School Captain:
Lingyun Li

School Captain:
Caleb Webb

Save the Children Fund - Knitted Blankets

Nadia Zylan, Leigh Heaven and our students have completed an amazing 11 knitted blankets that are going to needy children in Pakistan and Cambodia. Well done to everyone who has participated.
PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

South Street

Congratulations to everyone currently involved in South Street. We wish all students and groups well and thank the staff and parents who have given of their time to support the students. I am looking forward to hearing them perform on Friday, when I visit them at Ballarat.

2011 PARENT OPINION SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN

The use of opinion data as an indicator of school performance is a very important step towards making Blackburn High School the best school it can possibly be. The School and the DEECD annually run anonymous opinion surveys for staff, students and parents. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement. Throughout 2012 we will be using these survey results to guide us in the writing of our new Strategic Plan 2013 - 2016. Parents/guardians are randomly selected by the DEECD. The School does not generate this contact list nor does it write the survey.

If chosen I would ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school. Many parents over the years will have completed these surveys. The package was sent out in the mail last week. We request that parents complete the questionnaire, put it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, write the name and year level of your child on the back of the envelope and return it to the General Office. These were due today but should be returned no later than Monday 5th September 2011.

Sandra Woodman, Principal

A message from your School Nurses…

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all students that you are required to report to the School Nurse who will assess if you need to be sent home due to illness. We ask that you do not phone a parent prior to attending the sick bay. In the event of a student requiring to be sent home due to illness, we will make arrangements and follow the normal procedure of signing out at the General Office.

Many thanks, Karen Parker and Fiona Beveridge
Tristan’s Fantastic Performance in the State Cross Country Final

After Tristan’s magnificent cross country performances in the Whitehorse Division and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals, he went on to compete in the State Cross Country Finals. It was held out at Bundoora Park on 19th July. At this level it is expected that you will be up against some highly trained cross country athletes. In Tristan’s section, the 13 Years Boys, there were just over 100 runners and of these 100 runners, Tristan finished in 11th place, with only 1 second separating 9th and 11th place. Although Tristan plays football and basketball out of school, he has never trained to be a runner, which makes this result even more amazing. Tristan has also qualified to compete in the 800m and the 1500m events at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional level in athletics.

Congratulations Tristan!

Ms. Roche—Sport Co-ordinator
FAREWELL BEAMONT HALL

Well what a great farewell we gave Beamont Hall last week. On Thursday we had a rocking last assembly.

The assembly began with a fantastic performance by the Senior Strings Orchestra. This was followed by the introduction of Jenny Donnet who attended the school from 1975-1980. Whilst still at Blackburn, Jenny was selected as a diver for the Moscow Olympics. She went on to represent Australia at four Olympic Games and was the flag bearer for the Barcelona Olympics.

Jenny spoke beautifully about her time at the school and how it helped shape her life. Her speech was followed by a great dance performance by a group of girls led by Hepi Tuiomo. The final act was by rock band “After the Curfew” who rocked us all out of the hall.

The final act was played out on Friday with a student disco organised by the SRC. The disco was attended by lots of kids and DJ Craig Mitchell did a great job in farewelling Beaumont Hall.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR STUDENTS WHO LIKE WRITING

Our local State member of parliament Dee Ryall (former Blackburn High student) has alerted us to the Youth Central Roving Reporter program.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our senior students (16-24yo) to contribute news, reviews and articles to the Youth Central website http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/

Not only is becoming a roving reporter a great way to develop professional writing skills, it’s also a brilliant way to build up a writing portfolio, to score the occasional free movie, CD or book, to meet heroes, get inspired by other peoples’ stories and represent our local community on a state wide stage.

For more information please contact dee.ryall@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dee Ryall also hosted our School Captains and Vice Captains to a lunch last week. She spoke to the students about leadership, difficulties and success stories and gave her opinion on a wide range of issues.

This was a great opportunity for our leaders to chat candidly to a member of parliament and we thank Dee for the opportunity.

LUNCHTIME SOCCER

Ms Davidson’s lunchtime Soccer competition has been going strongly with more than 20 teams playing their round robin matches. It’s now finals time and we will wait to see who will be the newly crowned champions. Thanks to all the students who have been umpiring matches and for Ms Davidson giving up all her lunchtimes for the last few weeks.
1. **Reminders**
   - Work Experience Year 10s - only 2 weeks to go!!!
   - Last week to get your place organised.
     See Mr McGann in the Pathways Office if you have no place yet.

2. **YEAR 12 STUDENTS** – If you are applying for courses for 2012, VTAC encourages you to either:
   - Subscribe to the applicant blog (http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com/) or
   - See VTAC on Facebook (http://facebook.com/pages/VTAC-Victorian-Tertiary-Admissions-Centre/14231095700606)
   Or follow VTAC on Twitter (http://twitter.com/?lang=en&logged_out=!/vtacguide)

**OTHER NEWS for YEAR 12s**

**SCHOLARSHIP for 2012 in Sports Therapy at AUST COLLEGE of SPORTS THERAPY**

Interested in the 2 ½ year Advanced Diploma in Sports Therapy at ACST next year?? You can get FEE-HELP but you just may well be able to get a scholarship to help along the way!! This can then lead on to a Bachelor Degree in Exercise Science at ACU (Aust Catholic University) and you get 80 points credit towards it for having done the Advanced Diploma. See Mr McGann for full details.

VTAC – The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) manages applications for courses taught by universities, TAFE’s and independent providers. The 2012 VTAC Guide is now available. If you wish to apply for courses for 2012 you will need to use the Guide. You can borrow a Reference Copy from the Pathways Office or buy your own copy from newsagents for $15. It gives details of courses available, prerequisites, last year's ATAR (to use as an indication of what might be required) and how to apply. Applications are on-line at www.vtac.edu.au and it is possible to apply for up to 12 courses. Application costs $25 if you pay by credit card at the time of application or $35 if you ask for an invoice to be sent.

**SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – Booklets describing this scheme are now available at school. SEAS is the umbrella program run by most institutions for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage. The program plays a very specific function in selection. It allows selection officers to grant extra consideration for course entry to applicants, but it is not used as a replacement for course entry requirements. There are six categories within SEAS. Not all institutions recognise all categories.

- Category 1 – Personal information and location
- Category 2 – Non-English speaking background
- Category 3 – Difficult circumstances
- Category 4 – Disadvantaged financial background
- Category 5 – Disability or medical condition
- Category 6 – SNAP (RMIT) and SALT (La Trobe Uni)

If you believe you may be eligible under one of these categories, collect a booklet about SEAS.

3. **ENGINEERING INFORMATION EVENING** – for future students/parents to hear from staff and students at Monash.  
   **When:** 6.30-9.30pm, 8 Sept; **Where:** Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton campus; **Register:** sarina.kennedy@monash.edu

4. **WHAT'S THE NEWS AROUND THE UNIS? - DEAKIN UNIVERSITY?**

   Deakin has the following new courses for 2012:
   - **Bachelor of Network Engineering** (Melbourne campus) – interdisciplinary course covering the design deployment and management aspects of modern day communication networks, addressing them from engineering and information technology perspectives. Designed to equip graduates with skills in-demand by employers for roles in this critical field.
• Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science (Geelong Waurn Ponds) – provides a broad understanding of the current field of zoology. Learn about the diversity, ecology, behaviour, physiology, biochemistry, genetics and evolutionary biology of animals.

• Bachelor of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Warrnambool) – ability to study fisheries and aquaculture as a combined program. Fisheries resource management, aquaculture management, and fisheries biology with a focus on sustainability. Good job prospects in a growing field.

➢ Changes to courses at Deakin

• Journalism at Deakin – In 2012 Deakin will offer a new Journalism major at the Melbourne campus under the Bachelor of Arts.

• The existing Bachelor of Physical Education has been restructured and it is now the Bachelor of Health and Physical Education.

• The current Bachelor of Creative Arts (Graphic Design) has been re-named the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Communication and Design) to better reflect the course content.

➢ Did you know? The Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT) offers diplomas in association with Deakin University, providing an alternative pathway into university studies. Courses are offered in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication, and science. See: www.mibt.vic.edu.au.

➢ Box Hill Institute and Deakin university have published a pathways pamphlet showing how to move from a Box Hill diploma to a Deakin degree and the amount of credit received; see Learning Pathways to Degrees at www.boxhill.edu.au.

➢ Deakin Non-School Leaver Information Evening – thinking of going back to study after a break? Then you may wish to attend this session. When: 6.30-8.30pm, Thurs 15 Sept; Where: Melbourne campus; Info/register: www.deakin.edu.au/nslevening.

➢ The new Optometry course at Deakin (Vision Science) is not in the VTAC Guide. Apply using Code 15541.

---

**SWINBURNE NEWS** - Swinburne is both a university and a TAFE. The Swinburne Guaranteed Entry Scheme gives students a guaranteed spot in an undergraduate degree when they successfully complete their diploma or advanced diploma. Students who complete a Swinburne diploma will be exempt from at least one year of study in a degree, or one and a half years for a Swinburne advanced diploma. See: www.swinburne.edu.au/ges.

➢ Parent Information Evening at Swinburne – Year 10-12 students/parents are invited to find out about the VTAC application process, courses and pathways. When: 6-7.30pm, Wed 7 Sept; Where: Hawthorn and Lilydale campuses; Info/Register: 9214 8904; mdaknach@swin.edu.au.

➢ Science Experience – This is a fun three days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students hosted by Swinburne. Participate in hands-on workshops and interactive demonstrations across all sorts of science activities, under the guidance of university scientists and students. For example, understand forensic investigation, how to make slime (and the chemistry involved), how to build an electronic die. When: 6-7.30pm, Tues 20 – Thurs 22 Sept; Where: Hawthorn; Info: ph 8288 1001, www.scienceexperience.com.au

➢ Swinburne Lilydale – offers a 5-point ATAR bonus, applicable to selected schools. See: www.lilydale.swinburne.edu.au/atarbonus. You ATAR will be adjusted automatically during VTAC selection period if you apply for a Lilydale course and attend a nominated school.

---

5. **WANTING TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY?** There will be an information night for prospective students of psychology at 7.30pm on Wed 14 Sept; Details in next CareerNews. Put the date in your diary.

---

**UNI & TAFE OPEN DAYS - 2011 (almost done)**

***Great to hear so many students went to these.***

---

**AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE of SPORTS THERAPY**

| Sunday 11th September - 12.00noon-3.00pm |
| Wednesday 14th September - 4.00pm-7.00pm |

Terry McGann
Director of Pathways
STUDENTS LEARN @ OUR ICENTRE

VCE students are encouraged to make the most of the iCentre in the lead up to their exams. Term 3 is traditionally known as ‘crunch time’ in schools where study time is crucial to end of year results.

The iCentre (formerly known as the Library Resource Centre) fully supports our VCE students with their study requirements. We are open from 8.15 – 4pm each week day and all of lunchtime. Students can choose to work in the silent study area or small group work area. There are computers, text resources and a teacher librarian on hand at all times to assist.

The iCentre website is also being upgraded to provide ready access to a range of websites that will assist VCE students. Have a look at these websites that provide information on research skills, study tips, essay writing and VCE results.


http://countdowntocrunchtime.webs.com/ Countdown to Crunchtime is a discussion forum for VCE students to gain further information or assistance with their study.

http://www.merspi.com.au/ Merspi is a forum for students to ask questions and receive answers on any topic related to VCE.


http://www.vtac.edu.au/ The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre contains information about tertiary courses and applying for them.

The Victorian Education Department has provided access to World Book Encyclopedia Online. This is a database of encyclopedia articles on a vast range of topics. The iCentre has also subscribed to three additional databases – Living Green, Early Peoples and Inventions and Discoveries to further enhance your child’s education and research on these topics.

Continued over page.............
STUDENTS LEARN @ OUR ICENTRE

World Book Encyclopedia Online is available at school through the iCentre website and from home. Students need to go to http://www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au/library/library.htm then click on the ‘Research’ icon or the ‘What’s New!’ icon. They then click on the ‘World Book’ icon and enter the user name (blackburnhs) and password (student) to access the information.

Val Weber, Teacher Librarian and iCentre Manager

Dates for Your Diary

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14/09/2011</td>
<td></td>
<td>Student Parent Conference Y7-10</td>
<td>Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21/09/2011</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>School Council</td>
<td>Staff Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/10/2011</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>Chaplaincy meeting</td>
<td>Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011 – Term 4

Term 4 – Step Up Program

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term Dates</th>
<th>Term 1</th>
<th>Term 2</th>
<th>Term 3</th>
<th>Term 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road
Blackburn 3130
Postal Address: blackburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
P.O. Box 114
Blackburn 3130

Telephone: (+613) 9878 4477
Facsimile: (+613) 9894 2435
Absences: absences.bhs@blackburnhs.vic.edu.au
E-mail: blackburn.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
Web: http://www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

Music Department:
Telephone: (+613) 9894 4572
Facsimile: (+613) 9894 2751