We were treated to a great presentation by the team of students who attended the School for Student Leadership last term at our Staff Meeting this week.

Frey, Sarah, James, James and Antony took us through their presentation on Healthy Living which they will take to Primary Schools later this year. Some of the staff showed hidden talents with their Zumba moves!!
Information nights for Pathways planning 2012.

It was great to see so many students and parents take the opportunity to talk to staff about their courses for Year 10, VCE and future pathways. This process is underway and we are working towards determining our classes for 2012. I would encourage all students to be seeking course counselling advice from our Pathways Leader- Terry McGann and by visiting Tertiary Open Days as students are finalising their course selections. It is vital that students enter their courses by the timelines provided to maximise their opportunity to gain their preferences. If further course advice means making changes, that is possible once you have a course entered.

Alpine School Yr 9

We were treated to a presentation from the six students who attended the Alpine School for Term 2. It was certainly engaging and they got our attention with the staff participating in aerobics as we learnt about healthy living habits. We look forward to hearing more from this team as they complete their Community Learning Project.

Blankets and Knitting!

A great initiative of Nadia Zylan saw many students of both genders, together with school staff knitting away their lunch times to create beautiful blankets that will be given to those more needy than ourselves. (see article later in newsletter).

BER Language Centre- Global Learning Centre

Excitement is mounting as staff held an unofficial opening in the building last Friday and it looks and feels fantastic. Staff have been touring the facility visualising how they can utilise the learning spaces most effectively next year. Music will be moving into this facility until the end of the year whilst their building is being renovated and new components built. The building will be available for touring during the Student Progress Conference for Year 7-10 which will be held on 14th September. There will be an official opening with details to be announced.

Student Absence

I would like to emphasise the importance of students attending every class to maximise their learning opportunities and I would encourage you as parents to support your students in attending. We are currently concerned with the high absence level, we view this as a high priority to maximise student learning outcomes, so we would like to ask you for your support in this matter. If your child is sick please ensure you send a letter of explanation promptly or phone the office. A reminder that VCE has an attendance requirement to attain this qualification. Yes it is important to be at school!

Hockey

Congratulations to our Senior Girls hockey team, ably coached by Mark Pasquali who were runners Up at Zone level. A fantastic achievement!
BUILDING UPDATE

You can see from the photo that staff have looked over the BER building which will become available from Thursday this week for our Music Department to use until the end of the year. During this time the PE Department will move into 601 and the Hall will be demolished. PE, Canteen and Food room will be available early next year for usage. The current Music facilities (apart from 601) will be modified by the end of the year allowing the Music Department to move back in to the building whilst the rest of the facility is completed.

Construction of the gym is progressing well with the steel work well advanced and the roof to be started next week.

Year 7/Admin building is still on track to be available at the end of this term.

There is a huge issue of mud which I know the whole school has had to deal with. I thank all students and their parents for putting up with dirty clothes as a result. We are hoping that this is on the improve, but it does have ramifications for our new facilities which will mean that muddy shoes will need to be removed before entering the building

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal
Upcoming Events
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
Thr 27 Oct  Senior Ensembles Concert 7.30 Besen Centre
Thr 24 Nov  Junior/Intermediate Ensembles Concert 7.30 Yarra Valley GS

Concert Review
The Symphonic Band performed as guests with the Heidelberg Wind Ensemble on Saturday 30 July at Ivanhoe Grammar School. It is not often that the ensemble has the opportunity to perform for an extended period but it gave us the chance to present a variety of works. The band played with flair and confidence. What was very pleasing was that all members of the band managed to pace themselves throughout the performance so that they were not ‘chopped out’ before the end. A number of people commented on the sound and abilities of our students.

Melbourne Schools Bands Festival
Performance times for the following ensembles are as follows:
Aug 10  Intermediate Str orch  2.15 – 4.20pm
Aug 11  Senior Str Orch  7.20pm – 10.20pm
Aug 12  Quattro Strings  8.40-10.45am
Symphony Orch  6.30-9.15pm
Aug 17  Novice band  8.40 – 10.45am
Symphonic Band  6.45 – 9.50pm
Aug 18  Junior Band  8.40-10.45am
Aug 20  Intermediate Stage Band  3.05 – 5.30pm
Aug 21  Senior Stage Band  7.05 – 9.50pm
Aug 22  Junior Stage Band  3.45 – 5.50pm
August 26  Concert Band  7.15 to 10.00 pm.

Students performing in the evening or weekends will need to make their own way to and from Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University.
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.

Percussion Ensembles  Wednesday August 31
Junior Band   Wednesday August 31 (morning departure)
                 To   Thursday September 1 (evening return)
Junior Stage Band  Wednesday August 31 (morning departure)
                 To   Saturday September 3 (morning return)
Intermediate Stage Band  Wednesday August 31 (morning departure for year 8/9)
                 (early afternoon departure for year 10-12)
                 To   Saturday September 3 (morning return)
Senior Stage Band  Wednesday August 31 (morning departure for year 9)
                 (early afternoon departure for year 10-12)
                 To   Saturday September 3 (morning return)
Concert Band   Thursday September 1 (morning departure)
                 To   Sunday September 4 (early afternoon return)
Symphonic Band  Thursday September 1 (morning departure)
                 To   Sunday September 4 (early afternoon return)
Chamber Choir  Saturday September 3 (morning departure)
                 To   Monday September 5 (evening return)
Concert Choir   Sunday September 4 (late morning departure)
                 To   Monday September 5 (evening return)

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.

There are many permission forms that need to be returned. Could you ensure that forms are returned to the office this week so that planning can continue.

Stephen Hardie
Assistant Director of Music
Final Assembly Beaumont Hall

The final assembly in Beaumont Hall will take place on Thursday August 17th at 10:25am. Former student and Olympian Jenny Donnet will speak about her reflection of the school
All welcome!

Free Dress Day & Disco

A Free Dress Day will take place on Friday, August 18th. There will also be a free student disco in the hall at lunchtime to celebrate the last day before Beaumont Hall is taken down. A $2 donation is asked for which will be used for a school project.

Are you leaving next year???

As we are currently organising house groupings for next year we would like to know of any students who may be changing schools next year. If your child is likely to be changing schools please let the General Office know to assist us with our planning.
Knit a square, 44 stitches, 88 rows

Students and staff participated in the worldwide Save the Children’s “Born to Knit Campaign”. Cold wintry days were spent in our warm library trying to learn the skills of knitting, reading instructions and putting together sixteen squares into colourful designs.

It was surprising and enjoyable to see how many students learnt the skills required. The three highly original, warm colourful blankets will be sent to India, Cambodia and wherever they’re needed to keep infants warm. Many students felt proud to be able to do something to stop deaths from pneumonia.

A big thank you to students and staff who participated.

Mrs N. Zylan & Ms. J. Purcell

Maths "Catch Up" Sessions

The Maths Department is running “catch-up” sessions every lunchtime in room 203 from 12:45 to 1:15pm. Students who have fallen behind in either their class work or their homework may be referred to these sessions by their Maths teacher. The session is seen as a way of assisting students to complete work essential to their understanding. Other students are welcome to attend.
Year 11 Art

“Me – Where I Belong”

Teacher – Marina Crescia

My intention in my final piece was to portray myself and my personality. The bigger character on the night is me, it represents my happiness and how I love smiling, laughing and just being generally happy. The puzzle pieces represent all the things I like and how they make me who I am. The smaller figure on the left represents my self-esteem, my insecurities and the sad and crazy side of me. Every single smudge or blood stain on this figure represents different memories or experiences. I hope I have achieved in using bright colours like Andy Warhol did and successfully portrayed my intention.

Lotta Ahveninen

The intention for my final piece was ultimately to give an insight into who makes me: family, friends, pets and strangers. What makes me: prized possessions, interests, quotes, things that make me happy. It expresses the importance of all of these factors with the small portrait against the big background and surroundings. I embrace my fears of entering the water alone, with no fear or regret, forgetting about everything else. My artist of inspiration is Melissa Haslam, an accomplished Australian artist. The simplicity of colours with a dash of gold and silver, representing my life and events that bring sunshine or rain. I hope I have conveyed my meanings and messages and a part of Haslam’s style through my piece.

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1. Reminders
   • Work Experience Year 10s - only 5 weeks to go!!!
   • Last weeks to get your place organised.
   See Mr McGann in the Pathways Office if you have no place yet.

2. 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:

3. 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. Already have 1 interested student.

   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.

4. OPEN DAYS ARE ALMOST HERE – Attendance at university and TAFE Open Days is really important. This is especially so if you plan to apply for a course which requires an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process (art and design, music and drama courses for example). Put the dates in your diary. Year 10 is a great time to start some visits.

5. OPEN DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY – Monash is running a competition where three iPads are up for grabs for the schools with the most student registrations for Open Day on their website (one iPad available for each category being small, medium and large schools). All activities and an Open Day planner are on the website. Register at: www.monash.edu/openday. Check the site out.

6. OPEN DAY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – At La Trobe seven iPads will be on offer. Student guides will be on all campuses with iPads; complete the survey for a chance to win one of your own... See: www.latrobe.edu.au/openday for more information about this offer, and to create your own personalised Open Day itinerary.

   HOW CAN I GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF MY OPEN DAYS VISITS?
   Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:
   • Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
   • Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
   • Speak to staff about courses that interest you - write your questions beforehand
   • Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
   • Collect information/brochures
   • Ask about industry based-learning opportunities
   • Ask about international study opportunities
   • Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
   • Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
   • Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
   • Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a city campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.
**UNI & TAFE OPEN DAYS - 2011**

***Most happening over the next 2 weekends.***

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Great Zone Performances

Last week we had two teams compete in the Eastern Zone finals.

These were our Intermediate Boys Soccer and Senior Girls Hockey.

UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

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
**Dates for Your Diary**

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