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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 7, 2015 INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday last week we had a wonderful and entertaining evening hosting prospective 2015 Year 7 students and their families. It was a busy night with around six hundred people touring the school. There was obvious excitement and interest in the Year 7 and 8 Learning Centres and the program displays throughout the school.

Our student survey data reinforces that the often difficult transition into secondary school has been much easier and far more comfortable and reassuring for our students as a result of the Year 7 and 8 program and facilities. It is interesting also that we are seeing more and more parents of Year 5 and even Year 4 students visiting on these occasions so that informed decisions can be made down the track.

School Captains **Georgia Reupert-Allen** and **Fraser Lever** as well as Junior School Captains **Imogen Hair** and **Will Humble** each spoke to the audience about their experiences of life at Belmont and are to be congratulated on their excellent speeches. Many thanks also to the 50 students who acted as tour guides for us during the night, and the many others who assisted with classroom displays.

Congratulations and thank you also to our Jazz Syndicate who performed brilliantly on the night.

'HARVEY' - a brilliant production!

Last week, for the first time in a number of years, we saw a full scale production by our senior Theatre Studies students of the thoroughly entertaining play, 'Harvey'. Over the course of the week several hundred students saw the production at the Shenton Performing Arts Centre with a public performance on the Saturday night.

The slick performance directed by Ms Krista Mann received wonderful reviews and I quote one of these:



"...we attended the final performance of "Harvey" that was put on by the Year 12 Theatre Studies Class. To say it was brilliant is an understatement. The amazing characterisations of all the actors was an absolute credit to them and of course to Ms Mann who required so much of them but who reached the desired level of perfection. From the props, set design, costuming, lighting, directing and music to the wonderfully talented Year 12 students and Ms Mann – Congratulations to you all. It was a fantastic night's entertainment and everyone should be so proud of their achievement."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

Monday 19 May

House Assemblies
Year 10 Immunisations Boostrix
Year 10 Drama, Take Over, GPAC, 12.00-3.30pm
VET OD Rec surfing camp

Tuesday 20 May

CASUAL DRESS DAY, Proceeds to Fiji Trip projects
Year 8, Term 2 Sport: Boys Football, Girls Netball, Badminton
Year 7 Soccer
VET OD Rec surfing camp
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING, 6pm

Wednesday 21 May

Belmont Breakfast Program, Caf, 7.45-8.35am
Year 7 Friends for Life Program
Year 9R Legal Studies, Melb Supreme Court

Thursday 22 May

Wakakirri Challenge Camp
Year 7 Term 2 Sport: Boys Football, Girls Netball, Badminton
Year 8 Soccer

Friday 23 May

Wakakirri Challenge Camp
Year 8, "The Hurting Game", Gym, P1-2
Fiji Trip, Sausage Sizzle fundraiser, lunchtime
Junior Jazz, Barwon Valley School, P5-6

Monday 26 May

General Assembly
Year 9R, 10 and 11, Exams, 26 May—6 June)
Geelong Cross Country
Yr 7-9 Music students, American Brass Quintet

Tuesday 27 May

Year 7 Girls & Boys, Yr 9 Boys Gardasil immunisations
Solo Night, Bandroom, 7pm

Wednesday 28 May

Belmont Breakfast Program, Caf (7.45—8.35am)
Year 9 Strive Camp
7 x Year 7 students, Vic SRC Regional Conference
Year 7 Friends for Life Program

Thursday 29 May

Strive Camp
Year 8 x 10 students, Adventure Group, You Yangs bike ride

Friday 30 May

Strive Camp
Year 7 Verbal Combat, Gym, P1-2
Year 12 English SAC, Context, P5-6

24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
5241 0090

Parents only to call to report student's name, house/ form, reason for absence, and date.

Thankyou and congratulations to the team:

Rebecca Blackett-Morell 11 Red
Lachlan Blair 11 Blue
Christopher Buller 12 Red
Nathan Hornsey 12 Red
Chloe Kleidon 11 Mango
Diamando May 11 Mango
Kristyn McCormack 11 Green
Holly McPherson 12 Blue
Lucy Postin 12 Green
Fahrije Rexhepi 12 Gold
Danae Frost 11 Mango



FUTURE LEADERS

We noted in our last Newsletter the success of a group of Year 10 students in gaining entry into the **2014 Alcoa Future Leaders of Industry Program**. These students took part last week in their induction program and we wish them the very best as the program unfolds throughout the year.



Shalia Wood, Sam Vandermark, Kyle Purcell, Gianni Valenti and Sam McLachlan

NAPLAN

As parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students will be aware NAPLAN testing in Reading, Writing and Numeracy took place this week.

We will issue your child's NAPLAN reports in September this year when we receive them, with the same report format being used for every student in Australia. NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests but are used at the classroom level as one of a number of important assessments used by teachers to measure student progress. Whilst teachers are continually monitoring the progress of students, the NAPLAN results provide important milestones to ensure that learning growth is taking place for each student and that as a school we are making the progress we want.

Garry Schultz
Principal

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank Jo Moore for giving us a very informative presentation at our last meeting.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 3 at 7.30pm, in the conference room; our guest speaker will be Assistant Principal, Michael Caccamo; we invite all parents to come along.

Our Seconded hand Uniform and Books Store will be closed on Friday, May 16 due to the Fun Run.

YEAR NINE AND TEN SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Students in Year Nine and Ten will soon be entering an important phase of the year as they consider their pathways and subjects for 2015 and beyond. We have a extensive and successful process in place to support and advise the students that includes individual counselling, interviews with parents, students and House Leaders, information evenings and group presentations to the students.

The first of these events are:

Nine Red and Year 10 information evening for parents moving into VCE or VCAL in 2015

Tuesday June 3
7.00pm in the Library

Year Nine Pathways Information evening for parents moving into Year Ten in 2015

Thursday June 19
7.00pm in the Library

Students may attend these evenings.

More information will be sent home with the students as we get closer to the events.

Peter McKenzie
Pathways Manager

WELCOME

BENIAMINO TACCONI is going to be our Italian Assistant Teacher until the 12th December. Beniamino has just arrived to Belmont High School from Terni in Italy and he will help our Italian teachers with classes, preparing material to be used during our lessons and with conversation classes with senior students. He will be a valuable addition to our Languages Team. On behalf of all teachers here at school, I would like to welcome Beniamino to Belmont High School and to Australia. Beniamino, I hope you will enjoy your stay and working with us. Grazie, Signor Gava.

Who is Beniamino Tacconi?

Italiano Orientale. Viaggiatore Pigro. Divertente Musone. Avido Altruista. Appassionato Sognatore...

Italiano di nascita, cittadino del mondo per esperienza, nasce e cresce a Terni, una bella ed antica citta' dell'Umbria, sebbene abbia vissuto per i primi tre anni di vita a Matsuyama 松山市 in Giappone.

Sesto di una famiglia di otto figli, e' amorevolmente cresciuto dai genitori ad un devoto Cattolicesimo tradizionale facendo delle parole di San Paolo "Rafforzati nella Fede" il suo motto personale.

Dopo aver trascorso un periodo in cui considera le avventure "Brutte fastidiose, scomode cose che fanno far tardi a cena!" proprio come il ben noto Hobbit di Tolkien, viene spinto fuori dalla porta in questo incredibilmente curioso mondo da una anziana grigia figura.

Diplomato al Liceo Classico di Terni, e laureato all'Universita' per Stranieri di Perugia, lavora attualmente come insegnante free-lance in giro per il mondo, amando profondamente conoscere sempre nuove e diverse culture nell'attesa di scovare nascosta da qualche parte la sua anima gemella...

Oriental Italian. Lazy Traveller. Funny Mope. Greedy Altruist. Passionate Dreamer...

Italian by birth, world citizen by experience, he was born and grew up in Terni, a beautiful ancient town in Umbria, though he lived his first three years of age in Matsuyama 松山市 in Japan.

Sixth of an eight-child family, he was fondly educated by his parents to a devout traditional Catholicism finding in Saint Paul's words "Strengthened in Faith" his own motto.

After a period spent considering adventures "Nasty disturbing uncomfortable things, that make you late for dinner!" just as the well-known Tolkien's Hobbit, he was pushed out of the door into this amazing and curious world by an old grey figure.

Graduated in Ancient Languages High School in Terni, and University for Foreigners in Perugia, he's working right now as a free-lance teacher around the world, deeply loving to meet always new and different cultures in the expectation to discover hidden somewhere his own soul mate...

Mario Gava

Italian teacher

MUSIC NEWS

The Jazz Syndicate performed at Generations in Jazz at Mt Gambier last weekend. The performance of the students was outstanding and once again they were excellent representatives of Belmont High School. We thank Ms Humphrey all her driving and assistance.



Congratulations to saxophone-playing brother and sister Olivia and Eric Dickson who have made it through to the final of Star Search. This will be held on Friday May 30th at Sacred Heart College. Tickets available at www.starsearch.net.au

Don't forget our Solo Night on Tuesday May 27th at 7.00pm in the Bandroom. This will feature mainly Year 7 and 8 students.

BHS Brass students will be attending a masterclass with the American Brass Quintet on Monday 26th May from 11-12.30pm.

Junior Jazz will be performing at Barwon Valley School Assembly on Friday 23rd May.

Congratulations to **Isabella Khalife** from 12 Red who recently performed as part of the Mountain to River Mouth Arts Festival on the banks of the Barwon River. Despite the very rainy conditions and early start (6.30am on a Saturday), Isabella 'soldiered-on' to perform an entertaining 40 minute set of songs to a soggy but appreciative audience. There were many positive comments and feedback from the audience and thank you to Isabella (and her mum, Janita) for showing true professionalism and resilience in the difficult weather.

Jim Davidson

Head of Music

BOOK REVIEW

Patrick Ness's "More than this"

I have been a huge fan of Patrick Ness ever since Ms McCarthy and I heard him speak about books and writing several years ago. This is his latest and it's probably my favourite. Ness is the master of cracker openings and this is no exception.

Seth drowns in the ocean then wakes, alive on a beach. (I know, right?!) He is naked and alone in a strange but somewhat familiar place. It looks a little bit like his childhood neighbourhood in England, thousands of miles away from his teenage home in the USA. Everything is overgrown and abandoned and Seth thinks he is alone. But he is not. There are two others like him.

And there is The Driver of the black van. Who are they? Why is Seth here? And where, exactly, is HERE?

This is a weirdly wonderful book with a twist that I did not see coming. It's a very unusual book but that's what Ness does best. Highly recommended.

Books are reviewed and displayed weekly in the library.

Lee Suter

Teacher-Librarian

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are now available at the Admin office at a cost of \$55 per book. Entertainment Books consist of hundreds of vouchers which can be used at various locations around Geelong. Entertainment Books for Melbourne are also available (\$65). All money raised from the sale of Entertainment Books will go towards the 2014 Wakakirri Challenge and assist in purchasing costumes and props.

OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER HOMESTAY

Belmont High School will be hosting some students from Italy who are expected to arrive start of Term 3 2014 for 8 weeks. The 12 girls and boys are 16 years old. As they will be attending school we need to organise homestay arrangements now.

Homestay requires that the girls and boys are cared for by your family and take part in normal family activities during the weekends. The goals for the program are both cultural and language.

As a part of the program there is a reimbursement of \$240 per week per student for the homestay family. These students must have their own bedroom, be provided with 3 meals per day and laundry of their clothing.

This is a wonderful opportunity to host an overseas student for a short period of time with mutual benefit for the visiting student and the host family. This would be a beneficial experience for Belmont High students who study Italian as a language.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the reply slip below to the school office or indicate via email (cordingley.cherie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Cherie Cordingley (Business Manager).

✂ _____ EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOMESTAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Parent Name: _____

Student Name/Form: _____

Contact details: _____

Signature: _____

2014 FIJI ECO-VOLUNTEERING TRIP

Mrs Morse is escorting another eight students to do volunteer work on Taveuni Island in the Northern Islands of Fiji. We will be "living as a Fijian" in the remote village of Vidawa. We will be painting their village hall and our goal is to purchase a Solar Generator for lighting and charging phones etc. There will be a **Casual Dress Day** on Tuesday 20th and a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 23rd May in order to raise more money.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Grovedale for their generous donation of \$600 towards this project. We also would like to provide donations of sporting equipment to the local school (rugby, soccer, volleyball, uniforms....), Duplo, lightweight books etc and clothes. If anyone would like to assist us in achieving our goals with donations please contact Mrs Morse at school on 52435355 (or email morse.sally.d@edumail.vic.gov.au). To see photos and details of the 2013 trip go to webpage: http://www.blog.island-spirit.org/?page_id=869 Other activities outside the village include Coral Gardening, Mangrove Planting, Fish House Building, Snorkelling/Reef Checks, sea-kayaking and forest hiking to visit the spectacular waterfalls of the Bouma National Park. Vinaka (thank you).

Hannah Crowley, Cara Edwards, Nick Kemp, Josh Roberts, Hannah Ruge, Olivia Steele, Lily Twyford and Liam Walpole



Exercise is Medicine

Did you know that regular exercise at the correct intensity can: Significantly improve overall health? Reduce the risk of heart disease? Lower the risk of stroke? Reduce the incidence of diabetes? Reduce the risk of some cancers? Reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease? Decrease depression? and much more?

Join us at Kardinia Health and learn how you can improve your health and wellbeing through exercise.

Wednesday 21st May, 6.30-8pm

At: Kardinia Health 2 –18 Colac Road, Belmont

Presenters: Dr Brayshaw (GP) and Natalie Egan (Exercise Physiologist)

RSVP essential as places are limited: by Tuesday 20th May
email: admin@kardiniahealth.com.au
or phone 03 5202 9333

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

Would \$500 assist you
with education costs?



You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon,
Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support
on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

Reminders

'At Monash' seminars - **Health Science and Social Work** 13 May; **Education and Nursing** 20 May; **Biomedical Science, Radiography, Nutrition and Dietetics** Wed 28 May; **Engineering** 29 May. More dates and bookings: www.monash.edu/seminars.

Deakin University – Parent/student tertiary information; Melbourne Burwood: 6-8pm, 21 May; Geelong Waterfront: 6-8pm, 28 May; www.deakin.edu.au/parent-and-student.

University of Melbourne – 'Focus on Melbourne': 27 May **Commerce**, 28 May **Environments**, 3 June **Science**, 4 June **Agriculture**, 10 June **Law**, 11 June **Engineering/IT**, 18 June **Conservatorium of Music**; 25 June **VCA**. Info/book www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014

UMAT – Registrations close: 6 June; UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE – Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre is conducting an event to introduce the world of sports medicine for Year 10-12's. Build awareness of the health professionals involved in caring for athletes, whether competing for Australia or exercise for fitness. Practitioners from **sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage, physiotherapy and exercise physiology** will give short talks. **When:** Registration, 6.30-7pm, Wed 28 May; Talks, 7.30-9pm; **Where:** AAMI Park Stadium, 60 Olympic Blvd, Entrance F, Gate 4, Corporate Entrance, Olympic Room 3; **Parking:** Eastern Plaza Carpark; **Cost:** \$25, parents free; **Register:** www.trybooking.com/EPDE; **Info:** megan.marshall@opsmc.com.au, www.opsmc.com.au.



YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 11 – If you are in Year 10, university may seem a long way off, but decisions you make now about VCE subjects can affect what you are able to study later. Whether you have made up your mind about university or are undecided, it's good to get information now so that you are fully prepared for VCE and beyond. One starting point is to check out these videos from La Trobe University: [Year 10 videos](#). Also go to www.vtac.edu.au, then go to CourseLink and set up an account to do some research.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY PARENT/ STUDENT EVENING – Start planning your VCE, university and career. **When/Where:** **Burwood**, 6-8pm, May 21, Building I, Lecture Theatre 1A, 221 Burwood Hwy, Burwood; **Geelong Waterfront**, 6-8pm, Wed 28 May, Building D, Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Gheringhap St, Geelong; **Maps and registration:** www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/why-choose-deakin/parent-information/parent-and-student

RMIT NEWS – RMIT is a university and VET provider, with campuses in the City and at Bundoora. RMIT school holiday opportunities:



CHECK OUT SCIENCE AT RMIT – 'Science in the City' is a tour of RMIT facilities where students and parents can learn more about **science programs**. Find out about the range of science programs available at the city campus including **biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics**. You will also gain knowledge of career options. **When:** 11am-1.30pm, Mon 30 June and Mon 22 Sept; **Reg'n:** www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

RMIT EXPERIENCE DAYS – Events for Year 10-12 students giving insights into life on campus: **Mon 30 June**, Accounting and Finance; Trades Day; **Tues 1 July**, Community Justice; Engineering (City); Health and Medical (Bundoora); Journalism and Audio Visual; **Wed 2 July**, Information Systems; Logistics; **Thurs 3 July**, Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations; Engineering (Bundoora), Environment; **Fri 4 July**, Art & Design; Science; **Wed 1 Oct**, Project Management. **Information and Reg'n:** www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

RMIT HOSPITAL LABORATORY VISITS - These are for students interested in careers as medical scientists. Tours give a chance to see the workings of a laboratory, and to observe where current students are completing their professional practice. Covering **laboratory medicine and nuclear medicine**, the sessions are held at major teaching hospitals from 2-11 July. **Register:** RMIT Medical Sciences, 9925 7075, medicallsciences@rmit.edu.au.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – 'My Melbourne' is the University's monthly newsletter for future students. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening at the university and find out about the opportunities for students. Current students contribute to 'My Melbourne', so readers find out what it's really like to be a student. Get tips, learn about experiences, find out about college life - blogs.unimelb.edu.au/mymelb.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS – Career Practitioners were told about developments at La Trobe at the recent annual Career Practitioners conference.

New courses for 2015 are the Bachelor of Commerce and the double qualification, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws. In addition, the Bachelor of Science and Society, the Bachelor of Creative Arts, and the Bachelor of Media and Communications will be re-designed.

In 2015 there will be a **4 aggregate point bonus** for those completing a **3/4 LOTE**

A new **Early Admissions Program** is starting (Aspire Program). Conditional offers will be made on the basis of: school principal's recommendation, and the applicant's demonstrated non-academic contribution and leadership, with the requirement of a minimum ATAR of 50.3 (some exceptions apply), the applicants' completing a VTAC application, and an application to La Trobe. Applications: 1 July-31 Aug. Offers in Sept. Program updates: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

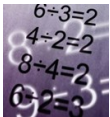
La Trobe is moving to **two Colleges**, away from five faculties. They will be The Social Science, Arts and Communications and Law College, and the Science, Health and Engineering College.

Some **Health Science** degrees will be re-named **Applied Science** degrees. Eg B. Health Science/B. Podiatry will become B. Applied Science/B. Podiatry.

NEW YORK JAZZ SYMPOSIUM – Students aged 14-17 wanting to learn from some of the world's greatest jazz musicians can join the **New York Jazz Symposium** at Trinity College (Uni of Melbourne). **Carl Allen (drums), Rodney Jones (guitar), Mat Jodrell (trumpet) and Carla Cook (vocals)** will work with passionate young jazz musicians from around the world. Live on campus at college and form part of an ensemble group, focussing on **jazz performance**, hear **the journey of a musician**, increase **confidence** to perform, and **jam with other musicians**. Some students say it is like having six months' worth of practice in one week! **When:** Sun 29 June – Sat 5 July, 2014; **Cost:** \$1,650 (scholarships available); **Applications:** Close Fri 23 May; **Info:** www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/new-york-jazz-symposium.html; **Inquire:** Lisa Mac, ph 03 9348 7565, lisamac@trinity.unimelb.edu.au.



WHAT IS AN ACTUARY? Many people have never heard of **actuarial studies**, and have no idea **what an actuary does**.



Actuaries are responsible for **identifying, analysing and assessing risk**. They determine the **likelihood of risk** to ensure an organisation's safeguards and they **advise on the potential consequences of risk**. This is done by creating mathematical models using past data and the actuary's own knowledge and experience. These models are used to generate future scenarios to find out how likely and how severe future risks may be. Actuaries traditionally work in **consulting, banking, superannuation, stockbroking, insurance and investment** and can also find work in **consumer behaviour analysis** and developing areas like **environmental studies, climate change and genetics**. At **Monash University** actuarial studies can be taken as part of the Bachelor of Commerce or the Bachelor of Economics, and at the **University of Melbourne** in the Bachelor of Commerce. Pre-requisite subjects are 3/4 English (any) and 3/4 Maths Methods. Website of the professional body, Actuarial Institute of Australia: www.actuaries.asn.au/default.aspx.

AVIATION CAREERS EXPO – If you want to find out more about Swinburne's aviation courses for 2015, attend the Aviation Careers Expo. Representatives from CAE Oxford Aviation Academy, from some of Australia's top aviation organisations and major airlines will attend. **When:** 5.30pm, Mon 2 June; **Where:** Hawthorn campus; **Register** by Fri 30 May: [Online registration](#).



FLYING TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP – The Royal Victorian Aero Club with the 460 Bomber Squadron Scholarship Trust is offering a flight training scholarship to take the successful candidate to the GEPT stage of the Private Pilot's Licence. Term and conditions available at www.rvac.com.au; Application forms are available at the Royal Victorian Aero Club at Moorabbin Airport, ph 85867777.

Australian Catholic University

The ACU University Experience is now open for registrations.

The Ballarat Campus event will be held on **Tuesday 1st July, 9-3.30pm** (first week of July school holidays) and will include interactive sessions on Education – Primary & Early Childhood and Health Sciences – Nursing and Paramedicine.

Please register online at www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience

Places are limited.