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Principal's Report

On behalf of the staff at Blackburn High School, thank you to our parent community for your invaluable support and encouragement throughout the term. The Blackburn High School Community has worked through a number of challenges this term, beginning with the sudden passing of our much loved and respected Assistant Principal, Mr Geoff Vezey on day 1. We mourned his tragic loss but also had an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge his outstanding contribution over the past 10 years. We welcome Dr Louise Hartley and Mr Scott Conte to the Principal Team, who are the new Assistant Principals taking on Mr Vezey's responsibilities.

The school community successfully navigated through a snap lockdown period and I commend the ease with which we adapted back to a remote and flexible learning process. The COVID Safe protocols as outlined by the Chief Health Officer, had an impact on the school experience. This included a phased approach to the return to onsite learning beginning with the Year 11 and 12 students returning on Friday, 4th June and the Year 7-10 students returning on Friday, 11th June. The planned Year 12 Formal has been moved from this term to the 16th July. The General Achievement Test (GAT) has been moved from 9th June to 29th July.

Well done to our Year 10 and 11 students who have demonstrated high levels of resilience and commitment to the school value of the pursuit of excellence throughout this formal assessment period. The Year 10 students completed their examinations remotely, some of them even completing their Unit 1 examinations

remotely, whilst the rest of their Year 11 classmates were on-site. The Year 11 students diligently prepared for their examinations, studying between examinations and working collaboratively with their classmates during the study periods.

We are pleased to announce to the school community that we are in the *Tender Documentation Stage* for the new STEM centre, where documentation is put together in a package and builders can submit a tender response (how they would construct and at what cost). The tender responses are evaluated and the preferred option is awarded the contract. If all goes to plan, construction will begin later in Term 4. We have significant works occurring over the holiday break including a number of portables being moved, the construction of the new Freeman locker bay area and the new school carpark.

The mental health and well-being of teachers, school staff and students is a priority and we hope that everyone takes care, keeps safe and stays connected with each other throughout the holiday period. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 3 on Monday, 12th July.

Joanna Alexander
Principal



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Dunlop House

Enjoy the mid-year break.

On behalf of the Dunlop team, I would like to congratulate and thank the families of Dunlop students for completing Term 2. This term has had its challenges including another round of remote learning. Everyone was able to stay positive during the term which made our job easier.

Our Dunlop fundraiser will be held today with a Pyjama Day theme. All proceeds will again go to our House charity, the Weary Dunlop Foundation - an organisation we are very proud to be associated with.

We hope next term will have far fewer interruptions and all students will continue with a solid block of learning. It will be a big term for our Year 12s who will undertake their final full term of schooling. They will also have the rescheduled Year 12 Formal to look forward to when school resumes. It is great to continue to bring you the Year 12 profiles in this edition. Thanks to Ms Milner who has put those together.

Wishing everyone a great mid-year break. Stay warm and healthy and we look forward to Term 3.

Mr Pasquali, Dunlop House Leader





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Dunlop House

MEET OUR 2021 YEAR 12s

Our Year 12s are such an important part of our House and we have decided to feature Year 12 student profiles throughout the year.

Name: Emily Van Meurs

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Favourite Subject: Health

Plans for next year: Go to TAFE

If you won a million dollars what would you do? Buy a house and buy lots of cats.

What are you most looking forward to this year? Year 12 jumpers, formal and getting my licence.

What is something you are proud of? Buying my car.



Name: Jayden Tran

Been at BHS since: Year 7 (2016)

Favourite Subject: VET Equine Studies

Plans for next year: Living off grid and riding horses

Favourite animal: Horses

If you won a million dollars what would you do? Invest in Doge coins and buy a horse.

What are you most looking forward to this year? Studying VET Equine Studies

Name: Annabelle Nyi

Been at BHS since: 2016

Favourite Subject: Media

Plans for next year: Go to Swinburne University and move out with mates

Favourite animal: Panda

If you won a million dollars what would you do? Eat yummy food everyday

What is at the top of your bucket list? GO FISHING!!!!

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? In the Shark Boy and Lava Girl movie



Name: Daniel Ondaatje

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Plans for next year: Get rich

Favourite animal: Baboon

What is something you are proud of? My huge muscles

What is at the top of your bucket list? Get rich

Who is your hero? Timothy Antoniou



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Freeman House

On behalf of the Freeman Team I would like to thank you all for your work during Term 2 and especially through the brief return to Remote Learning. We appreciate the work and effort it takes to ensure that all students are engaging with the content and attending their lessons. Hopefully we are able to experience a full ten weeks on site next term.

This term has been another busy one with plenty of assessments and year level activities occurring. We held NAPLAN, and a remote English and Maths exam for our Year 10s and our Year 11 examination period. Thank you to the students for their organisation and effort in those assessments. Unfortunately we had to postpone a number of events but we are looking forward to ending the term with the Dunlop fundraiser.

We have seen a couple of changes occur with the staffing in Freeman this term. Melissa McDuff has taken a position at Footscray High School after seven years at Blackburn High School. I would like to thank Melissa for her work as a passionate Mentor Teacher, classroom teacher and for taking on the role as Assistant House Leader for Freeman in 2020. We wish her all the best in her next teaching experience.

On behalf of the Freeman team, I would like to wish you all a warm and safe holiday break and looking forward to Term 3.



Mr Tobin, Freeman House Leader



Freeman House

YEAR 12 PROFILES



Vivienne Jaeggi

What's your favourite subject? Media

What are your plans for after Year 12? Capitalism

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take? I wish I could lie in the hallways

What's your dream job? Uhhhhh

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would they be? Riku and Lianna

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be? I bet on losing dogs - Mitski

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be? Onion



Jason Kelly

What's your favourite subject? Biology and Music are tied I reckon

What are your plans for after Year 12? Earn some money, go somewhere, do some volunteer work here or overseas.

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take? Defence against the dark arts sounds cool I have to admit

What's your dream job? Wildlife biologist or something like that

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would they be? Shrek and Donkey

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be? The Universal Pictures intro

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be? Carrot



Callum Farquhar

What's your favourite subject? Free periods

What are your plans for after Year 12? Go to New Zealand to visit family

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take? PE but only pracs

What's your dream job? A media role within a professional sports club

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would they be? Cyril Rioli and LaMelo Ball

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be? OneFour - Home and Away

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be? A string bean



Aarshi Chaatwal

What's your favourite subject? Legal Studies

What are your plans for after Year 12? To compete in Roland Garros and US Open as an Under 18s qualifier

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take? Forensic Science and Finance

What's your dream job? MIB agent or an underboss

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would they be? Alice Pagani and Al Capone (Scarface)

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be? Boom boom pow - Black Eyed Peas

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be? Okra



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Hollows House

HOLLOWS FUNDRAISER

Our annual Hollows Fundraiser was held on Friday 21st May and we were lucky enough to have a spectacular sunny day for the event. Hollows Student Leaders ran the operation with some students cooking up a storm on the BBQ and others collecting money and directing the queue of hungry students. There was also the opportunity to request a song for \$1, and a basketball throwing competition run by our House Captain. Through our collective efforts we were able to raise a whopping \$2600 for the Fred Hollows Foundation. This money will help restore eyesight to 104 people. We are very proud of our connection to this amazing charity and the support that our school can provide.



ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

Our exceptional House performance at our 2021 Athletics Carnival could not have been achieved without some feats of individual brilliance. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding individual contributions from these Hollows students who were named 'Age Champion' in their age groups:

Jessica Curtis - 14yo

Jamie Ryan - 17yo

Lachlan Curtis - 17yo

Alana Saunders - 20yo

Thomas Carroll - 20yo

Well done!





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Hollows House

LANGUAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following students who have performed to an amazing level when completing their Education Perfect questions throughout the 2021 Language Championships:

Well done to Ashley Ryan and Jedd Webber who performed in the top 20% of the world, and a very special mention to Sayuri Hioki-Walker who was in the top 2% of the world.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Another school term and another transition to Remote and Flexible Learning.

We would like to congratulate our students, parents and staff for their efforts in supporting another seamless online learning experience.

The lockdown came at a challenging time as Year 10 and Year 11 students were embarking on their end of semester exams, as well as a number of Unit 3 & 4 assessments that were due to take place. Well done to all students involved for their resilience in dealing with unavoidable changes to their schedule.

On behalf of the Hollows staff I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and relatively restriction free holiday break.

We look forward to seeing all students and staff back on campus for Term 3.

Mr Conte, Hollows House Leader

Ms McGrath and Ms Kaur, Assistant House Leaders



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Melba House



END OF TERM 2

Another interesting term in 2021 at Blackburn High School with another transition to and from remote learning!

Thank you to all Melba students, families and staff for their ability to adapt to the constantly changing learning environment to ensure that learning engagement remained high at all times. The Melba Mentor teachers did a wonderful job checking in with their students and were able to facilitate a range of online activities to provide the students with a positive start to the day.

Despite the recent disruptions it has been great to see all of the Melba students back onsite enjoying their face to face classes and socialising with their peers.

Although many events such as interschool sport, music performances and the Year 12 Formal have been postponed, there is a great deal of work going on in the background to determine alternative dates for these events to occur. Please continue to read newsfeeds to keep up to date with any changes.

With the end of semester comes the formal assessment period for our students. Congratulations to the Year 10 & 11 students who have recently completed their examination periods. This is excellent preparation for success within in VCE. I encourage all parents to read and discuss the end of semester reports with their student and, if they are any questions, contact the subject teacher.



Best wishes for the Term 2 holiday period. We look forward to catching up with everyone following a well deserved break on Monday, 12th July.

MELBA STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Melba Student Leadership team is continuing its outstanding work to make improvements to both the Mentor Program and the Melba House areas.

During Fun Friday activities recently Mentor Groups have competed in an intra-house cup stacking competition, with the winning Mentor Group being awarded the prize of a cooked breakfast or lunch.

Thank you too to our Melba Student Leaders for your ongoing work.



REMOTE MENTOR GROUP

A range of activities and discussions were completed as part of the Mentor Program during remote learning. Some of the best examples are highlighted below:

M5- Find these things in your house and take a photo of all three:

- 1 natural thing
- 1 thing you can eat
- 1 thing that starts with the same letter as your name

M6- What is your favourite meal and why?

M8- Create a Haiku poem about what you are planning to do on the weekend.

M10- post your best (school appropriate) joke as a reply below.

Mr Ferres, Melba House Leader



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Melba House



YEAR 7 SEMESTER 1 REFLECTIONS

First semester at Blackburn High School

Natalie Hudson- Melba Year 7 Leader



My first semester at Blackburn High School was a blast! I found it a little challenging to find my way around at first, but now I am much more confident. A fun fact is that there are exactly 52 steps to go up to the top of Melba, and to my locker! A highlight has been making lots of new friends in my level and going to Mentor

group every morning. I like how there are kids from all year levels, and we can play UNO and have trivia challenges!

My personal favourite part of the semester has been participating in interschool sports as a part of the Year 7 Netball A team. Interschool sport has been an amazing way to meet even more new people and I have made so many friends through sport. So many people have an interest in sport and all of us bond over netball and so many other sports!

The Netball A team made it all the way to the next level. We played five games and won all five games. There were only four schools there and we were half of the competition, with three Blackburn High School teams competing.

I have had a great time and I can't wait for Semester 2!

My Remote Learning Experience

Emily Bishop- Melba Year 7 leader



My remote learning experience was full of ups and downs, but mainly ups. I enjoyed trying to make the most of the lockdown experience as best as I could, for instance getting outside at lunchtime, whether it was for a run, scooter ride or kicking the footy. Also, I enjoyed sleeping in longer than usual, staying in

touch with friends in the other possible ways and just being able to have the experience of what it is like to do more online learning at Blackburn High School.

I enjoyed having at least one interactive *Teams* meeting for each class and being able to adjust to the new ways we had to go about our learning online. I enjoyed the Mentor group activities that were based on the wellbeing mainly of ourselves and what we can do to keep healthy, safe, and happy.

Of course I missed being able to come to school and see all my friends, classmates and teachers and being able to do the normal things you would be able to do if you were at school, but I was grateful that it only went on for two weeks and that the case numbers were quite low. Online learning was in some ways a short, but manageable experience that I personally thought I approached in the best way possible. I am super glad to be back at school and I can't wait for Term 3!



PLEDGE WEEK



Pledge Week is just around the corner in Term 3, and The Green Team has been thinking of ways that we can all make some little changes with big environmental benefits.

Pledge Week started at Blackburn High School in 2018 as a way to get us to think about our daily choices and how they can affect the environment. We are going to ask all teachers and students to pledge something achievable that they can do – either just for the week, or even a longer-term change – that will have a positive effect on the world around us. If every person makes one small change that benefits the world around us, this can have a much larger collective impact!

Here are some possible ideas of pledges that you could make:

Go vegetarian for a week (eating just one vegetarian meal a week for a year saves the equivalent greenhouse gasses of driving 1867kms)

Give up chewing gum (it's 25% plastic!)

Give up chips/soft drink/energy drinks

Walk or catch public transport to school

Take your recyclables home to your own recycling bin

Go plastic-free in your lunchbox

Don't buy any fruit or veg wrapped in plastic

Switch to a bamboo toothbrush

At home, think about whether you could...

Compost any fruit and veggie scraps from your kitchen

Save water by taking shorter showers

Collect soft plastics (such as bread-bags, chip packets and muesli bar wrappers) to be recycled at your local supermarket

Collect any batteries, bread tags, or used pens to bring in for recycling at school (winning you some points towards the House shield as well!)

Take any old electronics, printer or ink cartridges to recycling drop-off points at Officeworks or e-waste recycling stations



The little things that we do can make an impact, and can encourage those around you to make choices that will help the environment as well. By working together, we can make the world around us a healthier place to live!

Thanks, from the Green Team



Music

QUARTET DOLCE—Strike A Chord



Big congratulations to Blackburn High's String Quartet *Quartet Dolce*—Joanna Yuan, Sharon Wang, Suriya Sivakumar and Paris Venema—on receiving a Bronze Award for the first round of Musica Viva's 2021 Strike-A-Chord National Chamber Music Competition.

They also received some glowing feedback from the judges, pianist Elyane Laussade and cellist Blair Harris, exceptional solo and chamber musicians in their own right. The award and feedback are pictured above.

Hopefully some families will be able to watch the finals via livestream or in person on the weekend of 14t-15th August. See the Finals Flyer below for details. So proud of these four students!

Ms Tsyrlin
String teacher



Art & TEchnology

During the recent lockdown, my year 7FA class re-created famous artworks. I hope you agree that they are fabulous! Bronwyn Roach



Pablo Picasso-“The Old Guitarist”



Hayden Fraser



Lola Gosden



Peter Wegner-‘Portrait of Guy Warren at 100’



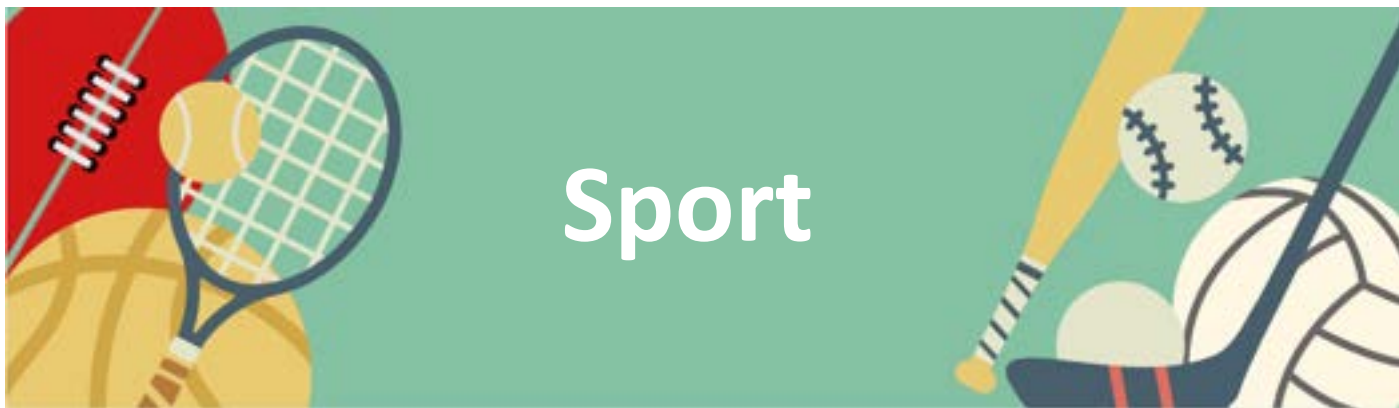
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Francis Barraud-‘His Master’s



REID ODEA



Blackburn Dominates Whitehorse Division Cross Country

On Friday 30th April our team of 50 runners headed out to Ruffey Lake Park for the Whitehorse Division Cross Country. The weather was perfect for the event and although it was declared a student free day, all of our runners made an effort to attend the event and did both the school and Mr Vezey proud.

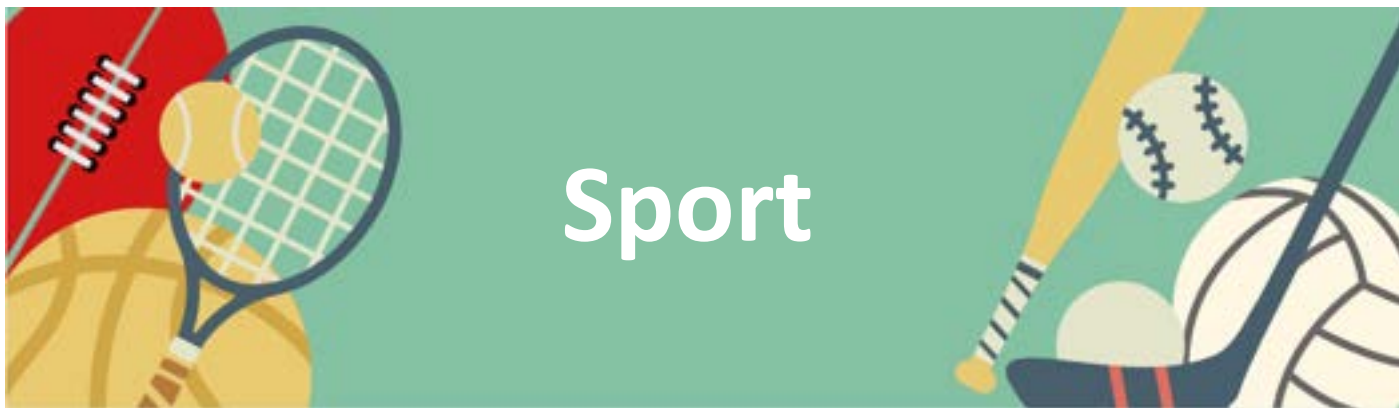
Apart from the fact that 42 of our 50 runners have gone through to the Eastern Region Finals which have been scheduled for 22nd July at the Yarra Glen Racecourse, some of the other standout results for the day were:

Blackburn won 6 out of the 10 age groups—13 Yrs Girls, 14 Yrs Girls, 14 Yrs Boys, 15 Yrs Girls, 15 Yrs Boys and 16 Yrs Boys
Our 20 Yrs Boys finished in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places—Tom Carroll, Lee Martin, Jason Kelly
5 of the first 7 finishers in the 13 Yrs Girls were Blackburn students—Trixie Kneebone, Sienna Casey, Tabitha Orlando, Yasmin Wright and Jessica Innes
5 of the first 7 finishers in the 14 Yrs Boys were Blackburn students—Mason Porter, James Wilson, Thomas Woods-Mill, Angus Butler and Alex Bell
Blackburn finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 15 Yrs Girls—Lucy Freeman, Charlotte Freeman, Abigael Procter

Along with the students mentioned above, the following students have also qualified for the Eastern Regional Finals; Cheryl Chen, Tanya Pazokian, Agustin Pellicia, Cameron Goddard, Emmanuel Twigg-Ho, Lucas Mortensen, Ryan Noble, Charity Onley, Isla Moore, Lucy Bryant, Jessica Curtis, Sasha Davey, Parla Pourakbarkhiavi, Oliver Schley, Sebastian Poynter, Oliver Rhodes, Alexis Shade, Corey Heerman, Grace Mullenger, Daisy Johnson, Cody Tuder, Joshua Pratt, Jake Wright and Harry Stephenson

Nadine Roche—Carnivals Co-Ordinator





Sport

Year 8 Girls and Junior Boys Netball SSV Whitehorse Division

On Wednesday 23rd June, five junior teams represented Blackburn High School at the Whitehorse Division Netball Competition. The Year 8 Girls A team convincingly won all of their games, as a result finishing top of the ladder and securing a spot in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals. But the talent did not stop there. All teams showed immense improvement of skills and teamwork as the students became more familiar

with each other and the game, which helped the Junior Boys A team to finish the day in second place. We are super excited to have such strong young talent representing our school with such pride and enthusiasm. We wish the girls the best of luck at the EMR Finals.

Thank you to senior students Jamie Ryan, Mia Barrett and Rebecca Hedley for coming along to coach the teams for the day.

Ms Van Der Westhuizen

Year 8 Boys AFL SSV Whitehorse Division

On Wednesday, 23rd June, 23 very enthusiastic Year 8 boys took the field at Koonung Reserve in the SSV Whitehorse Division 3-team round robin tournament. Each school played two games consisting of 4x15 minute quarters. The winning school would progress through to the Division round next term.

Round 1

BHS 26 goals, 13 behinds, 169 points defeated Koonung 2 goals, 3 behinds, 15 points

Goal kickers: Lucas Town 4, Alex Bell 3, Jack Maio 3, Drew Aiono 2, Jamie Armitage 2, James Wilson 2, Daniel Bellingham 2, Mason Porter 1, Will Serong 1, Daniel Chin 1, Darcy McCall 1, Angus Butler 1, Will Armitage 1, Isaac Ly 1.

Best players: Mason Porter, Alex Bell, Jamie Armitage, Darcy McCall, James Wilson, Levi Prissmall.

Round 2

BHS 21 goals, 12 behinds, 132 points defeated EDSC 0 goals, 2 behinds, 2 points

Goal kickers: Jack Maio 7, Jamie Armitage 3, Mason Porter 2, Ty Crupi 2, Levi Prissmall 2, Darcy McCall 1, Amir

Ghorbanian 1, Riley Downes 1, Damon Love 1, Thomas Steinman 1.

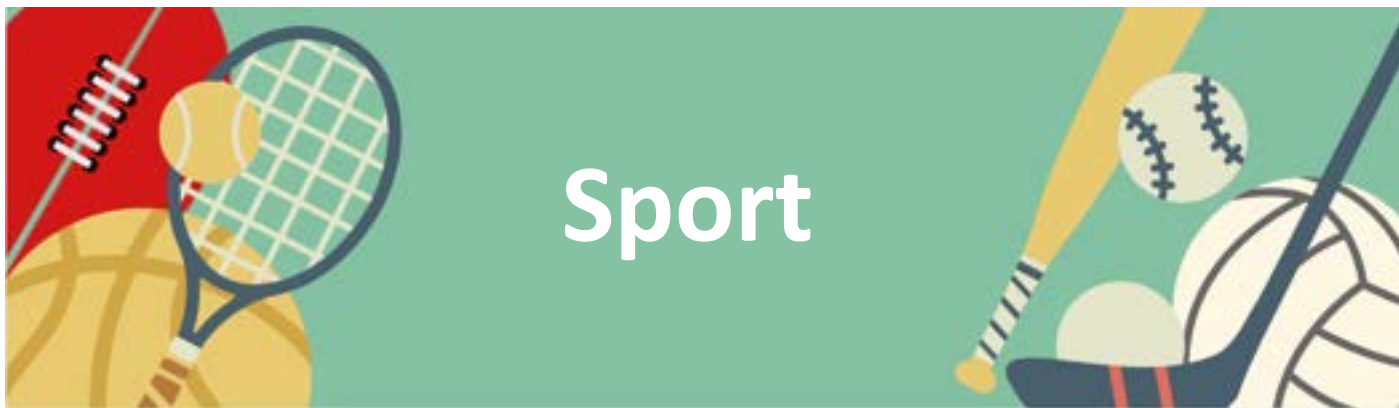
Best players: Jack Maio, Jamie Armitage, Mason Porter, James Wilson.

Highlights of the day were:

- All 22 players played at least 6 out of the 8 possible quarters.
- There were 21 individual goal kickers in the BHS grand total of 47 goals.
- BHS kicked a total of 301 points and conceded only 17 points.
- All players had the opportunity to play at both ends of the ground developing their individual skill set.
- Behaviour on and off the field and their sportsmanship was first class.

The boys and the coaching staff enjoyed a very successful day. The squad looks forward to a more competitive challenge next term. Thank you to Assistant Coach's Kerwin Alcantara (ESS) and Year 10 students Will Pronyszyn and Colt Ly.

Mr Couzens



Sport

Blackburn High School – Senior Boys Baseball State Runners Up



Players: Joel, Harrison, Jasper, JP, Liam, Ewan, Cal, Evan, Keeley, James, Mitch, Gidi & Elias (absent).

The Senior Boys Baseball State Championship took place on Tuesday 25th May featuring some of Victoria's finest up and coming players. Congratulations to the boys for not only finishing runners up, but for their outstanding display of our school values: respect, pursuit of excellence and citizenship. It is an absolute pleasure to coach the boys and I am always proud of them for the way that they hold themselves on and off the field. I would also like to commend the boys on their commitments to continually improve as individual players and as a team. Well done boys!!

Match reports

Game 1: Blackburn HS vs Harvester Technical College

Match result: WIN 9-0

Both Evan and James R pitched well for Blackburn and only allowed Harvester TC one hit for the game. It was a two innings game with Blackburn's pitching strength only allowing the boys from Harvester to bat once each. Cal was strong for Blackburn behind

the plate. The boys were aggressive on the basepaths, and it was a great start to the day of competition for our school.

Game 2: Blackburn HS vs Dromana SC

Match result: WIN 5-3

The match against Dromana was always going to be a tough one. This game soon became a "battle of the pitchers". JP pitched for Blackburn HS with Evan behind the dish preventing Dromana from stealing. In another two innings game, every at bat counted with both pitchers throwing approximately 80mph. Hits

Blackburn: James R -1, Cal- 1, Evan -2, Keeley- 1, Harrison -1

Dromana: 5 total

Game 3: Blackburn HS vs Melbourne High

Match result: DRAW 3-3

Melbourne High School's team of predominantly cricketers caught us by surprise. They displayed phenomenal strength with the bat with one of their students hitting a home run well clear of the home run fence against the wind. James R and Evan were once again strong on the mound. Evan was our catcher for this match and kept Melbourne honest on the bases. Unfortunately, Blackburn were a little bit quiet with the bats this match. Because Melbourne had already lost a match in previous rounds, we were still in a position to win the State title after the draw in this game. We were fortunate to draw this game as Melbourne were the stronger team with the bat in this match. Fortunately, they didn't string many of their hits together to hurt us too much on the scoreboard.

Hits

Blackburn: Cal- 1, Evan -2, Keeley- 1, JP- 1

Melbourne High: 7

Business Management

Year 12 Business Management Excursion to Yakult



On the 27th May (prior to current mask wearing restrictions), the Year 12 Business Management class went to the Yakult factory in Dandenong South, the only Yakult factory in Australia. We were given a tour of the business' operations management, in line with our current area of study. This involved viewing their automated production line – how the product is packaged, seeing their producing tanks – how the product is made, and how the business ensures the quality of each product. Afterwards, we went into the Education Room and were allowed to taste the Yakult milks while watching a video that summarised all we had been shown. It was a great excursion both in the sense that we learnt a lot and in the sense that it was presented in an interesting way that made learning about this business fun. I personally enjoyed the day very much and now feel prepared to apply this case study to my work.

Alana S

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Game 4: FINAL Blackburn HS vs Grovedale Match result: LOSS 2-5

The winner of this match would be awarded the 2021 State Boys Baseball winner. After the first innings the boys were 3-1 down. This was always going to be hard to come back from in such short games (70 minutes or 4 innings). However, in the past, the boys have loved playing from behind. JP was solid on the mound, with the runs in the first innings being unearned. The second innings was quiet for both teams with no runs being scored. Blackburn successfully scored another one in the third, however Grovedale came in with another two runs. With a score of 5-2 in the final innings, Blackburn still had the chance to win. We were the away team, so we were to bat first. Things started to look promising for Blackburn. Bases loaded, one

out and one of our best batters for the day was up to bat. The ball was hit flat and hard which would have normally done the job. Unfortunately for us, Grovedale turned an outstanding double play, and the game was over.

Hits

Blackburn: James R- 1, Cal- 1, Evan -2, Keeley- 2
Grovedale SC: 3

Congratulations boys on an excellent day of baseball and for doing the school proud. Most of our team is bottom age, so we have the chance to go back next year and win.

Special thanks to Fiona for scoring, Matt for base coaching and to our other supporters on the day.

Mrs Davidson



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The 2021 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Blackburn High School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- The option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Register for the Challenge at Blackburn High School

To register for the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge please collect the registration form from Liga Darzins in the Resource Centre.

85 days left—sign up NOW