The 2014 school year is coming to a close but the students continue to impress both within and beyond school. The students in the Adelaide University eChallenge team were extremely successful. The following awards were presented at a black tie event at the Wine Centre.

- The Year 10 team won the Best Presentation Award.
- The Year 11 team won 2nd prize ($1000) in the competition and will spend a day at Microsoft Australia.

The Charities and Recognition assembly this term highlighted academic and sporting achievements, as well as the Human Rights awards for students and staff who have since left for Cambodia to help build a kindergarten for children who live in extreme poverty. Student leaders organised fundraising throughout the year to raise the required $18,000.

Congratulations to the Years 8 and 9 students who presented the Personal Learning Plan to a panel. Year 7 students enjoyed their orientation days at Brighton Secondary School. Our last major events for the year are Australian Business Week with the Year 10 students and the Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne. We wish them all success.

We are excited to launch the Brighton Secondary School App. It can be downloaded to your phone or mobile device. Through the App you will receive sports, volleyball, music and other information at the touch of a finger. See the full page article further in this newsletter.

The Bright Centre and the Concert Hall were officially opened by the Minister for Education and Child Development, Hon. Jennifer Rankine, this term. The photos in this newsletter show what spectacular spaces these are. You may like to join one of my tours to see these wonderful facilities the first Wednesday of every month at 9.00am. Just come along and meet in the front foyer.

The main Reception area as well as the Spence Hall and the Spence Wing classrooms and corridors, will be refurbished in Term 1 now that the tenders have gone out. The Years 11 and 12 students will be located in the Senior Research Centre during their study lessons once the building works are completed. We have terminated the contract with Southern Schoolwear for the supply of uniform due to ongoing quality and service problems. The Department for Education and Child Development has helped us with contracting Devon Clothing for a period of 2 years.

I wish all our families a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new 2015 school year.

Olivia O’Neill
Principal
Term Dates for Students in 2015

Term 1  27th January – 10th April
Term 2  28th April – 3rd July
Term 3  21st July – 25th September
Term 4  12th October – 11th December

Beginning of 2015:
Year 8 Students Commence School on Tuesday 27th January 2015, 8.40am

Year 8 students will meet their House Leader in the following places:
• Buffalo – central courtyard
• Cygnet – front oval (under the trees)
• Holdfast – Brighton Theatre (in the foyer)
• Rapid – Gymnasium

Year 8 students will be able to check their Home Group when they come to pay school fees and purchase uniform the week before school commences. These Home Group lists will also be placed around the school on day 1.

As per our timetable, the end of the school day on Tuesdays will be 2.30pm. The end of the school day on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be 3.15pm.

Year 12 Students Commence School on Tuesday 27th January 2015, 9.15am. They are to meet in the Brighton Concert Hall foyer.

Years 9, 10 & 11 Students Commence School On Wednesday 28th January 2015, 8.40am

Years 9, 10 & 11 students go to the central courtyard to determine Home Group rooms and proceed directly to Home Group. Room allocations will be posted on windows facing the central courtyard.

New students to the school in years 9-12, please meet in the Front Office Foyer.

Fee Collection Details for 2015

The school will be open for collection of school fees on 20th, 21st and 22nd January 2015 from 9.00am to 2.30pm. This will be operated from Student Reception. The three days will be organised as follows:

A-G Tuesday 20th January 2015
H-N Wednesday 21st January 2015
O-Z Thursday 22nd January 2015

All details must be finalised by the close of business on Thursday 22nd January 2015.

Kaitlyn McKenzie, Year 11, who performed as Christine Daaé in Phantom of the Opera. She performed to sell-out crowds with standing ovations.

Bicara Mills, Year 11, who has been selected in the Combined Australian Netball Association Team to tour New Zealand in April 2015.

Brooke McGregor, Year 8, who will represent South Australia at the National All Schools Athletics Championships in the 1500m and 3000m.

Gwen Humphreys, Year 9, who will represent South Australia at the National All Schools Athletics Championships in the 200m.

Hamish Petherick, Year 8, who will represent South Australia at the National All Schools Athletics Championships in the 200m and 400m.

Spencer Holdback, Year 8, who will represent South Australia at the National All Schools Athletics Championships in High Jump.

Caitlin Francis, Year 9, who was selected to represent South Australia at the National All Schools Athletics Championships in Long Jump.

Samuel Will, Year 10, who recently competed in a state level diving competition at the SA Aquatic Centre. Samuel came first in his age group on the 1 meter board and achieved a new state record. Samuel has qualified to compete in the National Diving competition to be held in April in 2015.
Building

Expansion

You are welcome to visit Brighton Secondary School to see the new Bright Centre and Music Concert Hall which comprise the expansion program. These buildings were opened by the Minister for Education and Child Development, Hon. Jennifer Rankine, on 31st October.

Principal tours are conducted on the first Wednesday of each month (during term time). These tours leave from the front office at Brighton Secondary School at 9.00am.

Our Open Day in 2015 will be held on Wednesday 29th April (term 2, week 1).
Brighton Secondary School iPhone/iPad App is now available from the App store as a free download (including Android).

This app is designed to allow students and parents access to information about events and daily activities at the school. It will be updated daily to ensure that the information provided is the most current and up-to-date available.

- Have the sports fixtures been cancelled due to bad weather? The notice section of the app will tell you.
- Need to check on the venue and start time of the Music Spectacular or Volleyball competition? The calendar in the app will hold this information.

You do not need to receive everything!

One of the features of this app is that you can sign up for only those notices and events that you wish to know about. So, if your child is in Year 8, you can choose to receive only junior school information on the app, and not any information for senior school parents.

We trust that you will enjoy the convenience that this app will bring you. If you have any queries, please see below.

Application Support

We welcome any feedback and suggestions you may have, as the information available will continue to grow with time.

Please contact David Thomson, Assistant Principal School Operations at david.thomson@brighton.sa.edu.au or by phone at 8375 8200 with any enquiries.

Brighton Secondary School on Facebook

Brighton Secondary School is proud to announce the launch of our very own Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BrightonSS

We hope that this new initiative will provide an avenue for community networking and sharing school news.

In order to increase student learning opportunities in our community we invite you to ‘like’ our page.

You can access Brighton Secondary School’s Facebook page by searching on Facebook or you can go to the Brighton Secondary School’s website page to click on the Facebook icon link. For any feedback please email the Personal Learning Coordinator, Hayley Reid at hayley.reid@brighton.sa.edu.au
Music Trip To Belgium

Ten Special Interest Music students, 2 staff and 5 parents travelled to Flanders in Belgium in November to attend the 1000 Voices for Peace concert.

1000 Voices for Peace conveys a powerful message of solidarity and determination to fulfil the mission set out in the opening words of the United Nations Charter: ‘to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war’.

There were magical moments of pure emotion from so much harmony and beauty. What made the musical project of fellowship so unique is the pure commitment of everyone involved. Every participant will surely know it and treasure the lasting memory of this musical and emotional response to the horrors of World War I.

Jeff Kong
Head of Music

Music News

Students from the Special Interest Music Program performed at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the West Terrace Cemetery on Tuesday 11 November 2014.
Congratulations to the following major prize winners in Years 8-11 who received their awards at the Charities and Recognition Assembly held on 13th November 2014.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL AWARDS**

**YEAR 8**
Karina Cooke
Hannah Eichner
Nicole Kascak
Jack Mason-Intini
Charlotte Rayner
Emma Richardson
Delys Russell
Amelia Sard
Vladislav Solomonov

**YEAR 9**
Isabel Bevan-Davies
Tim Braslavskiy
Alexandra Klos
Grace Male
Keelia McKone
Jackson Menzies
Callum Neilson
Julia Russell
Oliver Ryan
Alex Sprinkmeier

**YEAR 10**
Ella Brookes
Travis Collins
Marcus Falckh
Eloise Jones
Brian Lian
Isabel Mawby
Charlie McKay
Rebekah Rath
Liam Storken
Mark Teoh

**YEAR 11**
Bridie Armour
Brianna Ford
Roan Johnson
Jarred McEvoy
Kaitlyn McKenzie
Taylah Payne
Kyle Trevenen
Tara Wise
Phoebe Wittwer-Smith
Lauren Wood

**SPIRIT OF ANZAC AWARDS**
Courtney Franklin-Shattock, Year 8
Callum Neilson, Year 9
Isabel Mawby, Year 10
Emily Squires, Year 11

**LONG TAN AWARD**
Marcus Falckh, Year 10

**HINDMARSH SHIELD**
Marcus Falckh, Year 10

**NANCY SCHUPELIUS AWARD**
Emily Lawson, Year 10

**MEREDITH COLLINS AWARD**
Mikaela Trout, Year 11

**STEWART WALLBANK MEMORIAL PRIZE**
Jake Rosenthal, Year 10

**FRIENDS OF BRIGHTON AWARD**
Martin Oakley, Year 11

**BRIGHTON UNITED LODGE AWARDS**
Alexandra James, Year 11 (Academic)
Madison Ryan, Year 11 (Vocational)

**FREEMASONS YOUNG MUSICIAN AWARD**
Angus Cameron, Year 10

**KIWANIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
Tahlia Kalleske, Year 9
Responsibility | Integrity | Fairness | Co-operation | Respect | Excellence
The Visual Art and Design students from Years 8-12 have been very industriously making and concluding their projects for 2014.

The first major display was in the Brighton Theatre where the Year 12 Art, Creative Arts, Design and Photography students exhibited their works. A very diverse range of art works exploring individual themes included paintings, watercolours, sculpture, drawing, mixed media and silk painting.

The students developed their ideas over months of researching, exploring and experimenting. Themes in 2014 included past travel adventures, future visions, special places, dreams and hopes, world issues and genetic engineering. Congratulations to Lucinda Cawrse and Vanessa Leak for being selected for the Year 12 SACE Art Show in 2015.

The Design students presented selections of works from interior design plans and models, furniture, fashion, clothing and graphics. The students arrived at very original design products following their explorations and testing of many possible solutions.

Year 12 Photography was also featured in the display with many pieces that went beyond the expectations of photography.

Notable highlights this term have been the Year 10 Clocks from Year 10 Design, Year 10 Consumerism projects, the Year 8 Cultural Ceramic Houses, the Co-design project in Year 9 and the many final works from the Year 11 Art and Design students.

Yasmin Paterson
Coordinator Visual and Performing Arts
Volleyball News

Year 8-9 VSA Beach Comp 2014 - Medal Winners

Our Year 8 students competed in both Year 8 and Year 9 Division 1 Competitions at Glenelg Beach with the following results.

**Year 8 VSA Competition**
- Girls Division 1 Gold and Silver
- Boys Division 1 Gold and Silver

**Year 9 VSA Competition**
- Girls Division 1 Gold and Silver
- Boys Division 1 Gold and Silver
Year 8/9 Knockout Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys Knockout Volleyball team on their recent state title victory. After a sound display of excellent volleyball the team made their way through the minor round games to the finals.

The boys proved to powerful and accomplished in the semi final winning through to the final in convincing fashion. The final against Heathfield was worthy of a statewide final with outstanding skills displayed by both teams. The dynamic offence and solid defense of our boys was most impressive. The boys also had the challenge of outplaying an opponent who had five of their starting six from this year’s state team.

The game kept building momentum and tension as both teams were going “for it” in the final set. The team fought their way to a great 15/13 victory. The positive ‘team first’ attitude of all the players made this a formidable group. The boys completed the sweep – Year 8/9, Year 10 and Open Knockout champions. Well-done boys.

Jamie Tester
Volleyball Teacher

Year 8/9 Knockout Girls Volleyball

On Friday the 7th November, Brighton Secondary School hosted the state finals for the 8/9 KO Volleyball.

The format involved six teams divided into two pools. Our first round robin match was against Seaview High. It was great to see our neighbours make the finals. The match was played in tremendous spirits and we were lucky to win and get the day off to a pleasing start. Our final round robin match was played against Hallett Cove. Again the girls were successful. Having finished top of our pool, we qualified to play against the second placed team from Pool B. This opponent was Marryatville High. Our girls were dominant, winning 2-0 in a best of three sets contest. In the grand final we played against Heathfield. Sadly we were outplayed and lost 22-25, 23-25. The girls must be commended on their positive attitude and the way they fought the match out. Even though we played some exciting volleyball, we couldn’t match Heathfield’s ability to defend and scramble. They proved again that it doesn’t necessarily matter how hard you can hit, but how hard you can be hit. For this they are to be commended and were very deserving winners and state champions.

Shane Durbridge
Volleyball Teacher
Two student teams entered the entrepreneurship eChallenge program for schools that was held in conjunction with the University of Adelaide.

The students were required to work in teams and create a product or business that has the potential to be successful in the real world. The teams’ ideas involved the creation of free mobile calls or a watch that monitored the condition of people’s hearts and sent out GPS locations to emergency services if the person’s heart rate indicated they were in trouble.

The eChallenge Presentation Dinner was held last at Adelaide Oval on Thursday November 13th with over 400 people attending.

The Year 10 team comprising Mark Teoh, Nina Li, Sean Henschke, Tim Foley and Rebekah Rath won the Best Presentation Award.

The Year 11 team comprising Laura Hughson, Andrew Andrawos, Emily Squires, Phoebe Wittwer-Smith and Arkadiusz Kielpikowski won 2nd prize ($1000) in the competition.

The really big prize was a ‘Day at Microsoft’, where the successful team gets to spend a full day with all of the Microsoft executives and personnel in developing their business opportunities and being mentored. They have access to all of the facilities at Microsoft for the day. The cash value of this prize is $10,000.

The successful team for the ‘Day at Microsoft’ was the Brighton Year 11 team, BrightLife, with their concept of the heart watch.

Danny Blue  
Assistant Principal Senior Schooling
This year the Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) class undertook an innovative approach to the study of Geography within the Australian Curriculum through topics of “Human Well Being and Environmental Change and Development”.

A Global Parliament was created where each student chose a country to represent at the world parliamentary meetings. The students explored the UN Human Development Index (HDI), met community representatives and undertook a special study to investigate particular issues that affect human wellbeing across a range of countries. These issues were also considered in terms of the UN International Charter for Human Rights.

As recognition of having undertaken a study of Human Well Being, the students of the Year 10 HASS Class were presented with “Citizen for Humanity” certificates, which are part of a National Human Rights Project in schools awarded by the Australian Council for Human Rights Education.

Parents as well as members of the Council for Human Rights Education (SA), representatives of the African (Somali), Russian-Ukraine, Indian/Pakistan and Arabic speaking were also present in the audience.

Special thanks to the students Nina Li and Samantha Franson for acting as rapporteurs for the event.

**Vincenzo Andreacchio, HASS Teacher and Jack Kyriakou, HASS Coordinator**

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**Teacher Award**

Congratulations to Ms Maj-Lis Borgen-Smith, English Teacher, who was nominated for the Teacher Mentor Knowledge Award at the University of Adelaide by Aimee Shattock, Student Teacher.
Fred Smith - Working and Singing for Peace and Understanding

On Friday 7th November, the Year 10s and 11s had the great opportunity to hear Fred Smith, an Australian diplomat and songwriter, speak and sing for us. Fred spoke to us about intercultural understanding and how important it is to understand people through their culture and language. We got to know about his personal experiences growing up in India and Australia, working as a peace-keeper and diplomat in Afghanistan and Bougainville and many others.

He explained that being exposed to so many different ways of living had opened his eyes to perspectives other than his own, and whoever wishes to understand himself or herself, should firstly understand others.

With great sad and comic stories, Fred also expressed his feelings and his understanding of situations through several meaningful songs. From powerful war-related songs to simple and humorous melodies, it could be seen that such discoveries about worlds other than our own are part of the journey of being a complete human being.

Yane Nacif
Year 10 Student

Subs In Schools
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Along with F1 in Schools the future Submarine project has taken shape at Brighton Secondary School. The culmination of this program has been the design and manufacture of a remote controlled submarine pictured.

The boat is fully submersible with active service planes and operates to a depth of approximately 2 metres. It was presented in Melbourne to the Australian Engineering community as a pilot program for Subs in Schools.

It is with much pride and pleasure that I acknowledge the work and expertise of Bes Shah, Gareth Peer and Kane Greenhalgh (Year 12 students). They have worked tirelessly to design and manufacture the boat using 3D printer technology, along with Catia software and Virtual Wind-tunnel programs to produce a wonderful product.

We would like to acknowledge all who assisted in this process including Babcock International, Australian Submarine Corporation and Mr Colin Saunders from Brighton Secondary School.

Steve Read
Coordinator Design and Technology
Year 8 Mindfulness
Research Project 2014

Brighton Secondary School has just completed participation in the first phase of a Flinders University research trial run by Catherine Johnson, a PhD student from the School of Psychology.

The project is investigating mindfulness as a preventive mental health strategy. Mindfulness teaches greater awareness of the present moment (what’s happening externally, as well as internal thoughts and feelings) and fosters an attitude of curiosity, patience, kindness and acceptance to our experience. Being able to drop an anchor and steady oneself in stormy situations allows us greater choice with how to respond to difficulties. Mindfulness is thought to target the ability to tolerate intense negative emotions, change harsh self-criticism and step out of ruminative thinking (magnifying and chewing on worries) which act as vulnerability factors for a range of conditions such as anxiety, depression and eating disorders. Brighton is working together with Catherine to take part in a second trial next year looking at parental involvement in the training with a view to ultimately disseminating the programme across multiple year levels.

Jan Sutherland
School Counsellor

Feed your family of 4 a healthy meal for $30!
with
1 family meal and 1 large salad!

- quiches  - pies  - lasagna  - salads

Come see what’s on today!