Friday, 20th May 2011 ........No 14

Year 8 Camp

School Captain: Lingyun Li

School Captain: Caleb Webb
ENGLISH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year 12 Language Analysis Workshops

All Year 12 students will be taking part in a workshop designed to teach them how to tackle Section 3 of the VCE English exam in November. These workshops will be during the double lesson next week in English. Students are advised strongly not to miss this lesson. Dr. Jennifer Minter the author of the language analysis workbook that the students were to have purchased is going to be running the workshop where the students will work through an analysis of language and will have the opportunity to ask questions and benefit from her expertise in this area.

If your child has not bought the text which was on the book list, could they please do so as it will benefit them not only for the workshop but till the end of the year as practice tasks will be set from this workbook. The workbook is available from the Office at recess and lunch or before and after school at a cost of $14.00.

Cosi Performance 25th May 2011

This week Blackburn High will host a performance of “Cosi”, a play by Louis Nowra. The Eagesnest theatre group will be performing in the Music Centre during lunch and right through to 3.30pm. All Year 12 students have read the play in their English classes during last term so it will be a great opportunity to see this play in action. All students are expected to attend this production.

Youla Pantazopoulos & Kim McMahon

BUILDING UPDATE

- Since the Term Vacation work has continued uninterrupted by weather in the BER and Year 7 Admin Centre. However the rain has caused major issues for the Gym building although the third and second last slab is to be poured this week.
- The steel frames for the Gym are being delivered next week. The Gymnasium is about 3 weeks behind schedule due to the rain.
- Work on the services was delayed due to the weather however they are now working on new gas lines to the 400 Block to reconnect the heating. Temporary portable heaters are in rooms with no reverse cycle air conditioning
- 200 Block heating issues last week were due to a system failure not the builder and have now been rectified
- In the BER (Language Centre) plastering is complete and it is now being painted, external cladding and guttering complete.
- The BER building is still looking to come on line this term but when it does it will be occupied by Instrumental Music so that the builder can start work on renovating the 600 Block
- The heating in 601(large rehearsal area) has been disconnected and we have put in a temporary measure for the next 5 weeks (until they move)
- Admin/Year 7 has the roof and internal framing complete. 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.

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal

Inside BER Language building

Admin and Year 7 Building & Outside of BER Building

On another matter I would like to inform the school community Tom Lawrence our school Caretaker for over 50 years was taken ill last week. Tom is resting and recovering well but he has decided that he is going to retire. Tom will be 80 this year and in my 23 years at the school I can only remember him once having to take a day off. He has been remarkably fit and healthy and whilst we are sad about his leaving, he fully deserves his retirement. We will be having an afternoon tea on Wednesday 8th June 3.30pm to 5.30pm as a farewell to Tom and wife Allison who have served this school community with great passion and commitment. I know the whole school community wishes Tom a speedy recovery.
The Year 7 and 9 students have completed their NAPLAN tests last week. In due course, we look forward to utilising the data provided by these tests, along with many other sources of information; to verify where the strengths and weaknesses in students’ skills lie and to tailor our teaching and learning programs accordingly.

Last week, our thoughts were with the Year 8 students and the teachers accompanying them on camp at Phillip Island. We know how cold and wet it has been in Melbourne, but it was challenging at Phillip Island. I was impressed with the way students participated in activities. At times it was cold and raining, but they still wanted to go canoeing or on the flying fox. Their attitude to camp was excellent. I am sure you have heard many camp stories. Congratulations to Ron Hansen who organized and managed a very successful camp. I would like to thank the following staff who attended camp: Rowen May, Janice Collins, Ailsa Davidson, Tim Dalton, Alan Keeble, Greg Hlasko, Mardi Easton, Maddie Taylor and Simon Scoullar. No doubt, all campers welcomed a warm home and bed, some creature comforts and a hearty meal on their return on Friday.

All students should now have a regular homework and homestudy routine. This will vary depending on the student’s commitments after school and on the weekend. I have outlined the nature of homework and homestudy tasks below. Ensure your son and/or daughter plans out their week in their planner and documents all subject tasks. I would encourage parents to use the planner to communicate with teachers to assist student learning.

**Homework**
- Specific learning activities given to students for completion at home.
- Emerges from classroom activities and is suited to being completed outside of the classroom.
- Includes set tasks and exercises, preparation and research for assignments.
- By offering help and/or discussing the task, parents can emphasise the importance of additional study.

**Homestudy**
- Involves reviewing classroom material learnt, preparation for tests, wide reading or vocabulary learning.

**Junior School Events – Term 2 2011**
- Thursday 26th May – EMR Annual Concert. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. 7.30 pm.
- Friday 27th – Sunday 29th May. MYM Festival of Bands. BMW Edge.
- Thursday 2nd June – division cross country.
- Wednesday 8th June – UNSW Global Science Test. Years 7-9
- Thursday 9th June – Novice Soiree #1
- Friday 10th June – Pupil free day
- Monday 13th June – Public holiday.
- Monday 20th June – Semester 2 starts.
- Thursday 23rd June – Winter concert
- Friday 24th June – Round Robin and Cross Country
- Monday 27th June – C and D Grade Debating
- Friday 1st July – last day of Term 2.

**Year 7**
- Thursday 9th June – Spring Round Robin
- Friday 1st July – Sport round robin

**Year 8**
- Wednesday 29th June – Round Robin

**Year 9**
- Thursday 9th June – Spring Round Robin.
Generation 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.

On arrival at Mt Gambier accommodation, students set about setting up rehearsal spaces and rotated over three hours having a full band and sectional rehearsal. It is never easy to play at your best after 7 hours of travelling but everyone did their best to focus on the task at hand. All bands had to present the same set work as well and two others of their own choice – one being a ballad.

As always, the quality of music presented by all schools was at a very high standard. It was encouraging to see schools from WA, SA, QLD, VIC, NSW and even Alice Springs! All participants were treated to concerts put on by James Morrison, vocal quartet 'The Idea of North' and the GIJ Academy Big Band over the weekend.

Saturday morning was an early start for the Intermediate Stage Band. Breakfast at 6.30am and then straight on the coach. As the first band to start the section, students had the chance to warm up and test the room. Playing was confident and well prepared. Some very good solos were played by Bhargav Sridhar, Matt Demara and Selene Messinis.

Junior Stage Band is largely made up of students in Year 8 & 9 who performed ‘above their weight’ in a section that had some musicians much older. Highlights include a terrific solo from John Athon.

Senior Stage Band played in the large Yamaha Pavilion to a crown of 800 students and general public. Like all of our students, it was encouraging to see everyone enjoying what they were doing on stage and presenting music at such a high level. Energy, style and individualized solos were a feature of their performance. Brodie Everist is to be congratulated on producing a highlight of the weekend with his solo in ‘After All’

A new section this year was the Jazz Vocal section in which Alexander Maher, Tom Vincent, Cheryl Lee and Yana Millane produced a confident version of ‘Beyond the Sea’ and ‘Love Story’ with a rhythm section receiving a special mention from the adjudicators. No doubt, the vocal section will become bigger and bigger each year.

To celebrate the talents of all participants, the festival nominates students to be part of Superbands. These students are chosen for their playing and soloing abilities. To be chosen is no easy feat and demonstrates the musical understanding of our students:

Superband Nominations

Junior Stage Band: John Athon
Intermediate Stage Band: Selene Messinis
Senior Stage Band: Steph Greenwood, Brodie Everist, Brad Todd, Liam Butler Webb and Toshi Clinch

The final day of the festival is given to workshops for Superbands before the finale concert and forums for other students. It was in every way a very intense music environment in which students were able to hear some of the very best bands in the country. Thanks to the supportive band of parents who made the trip, all the students who represented our school so well and the staff for their support, conductors Henrik Beasley and Dave Palmer especially Mr O’Connell for his very thorough planning and organising of the weekend.

Thur May 19  Novice Buddy Mentor BBQ (lunch)
Thurs May 26  EMR Annual Concert, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, 7:30pm
Sat May 28  MYM Festival of Bands, BMW Edge, Symphonic Band, Concert Band
Sun May 29  Flute Ensemble Competition – Fintona
Fri June 3  Beaumont Jazz Club – 7.30pm
Thurs June 9  Novice Soiree #1, Rm 601, 7:30pm
Thurs June 16  Novice Buddies join NB rehearsal, 3:30pm
Tues June 21  Novice Buddies join Quattro Stgs rehearsal
Thurs June 23  Winter Concert, Beaumont Hall from 5:30pm
Sat June 25-July 12  Senior String Orchestra Tour to Europe
Term 3
Mon July 25  Gala Soiree, Rm 601, 7:30pm
Sat July 30  Joint Concert w/ Heidelberg Winds, Buckley Hall Ivanhoe Grammar (BHS ensembles TBC)
Aug 10 – 13  Melbourne Schools Strings Festival
Aug 14 – 27  Melb Schools Bands Festival
Sat Aug 27  South St String Section
Aug 31-Sept 3  Music Camp & South Street Comp
Sat Sept 10  Sym Orchestra perform at Heidelberg Choral Society

EMR Concert

This year a large number of students will be participating in the EMR Concert Held at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition centre on Thursday 26 May. Each year the Eastern Region presents a concert involving all students from across the Region totalling 800 students performing throughout the night.

Novice Buddy BBQ and Soiree

The Music Committee put on a very well staged BBQ for the Year 7 novice musicians on Thursday this week. It was pleasing to see the excitement that this event creates. Mentors will be working with Year 7 students in rehearsals at different times throughout the term. Thanks to the Music Committee for putting it all together.

One of the most awaited events of the year is the Novice Soiree to be held on Thursday 9 June commencing 7.30pm, students please arrive at 7.10pm in the Music Centre. This concert will feature our novice musicians as they play for us the pieces that have kept them busy over the year so far.

BMW Edge

The Concert Band and Symphonic Band have been invited to take part in the Melbourne Youth Music 2011 Bands Festival to be held at BMW Edge at Federation Square. This is an annual festival and includes community, school and university bands in one of Melbourne’s iconic venues.

Both bands will be performing on Saturday 28 May. Soundcheck 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
Melb Uni Wind Ensemble
MYWS

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

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

Hot off the Press
Chamber Choir received an honourable mention at the Boroondara Eisteddfod on Tuesday 17 May. A very good result!!
Year 11 Observational Drawing Assignment: Snippets have been taken out of the Year 11 Visual Arts Drawings. Students chose an object and then reproduced the same object many times using different media. For eg: lead pencil, charcoal, progress chalks, oil pastels, pen and ink, acrylic paint and they also reproduced an abstract painting and did a positive drawing of the object.

Marina Crescia Year 11 Art Teacher
TAKE THE LEAD

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

As mentioned last edition our four Year 11 girls represented us at the Model United Nations at Parliament House earlier this month. Here are some great photos of the girls representing their chosen countries of Japan and England. The girls involved were Taylah Jones, Sophie Hamilton, Cheryl Lee and Brooke Gibson. Great costumes girls.

SPORT LEADERSHIP STUDENTS VISIT TENNIS CENTRE AND EXERCISE RESEARCH CENTRE

Our Sport Leadership students attended two interesting excursions this week.

Firstly, they attended the Exercise Research Centre lab in Thornbury. Students were taken through fitness testing regimes as done with elite athletes. They were provided with some very technical information about training and components of fitness.

Secondly, the students attended a tour of the National Tennis Centre. They were told amongst other things about the 4,500 jobs required to run a tournament like the Australian Open.

YEAR 7 FORM CAPTAINS

Our Year 7 Form Captains have been meeting to organise a games competition amongst the form groups. This will be held in the second last week of term (more details to follow).

Our Year 7 Form Captains and Vice Captains are:

7A: Jack Kelly (C), Ella Birt (VC)
7B: Kalina Taylor (C) & Samantha Woodfield (VC)
7C: Niamh Mackay (C) & Ghezal Rezaee (VC)
7D: Marjorie Deveroux (C), Stephanie Lawson (VC), Sky McAuley (VC)
DIVISION ATHLETICS

Next Wednesday (25th May) our athletics team will compete at our first Whitehorse Division Athletics Carnival. Students involved should have their permission forms and events sheets by now, however with the 1500m having been run just this week, some students may need to wait until Monday at the latest for their information.

IMPORTANT—If you are in the Athletics team but are unable to compete on Wednesday, please let Mrs. Roche know asap, as we will need to find replacements for your event/s. Please remember warm clothing and a blanket, just in case the weather is cold.

Good Luck to all Competitors!

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CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the school cross country on Tuesday. The Cross Country team will also be announced next week, with the division cross country competition being Thursday 2nd June.

UPCOMING SPORTING DATES

**Wednesday May 25th**—Division Athletics

**Thursday June 2nd**—Division Cross Country

**Thursday June 16th**—Intermediate Winter Round Robin 2
  - 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
YEAR 8

MEDIEVAL EDUCATION DAY

On Wednesday, the 4th of May, Year 8 students participated in the annual Medieval Education Day. During the day students were given an insight into different segments of medieval life: the harsh justice system and punishments, the weapons and armoury used throughout the medieval era, medieval entertainment and tournaments. The sessions about knights and tournaments, and medieval games proved to be the most popular among the students. They could train as medieval knights, experience a fight against a ‘well trained medieval knight’ and try out different medieval games like juggling or dancing.

Thank you for all the teachers involved in supervising different sessions, especially for Ms Purcell’s effort in organising the event, which gave students an opportunity to explore at first hand the strange world of the Middle Ages.

Mark Vasgyura
The Year 8 enjoy a wet week at Phillip Island

Last week, May 9-13, the Year 8s went on their school camp. For the first time the camp was held at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort, and I am sure that all would agree that despite some very inclement weather, it was a tremendous success.

Between, and sometimes during, downpours the students took part in high ropes, team rescue, raft-making, canoeing, initiative, crate climb, twin flying-fox and giant swing activities. However, some real highlights were the gnarly surfing lesson, an evening jaunt enjoying the maze, minigolf and mind-bending optical illusions at Amazin’ Things and the student-run disco on the final night.

The students should be proud of the way they represented Blackburn High School with their overall jovial and mature behaviour, especially considering the sometimes trying weather. And of course all staff involved need to be commended for all their hard work during the week, especially the Year 8 Coordinator, Ron Hansen, who worked tirelessly to bring the whole camp together.

Aaron Bear

Blackburn High’s Chaplaincy Book Fair

The Chaplaincy Pre Loved Book Fair happened last Saturday, and it was a great success! I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people involved that made the Book Fair happen:

*** Thanks to the PE staff who gave up the hall on Friday so that we could set up for the Book Fair.
*** Thanks to the students (most of whom were Year 7) who volunteered and who worked super hard to help set up and those who remained on Saturday to pack up.
*** Thanks to the other staff members, the chaplaincy committee members, the parents and the family and friends who helped set up on Friday and who helped pack up on Saturday.
*** A BIG thanks to those within the Blackburn High School Community that came along bought some books and offered words of encouragement throughout Saturday.

Without all these people volunteering the book fair would never have happened!
Kirsten Winkett (Chaplain).

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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BLACKBURN CALENDER

On the calendar that was distributed at the start of the year indicates that the Year 11 camp will be 19th September to 30th September.

Please note that there will not be a Year 11 camp this year.
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