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Royal Melbourne Show School Competition
Retirement of Kim McMahon

I would like to publicly express the thanks and appreciation of the School Community to Kim McMahon who is retiring this week after 23 years at Blackburn High School. Kim demonstrated a dedicated approach to teaching, in terms of professionalism and relationships with students and staff. I would like to wish her all the best in her new life of leisure and relaxation and thank her for her valuable contribution to the English Learning Area. She was a great teacher and I know she will be missed by her students and staff alike.

City Experience Presentations

It was great to see so many parents supporting their students in the presentation of their learning's form the City Experience. Thankyou to the many staff who supported this program ad it appears the students gained valuable insights during this experience.

High Resolves

The annual Melbourne University summit was held this week where students from schools throughout Melbourne, who are participating in this program, came together to discuss their actions and interact with each other. This was a great day with notable speeches from community leaders. This program will inform our curriculum for the Global Learning Program for Year 9 students next year. I have included a copy of the postcard our students designed at the beginning of the program to reflect their intercultural understandings and it will be interesting to assess their views, following this program.

Sandra Woodman

Examinations

Students were given exam timetables in assemblies today. Students with clashes should see their Year Level Coordinator as soon as possible to re-schedule one of the exams. If a student is ill during exams, please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator to re-schedule the exam. Please note that students in Years 10 and 11 are required to attend only when they have scheduled exams during the exam period. However, if students have more than one exam on a day, they cannot leave school between exams. Students should use the time when they do not have exams to study and prepare for the exams.

Jane Richards
Assistant Principal
5 Students entered the Schools Cookery Division of the Royal Melbourne School.

James Anfruns for Cake Decorating  
Daisy Agius for Decorating Gingerbread Man  
Brieannan Dejong for Decorated plaque  
Catherine Martin for Decorated cupcakes  
Hayley Short for Chocolate Chip Cookies

These students entered the schools division of the show. Congratulations to all students for their time and dedication in their lunchtimes and after school. Brieannan and Catherine obtained a commendation for their work. Well done.
Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields". These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I, their brilliant red color an appropriate symbol for the blood spilled in the war.

And now please observe the poem “In Flanders fields” to be read by ........... this will be followed by a minutes silence dedicated to those who have died or suffered as a result of all wars.

Poem. “In Flanders fields”

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)

Today we had a brief ceremony as part of our assemblies to mark Remembrance Day.
Upcoming events

Sunday 13 November  Concare MLC    SSB
Thur 24 November  Inter/Jnr Concert 7.30pm, Ringwood.
Sat 3 Dec  Mont Albert PS Fete    JSB
Dec 5-7  String Workshop
Wed 7 Dec  String Workshop Concert, Mullauna College 7.30pm
Thur 8 Dec  Dance Sports    SSB
Thurs 15 Dec  Year 7 Soiree – Brass, Winds, Percussion
Tues 20 Dec  Presentation Night

Junior and Intermediate Ensembles Concert

All member of the school community are invited to the Junior and Intermediate Ensembles Concert and celebrate the achievements and talents of our music students. It will again be held in the George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar School, Kalinda Rd, Ringwood and will start at 7pm on 24th November. Tickets are available from the Music Office @ Adult $13, Family $28 and Child/Concession $7.

String Workshop

A number of our string students will be involved in the String Workshop held in the first week of December. The workshop involves musicians from across the Region and involves a number of staff assisting who also teach at other schools. Many of these students do not have the regular opportunity to play amidst a large body of string instruments, and as such this is an important opportunity for them to have such an experience. My thanks to Robyn Carrington and Maureen Saliba for their work in putting it all together.

Auditions

All students in Years 7-11 are currently undertaking auditions for ensembles in 2012. Students should have noted the time of their audition on the board in the Global Learning Centre and should make sure they arrive before time in order to warm up.

Audition Tips:

- Spend time working on technical material
- Listen to the excerpt on the intranet so that you can hear the context
- Before going in, get your mind into gear. Hear the excerpt and sing your part.
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA CAMP 2012 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

At this stage there has been little interest in a tour of Central Australia going ahead (less than ten students have given in an expression of interest form). Students/parents need to either email the organisers or complete the form below and hand it to the office to show interest in the tour. Unless a MINIMUM of 40 students show interest in a tour for 2012 it will not go ahead. The decision to proceed/not proceed with the tour will be made on Monday 14 November.

In the 2010 CA tour students flew to Yulara (near Uluru-Ayers Rock) from Melbourne and flew back to Melbourne from Darwin. A second option is for students to travel via express coach (24 hour direct) to Central Australia and fly back from Darwin. It is about $300 cheaper to drive to Central Australia compared to flying. The itineraries would be similar with the exception for the extra coach travel for the cheaper option. The tour would begin on or around Monday 17 September 2012, which is the last week of Term 3. Students in Year 10 either reschedule or forfeit the option of Work Experience to allow them to go on the camp.

The costs:

- 9 Day Northern Territory Tour (air/air) $1900
- 11 Day Northern Territory Tour (express coach/air) $1600

Regards,
Ron Hansen and Christine Simpson – tour organisers
Email: hansen.ronald.b@edumail.vic.gov.au; simpson.christine.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please return to the school office by: Friday 11 November
I am interested in my child ____________________________ of class ________ attend the Central Australia Camp in 2012.

My preference is for the tour listed below (please put preference.)

☐ 9 Day Northern Territory Tour (air/air) $1900
☐ 11 Day Northern Territory Tour (express coach/air) $1600

I would be happy for my child to attend either tour/ only the 9day/11day tour.

__________________________________  __________________
Signature of parent/guardian  Date

Please note: a $100 deposit will be required by Friday December 2 to confirm a place on the tour. Again, decisions regarding whether the tour will proceed will be on the basis of deposits being made by that date.
JANINE FITZGERALD

Qualified for state 6 Victoria championship FINALS in gymnastics
She placed 5\textsuperscript{th} in the beam and scored a 13.25 out of 15.
80 girls competed only 32 got through to finals.
She was placed 20\textsuperscript{th} over all.
The finals will be held in Geelong, in November.
Last Thursday all Year 7 students visited Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of their Endangered Species investigation. At the Zoo, students explored a number of different activities: came face to face with herds of giraffe, rhino, antelope and zebra on a guided safari adventure across the savannah; participated at a discovery session about habitat loss and illegal wildlife trade facilitated by passionate wildlife experts; discovered an African village and walking trails through native grassland.

All activities provided great entertainment and valuable learning opportunities for students, who were encouraged to connect with wildlife, build knowledge and develop skills that will enable them to care for the natural world.
ART CORNER

Year 10 Visual Communication “Mixed Media Still –Lifes”

Students have completed their still-lifes by choosing four different media. They had a choice of chalks, crayons, coloured pencils, textas, water colour, acrylic paint, conte’ and charcoal.

Teacher Ms Marian Crescia
BOOKSALE: ENGLISH WORKBOOKS FOR SALE 2012

Dear Parents,

In previous years, the English Faculty, have requested that your children buy and use these workbooks in English class to help develop their critical thinking and language analysis skills (that are an important part of the curriculum) and lead to improvements in these skills in the senior levels.

This year, as it has proven to be difficult to get students to purchase from the office in the past, we have thought of having a Book sale along the lines of The Literature Circles Book Fair in order to make it easy to purchase these workbooks from the supplier at a reasonable price.

They will be on sale the day of the Second Hand Bookfair down the hall in 521 on the second floor of the 500 Block on the 9th of December 2011 from 9.00 am. If it is not convenient for you to purchase them on this date, there will be a second date early in the new year for these books to be bought. Date is to be in the newsletter early next year.

Below are the prices for the various year levels that will be using the workbooks in the English classes.

If you have any queries, please feel free to call the English Coordinator, Mrs Pantazopoulos the school on 8804-6464.

Language analysis workbooks authored by Dr J Minter.

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Movember: One Week Down

With one week of Movember down, the BHS Mad Mo Bros are keenly pushing out their moustaches in support of men’s health.

We’re extremely pleased to welcome Mr Hardie to the team, and we’re stoked that Mr Bourke (who’s certainly sporting the meanest mo at the moment) could make it into the photo this week.

Please remember that if you would like to support our efforts, you can make a donation by going to http://mobro.co/AaronBear. Alternatively, you can give a donation straight to me or Michael Mauer and we’ll get a receipt for you.

Thanks for your support.

Aaron Bear
Blackburn Mad Mo Bros Team Captain
A reminder that applications for school sport leaders & sport house leaders 2012 are now due!

Opportunities for school sport leaders include:

- School Sport Captains / Vice Captains
- Athletics Captain
- Swimming Captain

The Sport House Leader program is a great opportunity for students in all year levels to take on a leadership role in the school and to be a part of what are set to be exciting times, with the introduction of our new houses:

Melba / Freeman / Hollows / Dunlop

Be a part of history as our very first sport house leaders for the new houses!

A reminder that Year 7s, you can apply for sport house leaders positions and we are really looking forward to seeing some of you on our new leadership team!

Please take the application home over the weekend, discuss it with your parents and return it to Mrs. Roche next week.

Applications are attached to this weeks newsletter
BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL
Sport and Sport House Leaders 2012

NAME : __________________ FORM GROUP ____________________________

Sporting Involvement and / or Leadership roles at school.
___________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________

Why would you like to be a sport or house leader?
___________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________

POSITIONS
(Please circle the position/s you are interested in)

- School Sport Captain
- Swimming Captain
- Athletics Captain
- Junior Sport House Leader (Yr 8-9, 2012)
- Senior Sport House Leader (Yr 10-12, 2012)

Please return Applications to Ms. Roche or one of the Phys.Ed teachers.

Applications Close Friday 11th November
The school is publishing this advertisement because it may interest some students, but the school is unable to endorse this.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 7 Student Achieves Writing Success

When Kalina Taylor was in Grade 5 at Old Orchard Primary School she submitted a story called “The Disaster at the Zoo” in a writing competition for students in Australia, New Zealand and USA. She had no idea where that would lead.

Her story was selected for publication in a magazine called Xtreme Read. This publication was for the best of the submissions for that year. She recently received notification that the story has been judged as being in the top 15% of entrants for the Competition for the years 2005 – 2011.

Writers in the top 15% category have been awarded Honoured Writers status. As a special tribute to the competition’s Honoured Writers Kalina has been asked to submit a piece of writing for a competition that is by invitation only. Kalina has the opportunity to submit the same story or write a new piece.

Honoured Writers will have their works published in an anthology called Honoured Writers 2011. This anthology will be special hardback edition with gold foiling. It is designed to last for generations.

This is an outstanding achievement for any young student. However it is particularly special for Kalina as she has the added challenge of coping with dyslexia.

The competition is conducted by Write4Fun which is a company formed to enhance the writing abilities of Primary and High School students throughout Australia, New Zealand and USA. The competitions are designed to educate young children beyond the boundaries of the classroom and open their minds to their own creativity and thoughts and to see their work in print.

Dates for Your Diary

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Early Start VCE Booklist - Students in VCE 2012 (Year 10 and Year 11 2011)

The Early Start English booklist was given out to students in Years 10 and 11 this week. There is an opportunity to purchase English novels before the holidays so that students can use their summer break to start reading. The booklist must be returned to the General Office by Friday 18th November and the books can be collected from the school Library at lunchtime on Friday 2nd December. Please note that this is a pre-paid service and requires a credit card or money order. No cheques will be accepted.

There is also an opportunity to purchase some of the books at the Secondhand Textbook sale on Friday 9th December. If your child missed getting this booklist, spare copies are available from the General Office.