Friday, 27th May 2011 …….No 15

Name our new Houses

Win prizes up to $500

Student Competition

Submit as many entries as you like!

Be creative!

No restrictions on house names!

See more information on pages 6 & 7
District Athletics
This was held last Wednesday in cold conditions, but it was pleasing to see our students participate with great spirit. I saw some outstanding performances and it was great to see some parents in attendance supporting their students. Thanks to Nadine Roche and our staff for organising and supporting our students. We look forward to the next level of Eastern Zone competition.

Staffing
I would like to welcome Valerie Weber as our new librarian. Valerie, who started this week, comes to us from Berwick Secondary College with a wealth of experience and ability to contribute to our exciting new programs and ICT capabilities.

Uniform
A reminder to all students and parents that we have a school uniform to cater for all of the Melbourne seasons and we expect our students to wear this with pride. Please support us by ensuring your students leave home wearing correct school uniform, including our jacket.

The uniform committee is currently looking into aspects of our uniform and we thank all members of our community for their feedback.

Phone call to School
The school recently received a phone call from a lady named Elizabeth. The Lady was catching a bus near the school around 5pm one evening and Selene Messinis was there.

The lady had already asked some children from another school for help regarding a certain bus, but they didn’t really help her, only answering yes or no. She told me that her eyesight isn’t the best. Selene must have noticed her eyesight problems and said that she would wait with her to make sure she got on the correct bus. The lady had mentioned that Selene could have caught the bus prior to hers but she was concerned enough to wait with the lady.

The lady couldn’t talk highly enough about Selene and she indicated that they had a conversation about what Selene was doing with her life. She was most impressed with her and wanted to notify the school. The lady said that she is very aware that when something goes wrong with students that people phone. However she felt that she wanted us to know how appreciative she was. We thank Selene for caring for a member of the public and encourage others to do so as well.

Sandra Woodman
Principal

SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls played with spirit and tenacity all day and never gave up. Thanks to all players for their efforts, in particular captain Meagan Carrington, who did a lot of organisation in the lead up to the day. All had fun and had a go and we know that’s what sport at our school is all about.

Jason Bourke

Game 1
Blackburn High (0.0.0) def by Box Hill Senior Secondary College (8.1.49)
Best: Susan Pennings, Louise Erasmus, Shimin Chang, Ellen Turner, Jayme Vanderschoot

Blackburn High (0.2.2.) def by Mullauna Secondary College (1.1.7)
Best: Shimin Chang, Louise Erasmus, Ellen Turner, Madeline Wilmot, Edana Lacey

Blackburn High (2.2.14) def by Koonung Secondary College (3.2.20)
Goals: Susan Pennings, Georgia Banks
Best: Ellen Turner, Shimin Chang, Edana Lacey, Jazmin Zamburro, Hepi Tuiono

Updating Email Addresses
If parents have changed email addresses they please inform the school by sending an email to blackburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au in preparation for report distribution by email for this semester.
**MUSIC NOTES**

**Friday, 27th May, 2011**

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A School of Musical Excellence*

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**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.

**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  
Melp Uni Wind Ensemble  
MYWS

**Symphonic Band**

Soundcheck 5pm  
Concert 7pm – 9pm  
Performance approx 8pm

**Other bands performing:**

MYWS  
Scotch College Band  
Melbourne Winds

**Melbourne Flute Ensemble Competition**

A number of flute students will be taking part in the Melbourne Flute Ensemble Competition on Sunday 29 May at Fintona Girls School. This competition is open to all students across Melbourne and allows people of all abilities to take part. Audience members are welcome from 9am
Our Senior Girls Hockey team qualified for the Eastern Region Finals with a 1-0 win over Koonung in the Whitehorse Division match. The Blackburn girls dominated from the start with the girls taking lots of shots at goal. The Koonung goalkeeper kept them in the game until Louise Erasmus earned a penalty stroke which was converted by Emma Morrow. One of the best players all day was half back Mielikki Spratt who repelled any semblance of a Koonung attack.

Well done Girls.

Proud Coach—Mark Pasquali
BOYS FOOTBALL
On Tuesday 10th May, the Blackburn Red legs ventured to Templestowe Reserve to take on the teams from Koonung, East Doncaster and Box Hill. After some positive training sessions the previous week, the boys ran out with great enthusiasm for their first match against Koonung. Despite trying valiantly, they were totally outclassed by a very slick outfit – and coupled with a hand injury to captain Lachlan Gillespie it was a bad start to the day. The second match against East Doncaster was again fought out in great spirits, but despite scoring 3 nice goals, it wasn’t enough to match the winning teams 10. Up against the winless Box Hill in our last match, our boys rallied together and put together a great first half, coming in 1 goal up. The second half went goal for goal for much of the quarter, and although putting in a much better showing, the Box Hill team over ran us to win by 14 points. So although without a win on the day the Red legs played the game in high spirits, and should be commended on their sense of fun and sportsmanship. Consistent players over the 3 matches were Jack Craig, Adam Banks, and Caleb Webb. 
Jarrod Main

BADMINTON
The boys competition was held at Mullauna Secondary College. There was a lot of talent at this event and all students conducted themselves with a high level of sportsmanship. We were able to win a few games throughout the day, however, the overall victory went to East Doncaster S.C. who were undefeated in both the A and B Pools. Our students should be congratulated on their effort and the way that they represented the school.
Our girls teams too had a fun day out and displayed some really great badminton skills. They also had mixed results, winning some rounds and being beaten in others. Special mention goes to Serene Lim, who went through undefeated in all of her singles rubbers. Well done to all of the girls—Virandi, Sophie, Rachel, Serene, Emily, Stella, Ella, Nina, Perry and Jennifer.
Mr. Anderson & Ms. Roche

NETBALL
In our “Flashy New Dresses”, the Netball girls fought hard all day, and spirits were high!! Although we did not take out the title of Division Champions, we had some great wins and hard fought losses. Congratulations to all of the girls on their efforts for the day—a lot of Netball was played!
Vertical House System

In 2011, Blackburn High School will be changing to a ‘Vertical’ House System. Every student will be placed into a house where they will have mentor group meetings each morning. Each house will be in a separate area of the school and students will have the chance to be part of many house competitions and develop a strong house spirit.

Competition

Be a part of Blackburn High School history and enter the competition to name the 4 new houses. The competition is open to all students of Blackburn High School and the winner will receive up to $500 worth of vouchers and prizes.

Submit as many entries as you like!
Be creative!
No restrictions on house names!

Requirements

Entries must include the following:-

- Proposed names of the 4 new houses
- Reasoning or rationale behind the names you have selected
- A colour to go with each house (these do NOT have to be the usual colours of red, green, blue and yellow).
- Any other information to support your names
Name our new Houses

Judging Process

- Competition opens on Friday May 25th and closes on Friday July 22nd at 3pm
- A panel will be formed to ‘short list’ the entries. The panel shall consist of a parent representative, 2 student representatives, a teacher representative and the principal (or principal representative)
- Short listed entries will be presented to the school community and voting will take place. The vote will use the preferential system and will be held on an advertised date between August 1 and August 5.
- The winner will be announced at the whole school assembly on Wednesday August 17th

Criteria

The judging criteria for the first stage of the process will be as follows:-

- **Creativity** – Is it an original idea?
- **Longevity** – How will it sound in years to come
- **Reasoning** – Explanation as to why you have chosen the house names and colours
- **Stewardship** – Does it have some link to the school either past, present or future?
- **Other** – Any other information eg. Linking of colours to names etc.

Prize

The winner will receive $500 worth of prizes and/or vouchers from local stores and businesses. They will also have a chance to be recognised as part of Blackburn High Schools history, with the honour as the person who named ‘the new houses’.

Submissions

Submissions must be received by Friday July 22nd at 3pm.

Submissions can be made via email (with attachment) or hand delivered to the General Office.

Email entries to – strahan.denise.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

or

Deliver to General Office – Attention: Mr. Mark Pasquali

Your chance to be part of Blackburn High School history!
BHS School Council met last week. (Due to the School holidays there was no April meeting.) The following points were discussed and decided:

- Approved the confirmed budget for 2011.
- The School has been notified that certain items within the design of the Language Centre have been deleted as a funding cost-cutting measure. Such items include stepped seating in an amphitheatre and teacher workstations. The School Council believe these items are integral to the useful functioning of the Language Centre, and will send a letter asking for the re-instatement of the deleted items.
- Approval was granted for a Year 12 Celebration Day at the end of the year. Year 12 Committee to work on a proposal.
- No working bee for Term 2. Working bees will be planned to co-incide with planting out new areas as building works are completed.
- Uniform Working Party has collated surveys. Thank you to all parents and students who took the time to complete a survey. Your input is valuable and helpful. Various options are under consideration.
- The new cafe kitchen (currently under construction) was to be fitted out with domestic standard fittings, eg. domestic oven, dishwasher. It has been decided to upgrade the cafe kitchen to commercial standards (up to the value of $40,000) so it can be operated successfully as a canteen/catering service. As of 2012, the Canteen will be self-operated by the School.
- All School policies are regularly reviewed and updated. This month two policies were updated and approved: Investment Policy and School Purchasing Card Policy.
- Next meeting dates:
  - Facilities: Wed. 1 June, 7.30 pm;
  - Education & Policy: Wed. 8 June, 8 am;
  - Publicity & Promotion: Wed. 8 June 4.30pm;
  - Finance: Wed. 15 June 6.30pm;
  - School Council: Wed. 15 June 7.30pm
  
  Carolyn Nette
  President,
  Blackburn High School Council

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