the second hand uniform shop is URGENTLY looking for more winter stock!!!! We would love families to go through their cupboards and see if they have any items of the school uniform that they no longer need that is in wearable condition and donate them to the Second Hand Uniform Shop. In particular we need winter jumpers and winter skirts. If you have uniform that you can donate please leave them at the office marked for my attention, or drop them in at the chaplain’s office. Thanks…Kirsten Winkett (Chaplain).

Year 7 Immunization Change

Year 7 Girls

Due to regional sports day clashing with the Year 7 girls immunizations the Whitehorse Council have kindly rescheduled the date to Thursday 19th May.