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Jamie Oliver
Home Cooking Skills
Remembrance Day

On Thursday the 11th November, our students, together with Mark Pasquali attended the Remembrance Day Service held by Blackburn RSL at Morton Park.

There was a healthy crowd gathered to remember the service people who had represented their country. Plaques were dedicated and placed on the memorial, which was followed by a minute’s silence and the laying of wreaths.

Blackburn High School was represented by the Yr 7 Form Captains. Individuals were then asked to place a poppy on the memorial to remember the service people. Whilst at school we marked Remembrance Day with a lone bugler, Sam Davies, who played the ‘Last Post’, superbly. We marked the occasion with a minutes silence and were joined by all the builders who were on site.

Jamie Oliver Launch

We were excited to be selected as the official Victorian school to launch the Jamie Oliver healthy food choices program. Callum Hahn, Master Chef Runner Up was on hand to lead our students through a demonstration. Congratulations to Tess Monda for her initiative in becoming involved in this program, and to Sam Clifton for her support with the organisation of the day. We were joined by Dee Ryall, our local Member of Parliament, Carolyn Nette, School Council President, and many members of the print media.

Sandra Woodman

Principal
Is Melbourne a sustainable city? This was the question on everybody’s lips during the City Experience Presentation Night on Thursday 10th November in the Global Learning Centre. The presentations were well attended by staff, students and parents. The quality of the presentations were impressive, where students used a range of ICT and printed displays to address and either prove or disprove their hypothesis. The creativity to the displays was outstanding where individual flair and skills were evident. The use of ICT by students to address their hypothesis was impressive. There was a good feeling in the BER during the evening where parents were providing positive feedback to students and staff.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Year 9 City Experience. It was a big project to organise and coordinate. At particular times it has been challenging for staff involved. The aim was to link to the 2012 Global Learning Program where students are given opportunities for higher-order thinking activities embedded in scientific research. The focus this year was Mathematics and Science.

A good time was had by all during our week in the city. Students have made many positive comments back at school, as have staff and a number of parents. I am grateful to everyone who has provided constructive feedback to improve the program in the future. Mrs. Collins and I will examine feedback from staff, parents and students to improve the program in 2012. The program will be integrated into the 2012 Year 9 Program.

Thank you for embracing the activity. It could not have happened without your time, effort and commitment. A special thanks to Year 9 students who participated so well in the program. I was most impressed with the way they conducted themselves in the city where they represented the school admirably. Credit must go to Mrs. Collins and Mrs Strahan for their tireless efforts throughout the year. I am appreciative of Mr Bate’s support where he was in charge on the Wednesday and Thursday in the city.

Blackburn High school, but in the corridors of government and major corporations.

Regards,
Geoff Vezey, Junior School Leader

BLACKBURN

STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHARE THE JOY OF MUSIC WITH LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Blackburn High School has built an enviable reputation as one of the leading music schools in Australia. The ensemble performance program is second to none. There are over 20 ensembles including a full symphony orchestra, three string orchestras, two choirs, four wind bands, three jazz stage bands, plus brass, percussion, and flute ensembles and numerous small chamber groups.

In the spirit of community service and music education some of these ensembles are sharing their talents with students at local primary schools. The Junior Stage band has already performed for 475 students at Rangeview Primary School and next Monday ensembles will perform at Donvale Primary School and Whitehorse Primary School.

Blackburn High School music magic will also be enjoyed by Box Hill North Primary School, Mitcham Primary School and Antonio Park.

At the conclusion of the community music program Blackburn students will have performed to over 2,000 students. Hopefully they will be inspired to follow in our students’ footsteps and join in the joy of music making.

BOOKLISTS

Booklist will be posted home this week. The package includes re-enrolment information and information about the secondhand book sale. Booklists are due back on Wednesday 14th December.
BUILDING UPDATE

We are now reaching the “pointy” end of the year and also the building program in preparing the school for works that need to be done over the school holiday period when students are not here. As you will be aware the staff will all be moving into their new House areas by the end of the month.

This will mean the 200 Block will be emptied and ready for demolition (Eastern end). Much of this work will be done out of school hours.

In setting up for 2012 school year the following has to occur:-

- Setting up each House Staff work area which includes workspaces, shelving, storage, computer access and photocopying facilities
- Setting up House Leader and Support Staff Offices
- Moving of lockers to each House area
- Painting some of the current areas in House colours
- Setting up the New Year 12 common room and quiet work area
- Moving all the ICT infrastructure to the Learning Centre (Library) from the 200 Block
- Moving PE out of 601
- Having 601 painted and floor sanded and polished, return 601 to Music for 2012 rehearsals and teaching
- Signage for all the rooms in the House areas
- Placement of new furniture (most of which is on-site) in the GLC/Year 7 building.

Timing of the Building Program:-
At this stage we may have completion of the Gym complex by the beginning of next year but we can’t be certain of this. As a result we are assuming this will not happen and that Food Tech, Student Cafe, Gym and Staff room will not be ready by the start of the year and they will remain where they are. We are planning to move these facilities when it will cause the least disruption to student programs.

Music facilities are due to be on-line by May 2012
We are still hoping that we will go straight into stage two. This announcement will be made in May next Year.

Tim Dalton
Assistant Principal Facilities Coordinator

200 BLOCK

To All Parents and Students

As per previous notification in my building reports the Admin area of the 200 block will be closed from the end of this month. The advice from the builder is that when demolition occurs we will need to close the entire block. Whilst the view of the Project Manager and DEECD Health and Safety Officer is that this is not necessary the School Council last night decided to close the entire wing when admin is demolished for reasons of safety.

The result of this is:-

During “step-Up” Students will have their classes in the new Year 7 building, 400 and 500 blocks.

Students will have to walk around the 200 block to access the 400 block

Students can wear their complete PE Uniform to and from school when they have PE and Sport for the “Step-Program” as 601 and the change rooms are no longer available for PE.

All students wishing to sell their books should be handing their books in on either Friday 2nd, Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th December.

By the end of Wednesday 7th all lockers must be emptied as they will either be inaccessible (200 block) or are going to be moved into the new House locations.

Tim Dalton, Assistant Principal
Do you care about animals? Will you be willing to make a difference to stop Animal Cruelty? If yes then you have come to the right place. A group of Blackburn High Students have participated in “High Resolves” coming up with a program to stop Animal Cruelty.

We have brainstormed ideas to reduce animal cruelty creating a Five Day Challenge where each day you have to give up a certain type of product that harms animals. We’ve designed a booklet to guide you to some types of food you should give up eating while participating in this challenge, also recommending products you should buy. We have information about food that causes trouble not only to your health but to animals.

We will also be hanging posters around the school to raise awareness and for you to acknowledge more about animal cruelty and what you can do to change it.

This will be an exciting challenge to make a difference not only to you but to help animals out there that are struggling to survive.

Feel free to sign up and participate in this activity to stop Animal Cruelty. The challenge starts on Monday 21st November and ends on Friday 25th November. The signup sheets and booklet will be located in the office.
Upcoming events

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

Junior and Intermediate Ensembles Concert - Thur 24 November
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.

Tickets are available from the Music Office @ Adult $13, Family $28 and Child/ Concession $7.

Details

Arrival time: all performers no later than 7:00pm

Dress: Performance Dress. (NB: Black socks and clean shoes)

Concert

- Students must be assembled backstage, TWO items before they perform. Otherwise, go to upper balcony as audience.
- Good tuning and personal presentation is your responsibility!
- Best behavior is expected during the concert. There should be no talking during items and ALL phones will be turned off.
After Performing

- All music needs to go back in crates immediately after playing.
- Return to your seat in Balcony to support the other groups

After Concert

- Please go backstage and help carry gear to truck. This will only take a few minutes if everyone helps.
- We anticipate the concert will conclude by approx. 10:20pm.

Parents and students: please stay for the entire program. This is the culmination of the year’s musical work for our students and it is important that all students remain to support other ensembles and also assist in moving all gear backstage.

Reviews

The Senior Stage Band performed at the Concare Concert at MLC Auditorium last Sunday. The band took control of the venue and played Little Brown Jug, Marmalade Coloured Sky among others. It was an impressive performance. My thanks to Andy O’Connell for making the gig a reality.

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.
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA CAMP 2012 (FOR STUDENTS IN 10 & 11)

A number of students have expressed an interest in the Central Australia Camp for 2012. The type of tour for 2012 will be a 10 Day Northern Territory Tour (express coach/air) at the cost of $1600 to students. The tour will start with an express bus trip to Central Australia and will fly back from Darwin.

The tour will visit significant places of interest in Central Australia (Kata Juta, Uluru, Alice Springs) as well as places further north (Kakadu and Litchfield National parks, Katherine George, Darwin). There will be much bus travel as the distances between places of interest are quite large.

The 2010 tour was quite significant as a number of previous tours had been cancelled due to insufficient interest from students and parents at BHS (also, the Year 10 Formal was cancelled this year due to a lack of deposits being made). A minimum number of students (40) need to be attending for the tour to proceed.

The cost: 10 Day Northern Territory Tour (express coach/air) $1600

The time schedule for regular payments:

$100 deposit by Friday December 2 (for tour to proceed)

$170 Instalment by 10 February 2012

$300 Instalment by 30 March 2012

$300 Instalment by 27 April 2012

$300 Instalment by 25 May 2012

$300 Instalment by 29 June 2012

$130 final payment by 20 July 2012

Ron Hansen and Christine Simpson – tour organisers

Email: hansen.ronald.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please return to the school office by: Friday December 2

I am interested in my child ____________________________ of class ________ attend the Central Australia Camp in 2012. The tour will leave Melbourne on Monday September 17 and return on either 27 or 28 September 2012 (depending on flight availability).

☐ 10 Day Northern Territory Tour (express coach/air) $1600

A $100 deposit is included with this note (unless already paid) to confirm a place on the tour

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Signature of parent/guardian Date

Please note: A minimum of 40 students need to pay a deposit in 2011 for the tour to proceed. In the event that less than 40 students are interested in the tour then the deposit will be refunded.
**MOVEMBER**

Hello again everyone,

It’s time for another moggness report as we pass the **Movember** halfway mark. As you can see the Blackburn HS Mad Mo Bros’ mean moustaches are clearly turning us into a bunch of the **toughest teachers going around**. Astonishingly, one of us is so tough that he has somehow managed to grow a completely different mo from the one he was sporting last week! Amazing!

Please remember that it’s all in the name of raising awareness and funds for **men’s health**, specifically **prostate cancer** and **depression in men**.

If you would like to **support our noble mo growing efforts**, you can make a donation by going to [http://mobro.co/AaronBear](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

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**BOOKSALE: ENGLISHWORKS 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 8.00 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 at the school on 8804-6464.

Language analysis workbooks authored by Dr J Minter.

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A REMINDER THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL SPORT LEADERS & SPORT HOUSE LEADERS 2012 ARE NOW DUE!

Opportunities for school sport leaders include:

School Sport Captains
Athletics Captain
Swimming Captain

The Sport House Leaders 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!

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!

Applications are attached to this week's 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?

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________________________________________________________________________

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 18th November
ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1991 20th Year Reunion

Venue: Belgian Beer Café Bluestone, 557 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, enter via Moubray st. We will be in the garden area if weather permits.

Date: Saturday 26th November 2011

Time: 12pm—onwards

How to get there: Car/-recommend public transport—Get off at Tram Stop 26, St Kilda Rd.

Name Tags Provided on the day.

Food and Drinks: People can purchase their own food and drinks at the venue. Lots of beers and Belgian food to try out, as well as your traditional pub meals.

Web Link: www.bluestone@bbcmelb.com

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