Friday, 22nd July 2011 ……No 21

European Tour

School Captain: Lingyun Li

School Captain: Caleb Webb
I would like to warmly welcome back all our students and their families to Blackburn High School for the Term 3 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 3**

Cheryl Angus and Greg Hlasko are on Long Service leave for Term 3 and we know they will be enjoying a well earned break. Congratulations to Ian Anderson who has been appointed as Year 7 co-ordinator whilst Greg is on leave. We are very pleased to welcome back Clare Leavold from family Leave.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Blackburn:
Peter Rossiter – replacing Greg Hlasko
Kate Whitehead – replacing Cheryl Angus

**Europe Senior Strings and German Language Tour**

What a wonderful opportunity for our students, who performed brilliantly in some amazing settings and were able to immerse themselves in the German language. A very large thanks to Nicole Taylor who organised the tour, as well as to the staff who accompanied the students on the trip for 17 days, David Howes and Robyn Carrington. A great time was enjoyed by all, and our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

**2011 Victorian Schools Spectacular**

Congratulations to Janna Seeley who has been selected as a featured vocalist, Netta Talmi as a backing Vocalist, Jesse DeMaria and Liam Goodes as featured dancers for the 2011 Victorian Schools Spectacular. These students have been selected from the many Victorian students who auditioned for this spectacular. The performance will be on Sunday 18th September at Hisense Arena. We wish them all the best and congratulate them on their selection.

**Canteen**

Due to our previous canteen management service finishing at very short notice, we are currently sourcing opportunities to ensure our canteen service is available. We will be operating the canteen and there will be a change in the focus to more nutritionally sound food offerings. We hope you will be patient as this will take a few weeks to organise our staffing and catering equipment. There will be a range of food available during this interim period, such as hot soups, fresh rolls, noodles, fruit, etc. A reminder that students from Years 7-11 are not allowed to leave the school grounds to purchase food from the shops at the square.

**Uniform**

Please support us and ensure your students are in full school uniform. This includes the correct jumper and jacket, no hoodies are acceptable. We are allowing students to wear their PE uniform to and from school, but they must have the correct pants and top. We have placed pictures around the school, where students can check if they are unsure. How we look at school and in the community makes a statement how proud we are to belong to Blackburn High School. I encourage you to support our endeavors in this area.
Last year, the Senior String Orchestra, along with some other students learning German, organised a tour of Europe, and began many months of fundraising. On Saturday the 25th June, after raising over $10 000, 29 very excited students and staff arrived at Melbourne Airport and departed on what was to be a fantastic, once in a lifetime trip, however it was not without minor hiccups – including a few getting sick and an emergency trip to a stringed instrument repairer in Salzburg! After over 24 hours of travelling, we arrived in Frankfurt at 6 o’clock Sunday morning on a beautiful summer day where a full day of sightseeing awaited us. Our first concert was the very next day in a small spa town just outside of Rothenberg. Over the next 2 weeks, we did 4 more concerts, one at another spa town, one in an outdoor theatre overlooking the lake of Lucerne, another in a school and one more outdoor performance no more than 25 metres away from the banks of the Rhine river. In between these concerts we had some very different rehearsals, including sectionals in our small rooms, a full rehearsal with our music resting on a pool table in the centre, in a fairly small room that also contained 2 pinball machines, and another full rehearsal on the roof of one of the places we stayed at! On top of this, we enjoyed many guided tours of beautiful European cities containing original buildings from as early as the 13th century and there were many opportunities for the language students to improve their German. We also attended the ballet in the famous Vienna Opera House, visited some of the famous Sound of Music sites and Mozart’s birth place in Salzburg, visited the House of Music in Vienna, the BMW museum in Munich, Beethoven’s house, the Richard Wagner museum and also had many opportunities for shopping which caused a few bulging suitcases! It was a sad day when we left beautiful Europe and the summer sun to return to winter in Melbourne! We all had a fantastic tour that we will remember for the rest of our lives!
EUROPE TOUR
Upcoming Events

Monday 25 July  Gala Soiree 7.30pm
Saturday 30 July  Symphonic Band with the Heidelberg Wind Ensemble
Aug 10-23  Melbourne Schools Bands Festival
Sat 27 Aug  South Street String Events
31 Aug - 5 Sept Music Camp / South Street
Sept 10  Sym Orch performing with the Heidelberg Choral Society

Concert Review
For the final time, Beaumont Hall hosted the Winter Concert at the end of last term. For some of our younger musicians it was their first opportunity to play in front of the wider music community, for all it was an opportunity to reflect on the combined talents throughout the department. In total, 21 different ensembles performed an array of styles at a very high standard. My thanks to FoM for their work front of house and the BBQ during interval and of course to our comperes for their efforts on the night.

Gala Soiree
This year the Gala Soiree will be held at St Alfreds Anglican Church, Cnr Springfield and Koonung rds, Blackburn starting at 7.30pm, on Monday 25th July. It will feature students in a solo setting.

Germany Tour
The tour to Germany was a great success with five concerts performed. Our two inside concerts were attended by 100 or so people. Held in the spa country, these facilities are much like our own Dalesford area except that they also have private medical facilities attached to them for rehabilitation. Outside concerts were performed beside the Rhine River and Lake Lucerne. The weather for both was kind and it will be one of those great experiences that our students will take away from BHS. One concert was held at a school to a difficult audience. The ensemble however continued to play high quality music.

Music Camp
The music camp will be held from 31 August – 5 September in Rutherford Park outside of Ballarat. An information pack will be arriving shortly at home. Please carefully check the groupings to ensure that you have included your child in the correct group. Please ensure that all forms are returned to the General Office by August 10.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Hardie at the music office.

**MUSIC CAMP**

Due to an oversight, the precise dates for each group to attend the Music Camp at Rutherford Park were not included in the information that was mailed out in the first week of Term 3. Please note the following dates for each group involved.

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Those students in more than one group should use the departure date of the first group and the return date of the last group in which they are involved.

Precise travel instructions will be issued via ensemble rehearsals as soon as they are available – we are dependent on V-Line for this information.

Stephen Hardie  
Assistant Director of Music
STUDENT FORUM NEXT WEEK

COME ALONG

A student forum will be held next Thursday July 28th in the library at lunchtime regarding next year’s new organisational model.

This forum should be attended by any students who would like to hear further information about the new house system and organisation for next year. All questions that students have should be taken to the forum. The forum will be attended by the principal Ms Woodman, Assistant principals and other teacher involved in organising the model for next year.

STUDENTS ATTEND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Hayley Short, Daisy Agius, Cheryl Le and Sarandra Paqarada who attended the World Vision Global leadership conference at the end of last term.

The conference highlighted the work that World Vision is doing to fight the world food crisis and gave practical ideas of what we can do as a community. The girls will run the 40 hour famine which kicks off soon. Well done girls.

PINJARRA MAGAZINE GROUP

Congratulations to the students who have been working as a committee on this year’s school magazine Pinjarra under the guidance of Ms Denise Strahan. Any other students who wish to attend the group please see Mr Pasquali or Ms Strahan.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to our 6 year 9 students Freya Rich, Antony Baldwin, James Zukiewicz, James Kiernay, Sarah Fearn-Wannon who have returned from a term away at the ‘School for Student Leadership’. They had an incredible time and learnt so much about leadership, teamwork and themselves. They are currently planning a Community Learning Project with Blackburn Primary School. Welcome back guys.

HOUSE NAMING COMPETITION

The competition for naming new houses will be extended until Monday, August 1st. Entries should be submitted to the general office. There will be $500 worth of prizes if your nomination is the eventual winner.

WELL DONE HOCKEY BOYS

Congratulations to a couple of Blackburn Boys who I saw playing in the State Hockey championships for their zone team over the holidays. They were Jack Kelly (Yr 7) and Hayden Morris (Yr 8). Both boys played very well and did their clubs proud.

FINAL ASSEMBLY IN BEAMONT HALL

Our final assembly in Beaumont Hall is scheduled for August 17th. This date may be revised if the date changes for the hall removal.
YEAR 7
WINTER ROUND ROBIN

On their last day of term almost all of our Year 7 students headed out to their Winter Round Robin Sports. A great day was had by all and as always the Blackburn students performed with fantastic spirit and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our Girls Soccer Team who finished the day undefeated, hence have gone through to the Eastern Zone Finals.

Fantastic effort and good luck girls.

Ms. Roche—Sport Co-ordinator
SPORTS DATES

Tuesday 19th July - State Cross Country Final

Wednesday 27th July - Intermediate Boys Soccer Eastern Zone

Friday 29th July - Senior Girls Hockey Eastern Zone

Tuesday 9th August - Junior Girls Football Eastern Zone

Thursday 11th August - Year 7 Girls Soccer Eastern Zone

Friday 9th September - Intermediate Spring Round Robin
Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis

Wednesday 14th September - Year 8 Spring Round Robin
Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis

Friday 16th September - Year 7 Spring Round Robin
Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis

Friday 14th October - Eastern Zone Athletics

Wednesday 19th October - Intermediate Boys Cricket Eastern Zone

Wednesday 19th October - Whitehorse Division Year 8 Cricket

Friday 21st October - Whitehorse Division Year 7 Cricket
Year 10 Multi-coloured Lino Prints
In the last week of Term 2 students in 7A and 7C participated in a hands-on French activity. They became French chefs for a day and cooked crepes, following instructions in the language.

Having learnt the names of the ingredients and measurements, it was up to the students to perform every step in the recipe correctly to make a perfect batter. They proved to be real master chefs in their cooking skills. Each student made his / her own crepe, managing to flip it perfectly without dropping much of it on the floor. The smell and the presentation were so tantalising! No wonder there were no leftovers.

This activity is a perfect example of how French can be used in a variety of situations in our daily life. A large proportion of cooking terms come from French – students need to familiarise themselves with the language if they intend to pursue a culinary career in the future. Or they can simply surprise their friends and families with an authentic dish from a French cookbook.

So far they can treat their parents to a wonderful French dessert.... Bon appétit!

Madame Beer, French teacher
1. **Reminders**
   - Work Experience Year 10s - only 8 weeks to go!!!
   - Last weeks to get your place organised.

   See Mr McGann in the Pathways Office if you have no place yet.

2. **OPEN DAY AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**
   Most universities and TAFE’s are holding Open days in August. Melbourne University is allowing you to plan your Open Day experience in advance. All you need do is register your attendance on the university’s website at www.openday.unimelb.edu.au. The date is 21 August. The program can also be downloaded from 10 June. Open Day offers you and your family the chance to learn about the University’s unique courses, its research and the services on offer.

3. **INTERESTED IN THE DEFENCE FORCES?**
   Then a new website on the recruitment process is worth checking out. Find out about the steps required in selection via a video. See it at: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/recruitmentCentre/canIJoin/default.aspx

4. **PARENT NIGHT AT DEAKIN**
   – Applying for university is an exciting, but often confusing time for students and parents. Deakin’s Parents’ Information Evening provides a chance for parents to have their questions answered. Learn about VTAC applications, the cost of university and changes to Youth Allowance, speak with staff and students about courses, graduate outcomes, scholarships, pathways and support services. **When/Where:** 7-8.30pm, Tues 26 July, Burwood; OR 7-8.30pm Mon 25 July, Geelong Waterfront campus; Register: www.deakin.edu.au/parents.

5. **CAREER EXPO COMING UP**
   - Whether it’s a career as a chef, a fashion designer or a marine biologist, this year’s Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo will hopefully show you the next step in finding a career...over 150 exhibitors will be under one roof to inform you. Seminars on ‘VCE examination strategies that really work’ and so on will run in seminar rooms. **When:** 10am-3pm, 29, 30 & Sun 31 July; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition Centre; **Info:** www.careerexpo.com.au.

6. **WHAT’S HAPPENING AT MONASH?**
   - **ANY CHEMISTRY GUNS??**
     Monash will take 2 smart VCE Chemistry students to form the Blackburn team to compete in this annual 60 team Chemistry Challenge over 2 days of the term 3 holidays. If Chem is your passion, see Mr McGann for full details.

7. **MONASH NEW COURSES FOR 2012**
   **Clayton Campus**
   - Bachelor of Nutrition Science
   - Bachelor of Journalism/Bachelor of Commerce
   **Caulfield Campus**
   - Bachelor of Journalism/Bachelor of Business
   **Berwick Campus**
   - Bachelor of Professional Communication
   - Bachelor of Professional Communication/Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing
   - Bachelor of Social Science
   - Bachelor of Business
   - Bachelor of Business and Commerce/Bachelor of Professional Communication
   - Bachelor of Health Promotion
   - Bachelor of Nursing (Community Health)
   - Bachelor of Social Welfare
   - Bachelor of Education (P-10)
   - Master of Teaching (Secondary)

8. **ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE AT MONASH**
   – Monash uni has announced that the Faculty of Engineering in conjunction with the Faculty of Art and Design are forming a new double degree course which will be the B. Engineering in the field of civil engineering combined with the B. Architecture. The double degree is subject to final approval and is planned for 2012.
## UNI & TAFE OPEN DAYS - 2011

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                                               | Ballarat Campus: Sunday, 28 August (10.00 am - 3.00 pm) |
| *Australian College of Sports Therapy            | Sunday 14th August - 12.00noon-3.00pm  
                                               | Wednesday 17th August - 4.00pm-7.00pm  
                                               | Sunday 11th September - 12.00noon-3.00pm  
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| *Box Hill Institute                              | Sunday 28 August, 10.00 - 3.00pm                   |
| *Deakin University                               | Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds & Waterfront Campus:  
                                               | Sunday 14 August, 10am - 3pm  
                                               | Warrnambool Campus: Sunday 21 August, 10am - 2pm  
                                               | Melbourne Campus Burwood: Sunday 28 August, 10 - 4pm |
| *Holmesglen                                      | Chadstone, Moorabbin and Waverley campus: Saturday 20 August 10am - 3pm |
| *Kangan Institute                                | Richmond Campus: Centre of Fashion  
                                               | Sunday 14 August 10am - 4pm; Wed 31 August 6 - 9pm |
| *Monash University                               | Saturday August 6: Berwick, Gippsland, and Peninsula campuses  
                                               | Sunday 7 August: Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses.  
                                               | *All campuses open 10am - 4pm. |
| *Swinburne University of Technology              | 21 August (10.00am - 4.00pm) at Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran campuses. |
| *University of Ballarat                          | Sunday 28 August                                  |
Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2011 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 5 August 2011.

Eligibility information can be obtained from:

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - 18 July 2011
- Parent applications close - 5 August 2011
- EFT payments - Mid August 2011 onwards
- Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2011
PHOTOGRAPHS OF MUSIC STUDENTS

*Not Too Late To Order!*

For any parents who forgot or were unable to order photos of their children in their black music outfits with instruments on the night of the Winter Concert, you can still order online at: John Travers Photography.

Select: Bands and Choirs
Select: View your photos
Select: Blackburn HS Solo Portraits Ref 211405
Password: Blackburn

(Despite the opportunity - and earnest efforts! - some children were not photographed but please check the site to see what is available. All orders taken on the night have been processed and can be ordered from the site. If for any reason you can't access the site, then they can be viewed up in the Music Centre.)

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VCE SUBJECTS-STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES

There are Student Progress Conferences for Students doing VCE Subjects on Thursday 28th July from 4.30-6.30pm. Bookings can be made using the Parent Portal on Compass up until 9.am on Thursday 28th July.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011 – Term 2

Europe Tour 25/6 – 12/7

Last day of Term 2 1/7

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011 – Term 3

First Day of Term 3 18/7

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