Already this term there have been many events including the Year 8 excursions to Woodhouse to build their team skills; the Year 8 Parent Evening to welcome families and assist parents with the transition to high school; the international visit from Morioka Chuo High School in Japan and the roll-out of MacBooks to Year 9 students.

The Principal team attended the Regional Conference which provided useful information about the new Australian Curriculum. The main speaker, Dr Martin Westwell from Flinders University, is an outstanding educator who explains how teachers can change their practices to engage the students.

The Year 12 students are well underway with their Research Projects. There is a wide range of interesting topics being explored, including making a 3D printer. Since the Research Project was introduced 3 years ago there has been some negative press about its rigour. I can assure you that the Research Project is a meaningful and challenging exercise for Brighton students.

We are awaiting exact dates for the demolition phase of the “Expansion of the school”, but we expect it to be in April. Once the building works begin, there will be significant changes to car park areas both at the back and front of the school, including NO “parent drop-off” areas on site. Students who arrive by car will have to disembark in streets nearby.

There is NO LONGER an Early Closure Policy when the temperature is forecast on ABC Radio at 7.30am to be 40° or over. Parents have rightly suggested that students have to wait in the heat for transport or walk home in the severe heat at possibly the hottest part of the day. Airconditioning can be problematic, however, remaining at school means the students are in shade.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th March at which the 2013 Governing Council was elected as follows:

- Principal: Olivia O’Neill
- Chairperson: Sue McKenzie
- Deputy Chairperson: Annette Holden
- Treasurer: Tricia Bligt
- Parent Member: Jill Beckwith
- Parent Member: Leah York
- Parent Member: David Newton
- Parent Member: Jacqueline Squires
- Parent Member: Micheala Simmonds
- Parent Member: Jimi Krecu
- Parent Member: Anne-Marie Hogan-Wesley
- Parent Member: Luciana d’Arcangeli
- Parent Member: Darren Oates
- Parent Member: Ana Sala-Oviedo
- Parent Member: Diana Voss
- Community Representative: Sandra Hall
- Community Representative: Michael Sard
- Community Representative: Simon Gardner
- Staff Representative: Gemma Brunchhorst
- Student Representative: Jack Newton
- Student Representative: Lucie Soldan

Olivia O’Neill
Principal
Responsibility | Integrity | Fairness | Co-operation | Respect | Excellence

Diary Dates 2013

MARCH
18  SIV Year 10/11/12 Beach Volleyball
20  SIV AGM Parent Committee
21  Harmony Day
22  Sports Day
25  Finance Meeting, 7.30pm
29  Good Friday public holiday

APRIL
1  Easter Monday public holiday
3  Anti-Bullying Play
8  SIV in school trials for Years 8,9,10
8  Governing Council, 7.30pm
10  Parent / Teacher / Student conferences for Year 11 & 12, 3.30pm – 8.30pm by appointment
12  Last day of term 1, 1.00pm dismissal
29  First day of term 2
29  Finance meeting, 7.30pm

MAY
1  Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent / Teacher / Student conferences, 3.30pm – 8.30pm by appointment
3  STUDENT FREE DAY - Staff Professional Development
3  Year 12 Formal
4  Generation of Jazz
6  Governing Council, 7.30pm
8  Open Day, tours 9.00am & 2.00pm, school open 5.45pm
8-10 Year 10 Outdoor Education camp
9  Recognition assemblies
10  Year 8 & 9 Immunisations
10  SIV Applications close
10  SIV Initial selection by appt. (out of zone)
14-16 NAPLAN Testing
17  Year 10 Career Expo
18  SIV Auditions (round 1)
20-21 Year 12 Aquatics
23  Cyber bullying play
24  Uniform Committee meeting, 12.45pm
27  SIV Final selection (selected only) (out of zone)
27-31 Reconciliation Week
29-30 SIM Auditions
30  Year 9 Focus Day
30  Cyber Bullying plays
31  Primary Schools Festival of Music auditions

Congratulations

Velvet Klass, Year 8, who has been selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Triathlon Championships to be held in NSW in April.

F1 In Schools

The Alternate Racing Team from Brighton Secondary School, comprising Eleanor Pope, Emily Squires, Rhys Williams, Martin Oakley, Peter Baker-Hutton, Year 10 students, won the National F1 in Schools title last week in Melbourne and will represent Australia at the World Finals to be held in Austin Texas USA in November this year.

Congratulations on a magnificent achievement.

Agents Visit Brighton Secondary School

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Leadership Awards

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Josh Swift, member of the class of 2012, was awarded the prestigious Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award last year at the Brighton Secondary Valedictory Evening.

The Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award is generously sponsored by the Department of Defence to acknowledge the achievements of a student who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and team work within the school and the wider community, and qualities such as supporting others and doing the best that she, or he, can.

Josh has just completed his initial 6 weeks training at Royal Military College Duntroon and has been offered direct entry into the college. Only three 18 year olds nationally receive this offer. On completion of his eighteen months at Duntroon he will become a Lieutenant.

The Brighton Secondary School community are proud of his achievements and wish him every success for his future.

Warren Eaton
Assistant Principal: Senior Schooling

In Memory of Lewis McPherson

In memory of Lewis McPherson, Brighton Secondary School graduate of 2012, new wrist bands are being sold at Student Reception from Friday 15th March for $2 each.

The new wrist bands have been designed by Lewis’s brother Cale.

All monies raised will be donated to the “Sammy D Foundation”.

NAPLAN - Year 9 Students

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The NAPLAN tests for 2013 will occur in Term 2 for Year 9 students as follows:

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Students missing any individual tests will have the opportunity to catch up later on some days or on Friday 17th May. Any students who are not available at these times will not be able to complete the tests.

Parents who wish to withdraw students from any/all of the tests, please contact Barbara Bleckly for the form to be completed before the testing period.

Barbara Bleckly
Coordinator Student Wellbeing
Phone 8375 8237
The Leadership and Recognition Assemblies held on 28th February gave Students, Staff and the Community the chance to acknowledge the students chosen to be Peer Support Leaders, Student Representative Council Leaders and Sport House Captains in 2013. Volleyball medal winners from the 2012 Australian Schools’ Volleyball Championships which were held in Melbourne in December were also recognised.

**Student Leadership Council 2013**

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**Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

Sophie Norris | Rhianna Malone

**Volleyball Captains / Vice Captains**

Cameron Taeuber, Captain | Hannah White, Captain
Harrison Riddle, Vice Captain | Yvette Halstead, Vice Captain
### Sports House Captains 2013

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### Peer Support Leaders 2013

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| BENNET, Keeley | LEECH, Jasmine |
| BERGOC, Ella | LIAN, Audrey |
| BLACK, Joshua | MORGAN, Joel |
| BOROMISA, Sara | O’BRIEN, Megan |
| BRYCE, Thomas | O’MALLEY, Samantha |
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| CARR, Renee | PEARCE, Shannon |
| CARTHEW, Lauren | PICKFORD, Thomas |
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| CHECKLEY, Megan | SHAH, Besmallah |
| COLLINS-McBRIDE | SHEARER, Rachel |
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| DONA, Celestina | TYLER DOWD, Lachlan |
| FISHER, Sabina | WALTON-HUMPHRYS, Finn |
| FOOTNER, Skye | WHETHAM, Rebecca |
| FRANCE, Jacob | |
Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 13th February the Brighton Secondary School Swimming Carnival was held at the State Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Over 250 students attended the swimming carnival, including 80 year 8 students and 70 year 9 students. The cheering from the grandstand for the championship events, as well as the mass involvement in the swimming heats and novelties brought colour, house spirit and a sense of occasion to this event. Students also enjoyed participating in the leisure activities including waterslides and an inflatable obstacle course in the afternoon.

The leadership of our house captains was integral in the promotion of the carnival and for encouraging and organising students in their houses successfully into events. The student timekeepers made an invaluable contribution, with their efforts and concentration throughout the day. I thank the staff who officiated and managed students and events, the house leaders, as well as the Principal team and teachers for their support of the day in the busy school calendar. Without the involvement of all these people, the event would not be so successful, or indeed possible.

Teacher officials:
- Helen White
- Barbara Bleckley
- Jamie Tester
- Jason Archer
- Tony Mahar
- Jayne Bennett
- Matt Fuss
- Esther McCann

It is fantastic to have such a positive start to our first carnival event of the year. Points from this event contribute to the Sports Carnival Shield and the overall House Shield.

Up Coming Events:
Wednesday 13th March – Year 8 Standards Day
Thursday 14th March – Year 9 Standards Day
Friday 22nd March – SPORTS DAY

Looking forward to seeing the excellent active participation continue!!

Peter Vowles
Coordinator Healthy Lifestyles

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Year 8 Orientation Program – Woodhouse

As part of the Year 8 Orientation Program students took part in activities at Active Education Group at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills in early March. Students participated in team building and problem solving activities as well as Challenge Hill, a large obstacle course.
The Brighton Performing Arts Centre became a Fringe venue for our three-performance season as part of the 2013 Adelaide Fringe Festival and looks like becoming an established and sought after venue for future Fringe festivals. In performing The Silence of Nothing at the BPAC, we were able to use a facility that gave us the opportunity to use a sound, projection and lighting system that did justice to the production.

Our dancers continue a tradition of innovation, performance excellence and professionalism that has developed over the last five years with Love and Silence, Summer, Awakening, Gameplay, Silence of Nothing and now, Place. The professionalism aspect was tested on opening night when technical difficulties with the projector delayed ‘curtain up’. The five dancers who began on stage stood motionless for more than six minutes while Colin Griffin and the technical department sorted out the problem. There was not even a twitch from them, let alone a facial expression, to indicate that anything was wrong. Many in the audience thought that it was part of the performance. For the performance itself, the dancers exuded energy and commitment leaving the stage exhausted and exhilarated each night.

We were never expecting a huge audience, given the scale and scope of the Fringe offerings, but 150 turned up over the three nights including a number of dancer teacher professionals interested in seeing what we do and one mother who brought along her grade seven daughter a year before she is due to enroll at Brighton. Another dancer enrolled this year from Darwin just so that she could be part of the company. We certainly like the idea that our growing reputation is extending into the wider community.

We said adieu to a number of our dancers as of the last performance. Some have been with us since the beginning. Grateful thanks go to Nikki Lodge, Alex Bachmatiuk, Tasma Jefferies, Lizzie Bastable, Mai Ly Irvine, Sabina Fisher and Olivia Griffiths. Special thanks goes to Lauren Cox who has remained as mentor, choreographer and artistic director since she left school and all through her degree course and was an integral part of the Rock Eisteddfod before that. We will all miss her at rehearsal time. Stepping into her shoes is Phoebe Fisher, now the only original member of the company, who takes on the task of steering us through the next year or so.

The second company now steps into the spotlight. Old hands Kaitlyn McKenzie, Clare Lawrence and Taylor Camburn are joined by Abbey Miller, Coby Baker Hutton, Lauren Ager, Nina Philips, Penny Lewis, Teaghan De Rocha, Zali Ovens, Madison Rizzo, Jemima Barratt and Danni Celotti as we put together PLACE for a July opening. While we began work on this idea late last year, it had to take second place to Silence. Now we work with earnest beginning with two workshops run by Ausdance – one on choreographic composition and structure and the other on lifting and partner work. Most dancers have never worked with partner let alone lifted anyone.

Alan Todd and Phoebe Fisher, Artistic Directors

On Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February the Outdoor Pursuits class went to Port Noarlunga on excursion to surf and kayak. Tuesday was a sunny 33 degrees and the group learnt kayaking skills on the Onkaparinga River.

In the afternoon we went on a long paddle, training for the group work and safety that will be required on camp next term. We completed a 4 kilometre round trip from the kayak shed to the new Seaford rail bridge and return. Along the way we discussed the importance of the wetlands and saw many bird species feeding in the shallows, including black swans, ibis and herons. We paddled against the tide initially, so the return trip would be easier on weary arms. The group was very encouraging with one another and demonstrated good leadership as opportunities were presented.

On Wednesday the day was cool, overcast and drizzling. However, the winds were light and off shore, providing clean one foot surfing conditions ideal for learning to surf. Every group member made the most of the conditions and the instructors to develop their skills, with everyone able to successfully stand up on their board while riding the white water by the end of the day.

It was encouraging to see how well the group bonded and supported each other during this experience. We are looking forward to further developing our organisation, group work and self reliance on our canoeing expedition.

Peter Vowles
Coordinator Healthy Lifestyles
Entrepreneurs Share Business Ideas With Class
Two young entrepreneurs, Patrick and Benjamin Galbraith, recently were Guest Speakers to the Year 11 Business and Enterprise class.

The students are learning about entrepreneurship and being enterprising. Patrick and Benjamin run an online jewellery and accessories store, called “Merrin and Gussy” and use Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Pinterest to grow their business. Benjamin has a Style Blog which has followers from around the globe and Patrick is a web-site developer. Their combined skills and love of design and technology has proved to be of significant benefit to their business. The students learnt a lot from hearing the story of the development of their business first-hand and appreciated the time they were able to spend with them.

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 10 Work Experience is a compulsory part of the PLP (Personal Learning Plan)

All Year 10 students received a pack in their Home Group which contains all the forms needed for Work Experience. The completed forms are due back no later than 31 May 2013. Work Experience will be held in Week 10 or Term 2. The dates are Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July.

Vet Certificates Completed
Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed VET courses this year.

Certificate II in Retail:
Vanessa Leak; Fraser Noolan; Ryan Pilat; David Adcock; Felicity Best; Claudia Welsh; Caitlin Chick and Luke Telford.

Sandra Larsen
Coordinator Career Development

Can Drive

The Brighton Secondary School Charities Committee supports a Local, National and International charity. The annual can drive is a local charity initiative to support the Salvation Army provide food for less fortunate families over the Christmas period.

Two trailers full of cans were provided by the students and families of Brighton Secondary School Community. The Marion Salvation Army were very appreciative and surprised by the amount of cans donated and indicated this is a very significant contribution to the local area. Pictured are students from Brighton Secondary School with cans brought from home. A special thanks to Audrey Lian and Zoe Lee from the Charities Committee for organising the can drive and all the students who came on board bringing a can or two each. Fantastic Effort.

Tony Mahar
School Counsellor
On Wednesday 6th March, one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the Year 9 calendar occurred: The Year 9 MacBook Rollout.

With over 750 students and family members converging on Brighton Secondary School to receive a MacBook and start their One to One Learning journey.

The night was a resounding success with a seamless transition of almost 300 MacBooks. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this night possible, and to all the parents/caregivers for their attendance and patience throughout the night.

Kristian Sodomka
Coordinator: One to One Learning

Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

Please put the following times in your diaries:

Parent / Student / Teacher conferences will be held for Years 11 & 12 students on Wednesday 10th April, 3.30pm – 8.30pm

and

Parent / Student / Teacher conferences will be held for Years 8, 9 & 10 students on Wednesday 1st May, 3.30pm – 8.30pm

Students / Parents will be expected to make appointments for these interviews.

More information will be sent home later in the term.
Year 8 Parent Acquaintance Evening

On Wednesday 13th February about 320 parents of our new Year 8 students joined Home Group Teachers, Year 11 Peer Leaders, Counsellors, House Leaders and Principal Team Members for an informal get-to-know-you and information sharing meeting.

The evening began with drinks under the gum trees on the front oval and progressed into the Brighton Performing Arts Centre where formal introductions were made and an address was given by the Principal, Olivia O’Neill.

Parents then split up into the 12 Year 8 Home Groups and moved to the Home Group rooms to hear information given by the Home Group Teachers and Peer Leaders. Parents were also able to ask questions and discuss individual issues with the teachers. There were many positive comments about the meeting and the settled start the Year 8s have made. Thank you to all those who attended.

Barbara Bleckly
Coordinator Student Wellbeing

Year 8/9 Home Group Program

As part of the Year 8/9 Home Group program, students will attend a theatre production relating to cyber safety, anti-bullying and communications.

The production called The Hurting Game is very relevant to this age group. It is a live performance that takes a daring look at the hurtful games we play at school and in cyber space, to give ourselves a false sense of power and belonging. It is performed by a touring performance group called Brainstorm Productions.

This performance will occur on Wednesday 3rd April.

Barbara Bleckly
Coordinator Student Wellbeing
Student Reception

The Student Reception is now situated in the Spence Hall next to the front administration area of the school. The hours of Student Reception are 8.15am – 4.00pm.

Absences From School

- If students are absent from school due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, parents are required to telephone the school’s absence phone line on 8375 8231 on the morning of the absence. This is a recorded message, available 24 hours a day. Alternatively, parents may email the school at absences.student@brighton.sa.edu.au preferably by 10.00am on the day of the absence, and include the child’s full name, the date they will be absent and the reason for their absence.

- In addition to this, for pastoral care purposes, parents are requested to send a note in the planner for Year 8 and 9 students to inform Student Reception of the reason for the absence.

- Parents / students may be required to provide a medical certificate to explain absence which exceeds three consecutive days, or for any absence on the day that a SACE summative assessment task is due.

Secondary School Sport SA Website

Are you participating in one of the SSSSA Knock Out competitions or one of the championships like the Swimming, Triathlon, or Athletics? No longer do you have to wait for the results to be mailed to the school sports coordinator and for them to have the time to distribute the information. In most instances the results of the championship are on the website the next day.

As a participant in one of the knock out competitions do you wonder who will be your next opponent? Each Monday morning the results of each of the Knock Out competitions are uploaded to the website so you may be able to know this before your coach.

If you want to nominate for one of the Interstate teams you must do it on the web site. You will also find information on the calendar of events that are run each year, newsletters, award information, policies and guidelines. It is a joint site with SAPSASA and there are links to Swimming and Aquatics and DECD.

If you have never had a look at the website click on the link below and become familiar so you know where to look for results that are relevant to you.


This is my first year in the role as a School Sport Officer after over 30 years as a PE teacher and I have to admit that I did not appreciate how much information was on the website. It is worth a look. If you have any comments on how we can improve the site please email me: david.phillips3@sa.gov.au and I will look into whether it can be done.
Community News

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Regional Representatives are needed to encourage towns, schools, clubs, friends to share their lifestyles with students, aged 15-18, selected from Europe, USA, Japan and Brazil.

Also, promote overseas programs for local students. Quality and financial support from South Cross Cultural Exchange. Please phone 1800-500-501 or contact scceaust@scce.com.au

Somerton Park Tennis Club
Player registration is called for interested juniors.

Any interested players wishing to become involved with an expanding and successful club contact: Steve Beckley (Junior Coordinator) 0431891733 or email sbeckley@chariot.net.au

The club is situated at 40 Wilton Avenue, Somerton Park.

Foster Carers Needed
Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation providing support to young people who are unable to live with their families.

We are currently seeking compassionate people to join our team as long-term or respite Foster Carers. Sadly, there is a growing shortage of Foster Carers in SA, meaning that there are many children waiting for caring homes.

Find out more at our FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT on Wednesday the 27th of March, 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club (cnr. of Saltfleet Street & Esplanade, Port Noarlunga). Free supper provided.

Come along to learn about Foster Care in SA, meet experienced Foster Carers and hear about the supports and services that we provide. To register for the information night, or for general enquiries, contact Lisa on 8415 6900 or lisa.colton@lwb.org.au

National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC)
From 20th to 22nd March, Mai Ly Irvine, Year 12 student, will be among 124 Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia attending the 18th National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC), being held at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

At the 2013 Convention Mai Ly and the other delegates will spend two days exploring how they can recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Constitution.

Congratulations to Mai Ly who was selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools.
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In celebration of 43 years in Adelaide and Australia and also the opening of the new Brighton training centre, we are offering for the month of March, Free Joining, Free Training and a Free Uniform! The offer is open to all new members and past or current members of any grade! This is presented to you by World Master Chong Chul Rhee and Regional Master Instructor Aaron Abell.

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