Principal’s Perspective

School Captains 2012

Congratulations to Selene Messinis and Andrew Woods our new school Captains for 2012. I look forward to working closely with both Andrew and Selene throughout the year. They will be fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the many students who nominated for these roles. It is significant that so many of our students have such a high calibre of leadership skills.

Step Up Program

There has been a lot of excitement around the school in recent weeks. Our Year 7 students were seen running (in a controlled manner) to view class lists as they began their Step Up Program. This initiative ensures a productive end of year for all students and to get a ‘head start’ on studies for 2012, which is particularly important for our VCE students. This has been well received and we congratulate all students on their exemplary attendance and engagement with the program. A big thank you to staff who have undertaken their planning and are delivering quality programs. It is a feature of the dedication and commitment of our staff to ensuring the best outcomes possible for our students.

To ensure a smooth transition into this program we required our 2012 timetable to be ready, which is a massive achievement. Congratulations to Maureen Saliba and Tim Dalton for making this happen, all staff and students are well prepared to begin 2012.

I would also like to acknowledge our parents’ contribution to our learning partnership in supporting their students attendance for this program.
**Parent and Student Thank you**

I would like to thank our parents and students for supporting our staff last week through the difficult process of moving offices. This is a large undertaking as all staff were required to move locations in addition to spending time developing their capacities as ‘mentor’ teachers for 2012. We are very excited with the new changes and look forward to these new programs.

**Global Learning Program**

It was with great excitement that the Step Up Program for Year 9 students has begun, with half of the cohort beginning our Global Learning Program. Congratulations to the team of Janice Collins, Aaron Bear and Naomi Jallais with the help of a team of staff throughout the year have planned and developed the exciting new curriculum that will see our students developing their capacities as global citizens. The program has begun with increasing their awareness of their collective identity and social justice. This is an exciting new initiative where students will lead their learning and create inquiry questions around the theme of ‘What matters?’ It will see the students developing connections with students from schools across the globe, where these connections will develop into actions or products.

**Presentation Evening**

This will be held on Tuesday 20th December at Box Hill Town Hall and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Hats for Summer**

I would encourage all of our students to wear a hat during their PE or Sport classes in Term 4, this is an essential item in line with ‘Sunsmart’ policies.

**Drop off Zone**

As the new carpark opens in the next few weeks at the front of the school. I would ask parents to respect the new area as Staff car parking and use the drop off zone and visitors parking areas that are located close to Springfield Road. Parents need to actually drive into the drop off zone and not stop in the middle of the road to ensure all of our students are kept safe as they alight from cars.
New Houses Take Shape

Our staff has now moved into the new House areas in the following locations:
Freeman – Year 7 Centre and 400 Block
Dunlop – Global Learning Centre and 200 Block
Hollows – First floor of 500 Block
Melba – Top Floor of 500 Block

We had a very productive training session with staff last week where we worked in House teams to set up the Mentor Program and develop the Learning to Learn Program. There are lots of great ideas for developing the House culture.

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![Dunlop Leader](image1.png)  ![Assistant Leader](image2.png)

![Freeman Leader](image3.png)  ![Assistant Leader](image4.png)
We will have four House Captains, one representing each of our Houses in 2012. These positions will be open to students in Year 12 only and the selection process will take place early in 2012. The four House Leaders and the School Captains will form the Student Executive providing the student voice on school matters.

Each Mentor Group will also have a representative as part of the House Student Leadership Team who will meet regularly with the House Leaders and Assistant House Leaders. Each House will also have Music and Sport House Captains.

We look forward to developing lots of great traditions in our new houses.

The Organisation Working Party

**House Captains and Student Leadership**
Upcoming events

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Reviews

All junior and intermediate ensembles performed at the Junior and Intermediate Concert last night. It was in every way a very exciting night of music making. Many people in the audience don't get to witness the excitement and energy backstage. Tuning of strings, warm up routines, oiling sticky valves and replacing reeds at the last moment.

On stage though it all looks and sounds terrific. If anything, Blackburn students play very confidently.

From our older students to those who only started playing this year, all ensembles presented their music at their highest level. A highlight for me was listening to the novice groups – Novice Band and Quattro Strings. For students who have only been playing since February, their ability to command attention on stage was immediate and their music was equally impressive.

Stage Bands, Chamber Choir, Junior Strings, Junior Band, Guitar Ensemble, Concert Band, smaller ensembles provided us with a smorgasbord of music.

My thanks to the many students and staff who assisted with the packing of percussion gear and loading of the truck on Thursday during the moving day. It is always a considerable task assembling the gear that needs to go to our concert venues and many hands certainly makes light work.

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.

Mont Albert PS Gig Sat 3 December
A reminder of the Junior stage Band gig on Sat 3 December.
Details:
Load @ BHS  2.45pm (No Drum Kit Req'd)
Arr MAPS  3.30pm
Perform  4.15pm
End  4.45pm
Unload BHS  5.30pm
This term French classes in Year 9 were involved in creating French books to share with Year 7s. For many Year 9 students these are the last few weeks of language classes and it was generous of them to contribute to the learning of their younger peers. They came up with funny stories, full of quirky characters, and hand-crafted books for them.

Last week a few of the groups attended Year 7 French lessons and presented their books to a real audience. It was pleasing to see how much fun they all had. It was a real bonding session for students of different year levels. Hopefully, this type of activity will foster connectedness between students and will inspire them to help each other in the future.

The French books in question will be on display in the Library until the end of the year. I would like to thank Year 9 students for the fantastic work they have done and wish them all the best next year in all the subjects they choose to do!

Madame Beer
French teacher
A reminder that the $100 deposit to confirm a place on the Central Australia camp is due. Deposits will be accepted till December 9.

The 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 9 (for tour to proceed)
Various instalments in 2012 with the final payment due by 20 July 2012

Ron Hansen and Christine Simpson – tour organisers
Email: hansen.ronald.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Please return to the school office by: Friday December 9

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

________________________________________  ________________
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.
BOOKSALE: ENGLISH WORKS
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 524 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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Hey everyone,

Movember is now over. It's been an amazing month, and the BHS Mad Mo Bros certainly managed to push out some mad mos.

We’d like to thank everyone who has made a donation. I’m very happy to announce that we managed to raise an amazing $910 so far.

Of course, if you would still like to make a donation to support men’s health, it is still possible to do donate to the team by going to http://mobro.co/AaronBear or by handing over some cash straight to myself or Michael Mauer.

Thank you,

Aaron Bear
Philosophy/Global Learning Program
Booklist will be posted home last week. The package includes re-enrolment information and information about the secondhand book sale. Booklists are due back on Wednesday 14th December.

To open your newsletters via Email it is recommenced that you use Google Chrome. Other internet browsers are experiencing difficulties opening them.