From the Principal

We realize that the Parent / Student / Teacher conference structure requires improvement to provide more access to appointments. Suggestions from parents and teachers include:

- A “Communications Week” where parents may opt for a phone conversation, an email or a face to face appointment.
- Three Parent / Student / Teacher conferences from 3.30-6.30pm and one on Tuesday from 2.30-5.30pm
- On-line booking system for appointments
- Teachers in the gym instead of classrooms
- (We used to use the Hall and Library before the Expansion program)
- Years 8 and 9 on one evening and Years 10 to 12 on another.

You may have other suggestions to improve communication which I am happy to receive via email: olivia.oneill@brighton.sa.edu.au

The teachers began the “Literacy for Learning” course during the Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm Professional Development time. This course assists teachers of all subjects to teach literacy. The course will run throughout Term 2 including the P.D. day on the 1st July 2013.

The Student Free Day on 3rd May 2013 provided staff with opportunities to understand the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective in the Australian Curriculum. 120 staff travelled by bus to Warraparinga, the Migration Museum, the Museum and the Botanic Gardens. Later this term there will be an evening presentation in the BPAC for parents to understand the Australian Curriculum and its underlying structure. We are considering an hour presentation from 7.30-8.30pm.

Before we commit to this event we are canvassing the parent community to judge your interest in such an informative session.

Please email YES or NO for the Australian Curriculum Session to my email: olivia.oneill@brighton.sa.edu.au

The Expansion project is well underway when you see the various trenches, fences and heavy equipment. We ask parents to respect the “No Drop Off” signs to assist the safe flow of pedestrian and vehicle access.

The 400 seat Recital Hall is due for completion in 2013 and the 21st Century Learning Centre early 2014. Professor Martin Westwell from Flinders University is assisting us as a “critical friend” to establish appropriate pedagogy for the Centre.

We are designing a brief for sculptors to create a befitting sculpture outside the new centre. Please contact me by email or phone (8375 8252 / 0422 005 085) if you would like to assist us with writing the brief.

At the Formal, the professional photographers congratulated the students for their good manners, charm and etiquette. They told us they had never experienced such a pleasant group of students. Congratulations to the Year 12’s and parents for your good parenting.

Congratulations to Assistant Principal Senior Schooling, Warren Eaton and his staff team for making the Formal a memorable event in the 2013 calendar.

Olivia O’Neill
Principal
Visit by Renowned South Australian Author
Dr Rosanne Hawke

On Thursday April 4, the Creative Writers’ Group was treated to an intensive workshop in the techniques of narrative writing by well-known author Rosanne Hawke.

She worked with 24 students (Years 8 – 12) on things such as creating character, inventing such specific details as how they walk. We thought about their greatest fears, or what makes them truly happy and this not only allowed us to create detailed characters, but it also helped our storyline. Rosanne keeps journals to help her do this, with research, drawings and ideas for each novel. We were able to leaf through them and were inspire to really plan for a novel in this way.

One of my favourite activities was when she handed out cards with an emotion written on it to each of us. We couldn’t show anyone else and we had to write a paragraph about a character feeling an emotion such as embarrassment, for example. We then read our paragraphs out to the class. I found this very useful and I am certainly going to do it at home. It focused our writing on trying to fit a scene with one particular emotion in a story. This made my character much more real.

Talking to my friends afterwards, I found we all loved it. We felt it really improved our writing skills and they were, like me, all going to buy a journal to write ideas in. It was also very inspirational as we are all very fond of writing and many of us aspire to be authors when we grow up. Rosanne Hawke’s workshop not only helped my writing, but inspired me to read her books too. We thank her profusely for coming to Brighton Secondary School and teaching us new ways to write. We are also very grateful to the school for the Inquiry Grant that made this workshop possible and to Mrs Borgen-Smith for organizing it.

Mae Napier-Traeger
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Music

News

The Music Department has had a number of very important performances over the last few weeks.

The Brighton Secondary School Concert Choir has performed at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service which was held at Jetty Road, Brighton. It was wonderful to have 95 students singing both Australian and New Zealand National Anthems. We were pleased that our students sang the New Zealand Anthem in Maori.

On 9th May, Jeffrey Kong took a group of our finest Year 9/10 students to perform as soloists at the Annual Award for the Voluntary Workers for the Italian Old Folks Homes.

Brighton Special Music Centre has been invited to present a concert at the Italian National Day on 3rd June. This is the 4th year that we have been honoured with this presentation. The Brighton Secondary School Concert Choir along with Old Scholar Hannah Greenshields will perform the most treasured music by Verdi. You may know that this is the bi-centenary of Verdi’s birth.

Jeffrey Kong
Head of Music

Sports

News

The following students have been selected to represent Secondary School Sport SA and the South Australian National Football League at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Girls Australian Football Championships. These Championships will be held in Darwin, Northern Territory from August 10th – 18th 2013.

Congratulations to the following Students:
Taylah Eastwood
Eloise Jones

Elissa Noolan has been selected to represent Secondary School Sport SA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Netball Championships. These championships will be held in Launceston, Tasmania from July 27th – August 2nd 2013

Congratulations Elissa

Jason Archer
Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the following students who achieved these results at the Surf Life Saving State Titles held at Somerton Park in March.

Scarlett Hosking:
2nd U15 Girls sprints
1st U15 Girls flags
2nd U15 Girls beach relay

Max Hosking:
1st U15 Boys 2km run
2nd U15 Boys beach relay

Liam Jones:
2nd U 15 Boys beach relay

Patrick Cusenza:
2nd U17 Boys beach relay
3rd U19 Boys beach relay
3rd Open Boys beach relay

Jack Newton:
2nd U 17 Boys beach relay
3rd U19 Boys beach relay
3rd Open Boys beach relay

Margaret Cusenza:
1st U19 Girls beach relay
2nd Open Girls beach relay

Larissa Fielding:
2nd U15 Girls beach relay

Jess Williams:
2nd U15 Girls beach relay

Dane Cornish:
2nd U15 Boys beach relay

Tyson Ratsch who has been selected to play in the Under 18 State Lacrosse team. The tournament was played in Perth in April.
A1 Interschool Athletics

From our recent success in Interschool Athletics, Brighton Secondary School has “reaped the rewards” and been promoted through three divisions in as many years: from B1, to A2 and now A1. The A1 division is the highest in the Secondary School Sport South Australia (SSSSA) State Athletics Championships where we now compete against the best of the best in Athletics from Government and Independent Schools.

Competing in a highly competitive division, we asked our students to perform to the best of their ability. As this is a team event, every result and point scored is valuable.

Throughout the day we had a number of outstanding performances from our experienced athletes in Year 12 such as Riley Cocks, right through to our new athletes in Year 8 such as Gwen Humphreys and Caitlin Francis.

We had many students perform personal bests on the day; some even had more than one, which is an excellent result. Some students were approached to do an extra event, which they were willing to do for the benefit of the team.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a state standard for their event: Caitlin Francis (U14 Girls Long Jump), Katie Gardner (U15 Girls Shot Put), Britt Kendall (Open Girls High Jump), and Riley Cocks (Open Boys 1500m & Open Boys 3000m).

The boys finished in 8th place and the girls finished in 4th place. Overall, Brighton finished 5th out of the 7 schools enabling us to maintain our place in the A1 division.

Congratulations to all students who were selected in the Athletics Team.

For those students who placed in their event, performed a personal best or even a state standard, it is an outstanding achievement in A1 Athletics. We will now look forward to 2014 and cementing our place in this division.

Further opportunities in School Athletics will present themselves in Cross Country and Knockout Athletics. For more information on School Athletics please contact me at school on (08) 8375 8210.

Matt Fuss
Physical Education
**Certificate Winners**

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Canoe Camp

On Wednesday 8th May the Outdoor Pursuits class packed their gear into a trailer and hopped on the bus ready and excited for our expedition to Katarapko creek, located in the backwaters of the Murray River near Loxton. The three day weather forecast was for 28 degrees and light winds, absolutely perfect canoeing conditions.

The group has been planning for this expedition for over a term. In class the group bonded by completing group dynamics tasks, studying first aid, risk management, navigation and route planning. We familiarised ourselves with the equipment at school by setting up the tents, cooking on the trangias and establishing a menu plan with a partner. Good preparation provided us the best opportunity for a successful expedition.

After a four hour bus drive we arrived at Lock 4, practiced some canoe paddling techniques then packed our gear into the canoes. We waved goodbye to the bus for three days, travelled through the massive Lock and began our adventure. The Murray River was glassy, the weather was warm and our spirits were high. We arrived at camp and set up our tents just before sunset, lit the fire, then sat around and cooked our meals on the trangia. Pretty soon the stars came out and there were just so many. We went for a night walk and found a place to lie on the banks of Katarapko creek and watch them. We saw five shooting stars, which we took as a good sign for our trip. Back at the campfire we played spotlight, cooked marshmallows and made up stories.

On day two we almost paddled the length of Katarapko creek. The group supported each other and we changed around paddling partners as needed. We stopped at lunch and took an environmental walk to understand more about the environment we were living in. The paddle was a challenge, but we were all really happy and satisfied when we achieved it. That night the group felt really close and connected, as we shared our likes, dislikes and what we had learnt throughout the expedition.

We awoke to a beautiful sunrise, had breakfast, packed our canoes and left Katarapko creek to re-enter the Murray. When we reached our destination we all felt a sense of achievement. It was a great experience, we had some fantastic memories and successfully completed our minimal impact expedition by “leaving only footprints and taking only photos.”

Outdoor Pursuits Class
Semester One 2013
VET Certificates completed:
The following students have successfully completed VET Certificates:
Ashley Price – Certificate III in Retail

Guest Speakers
Year 12 students have had a series of Guest Speakers recently.
These opportunities are part of the Career Development program which is made available to our students to assist them with their career choices.

- Business and Enterprise class – Megan Wheeler, Ehrenberg-Bas Institute, School of Marketing, UniSA
- Workplace Practices class – Craig Birbeck, Apprenticeship Advisor, Australian Industry Group and also Lynne Pullman, Director – New Generations, Rotary Club of Brighton
- Potential Medical students – Representatives from the School of Medicine, University of Adelaide

Vocational Evaluation Program
The Rotary Club of Brighton recently delivered the Vocational Evaluation Program to the Year 12 students who are enrolled in the Year 12 Workplace Practices class.
The students had to write a Letter of Application, prepare a Resume and participate in a mock interview with a panel of Rotary Club members. Their applications and performance were assessed and helpful feedback was provided to the students. A winner was then selected. This was the person deemed to have presented the best Letter of Application, the best Resume and who performed well in the mock interview. This year’s winner is Connor Grundle. Connor was presented with a trophy at the Rotary Club Dinner on 20th May.

Bonus Points From UniSA
UniSA has a bonus points program call UniSA Advantage. The UniSA Advantage program offers two different types of bonus points: Aspire and Achievement.
Not all Brighton Secondary School students who apply to UniSA for 2014 entry will be eligible to receive Aspire bonus points. However, individual students who are in receipt of Youth Allowance, Health Care Card, Low Income Health Care Card and/or School Card benefits should visit the UniSA website at unisa.edu.au/bonuspoints and download an application form.
All students at Brighton Secondary School may be eligible to receive Achievement bonus points, depending on the subjects they have chosen to study in Year 12.
If there any questions relating to bonus points at UniSA, families are encouraged to contact Judy Sykes on 8302 0596 or email judy.sykes@unisa.edu.au.

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 10 Work Experience week is Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July 2013.
All Year 10 students were given a Work Experience Pack early in Term 1. This pack contains all the information required for work experience. All forms are due back by 31st May.

Sandra Larsen
Career Development Co-ordinator
On Wednesday 8th May, Brighton Secondary School opened its doors to provide an opportunity for members of our community to visit the school, talk with staff, view students working in classrooms and obtain information about the many programs we offer.

Over the course of the day there were 3 school tours conducted, with well over 600 people taking the opportunity to view our facilities. On the day there were a number of students who offered their time to conduct tours around the school. These guides received some positive feedback and expressed genuine enthusiasm in showing the visitors all that Brighton has to offer.

Following the tours, the Principal’s Address highlighted the successes of the school, and the future directions for Brighton. Three year 8 speakers gave a personal view of their first year at Brighton Secondary, giving an insight into how they applied and were accepted into the school’s Music and Volleyball programs. They also spoke about the range of extra-curricula activities on offer for mainstream students.

Overall, it was a fantastic day, backed by the Curriculum Leaders and staff who put many hours into preparing their areas for our visitors.

Ross Service
Co-ordinator Student Well Being

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