Brighton Secondary School continues its tradition of high performing graduates with a Rhodes Scholarship awarded to Kelli Staite. Kelli graduated in 2009. She is studying Pure Mathematics at Adelaide University.

There have been many outstanding achievements recently.

Congratulations to the Oliphant Science Awardees:
1st Prize Computer Programming and Robotics, Jerin Saviour, Year 12
1st Prize DECD Young Scientist of the Year, Emily Squires, Year 11
1st Prize Posters, Emily Squires, Year 11
3rd Prize Models and Inventions, Emily Squires Year 11

Congratulations to Science Teacher Dr Samantha Moyle who won the prestigious SA Early Career STEM Educator of the Year – School Teaching award. Previous to this award she won a scholarship to support her Associate degree of Engineering and the SA Excellence in Public Education Award, Teachers Health Fund Early Career Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to Science Teacher Gerald Little who won the State BHP Teacher of the Year award. Also Jeremy LeCormu, Coordinator One to One Learning Program who won the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, SA Division.


Congratulations to the students for their professionalism while performing in the Year 12 Drama production “You Can’t Take It With You”, expertly directed by teacher, Kristin McDonnell.

When teachers come to Brighton they are surprised by the number of events. This term has seen the Jazz Cabaret, The Valedictory, the Official Opening of the Bright Centre and Concert Hall by Minister Jennifer Rankine, the Q and A event modelled on the ABC Q and A hosted by Tony Jones, and the Shakespeare Festival, all within three weeks.

The Q and A event was hosted by Kelly Nestor with a panel of experts (Tony Harrison, Chief Executive, Department for Education and Child Development; Laurel Papworth, Social Media Consultant; Alison Barrett, Journalist and Young Entrepreneur; Rick Schultz, Youth Justice Sergeant Sturt Crime Prevention; Professor Martin Westwell, Director 21st Century Science Department, Flinders University; Natalya Giffney, Consultant with Safe Schools Coalition). We will make it an annual event.

We wish the choral students well on their Belgium tour to represent Australia in the Flanders 1000 Voices for Remembrance Day. Brighton students are the only Australian students performing.

The Principal Team experienced what it’s like being a student for a day when we all donned the uniform and followed rules. We were exhausted by the end of the day with our heads full. We concluded a student’s life is very tiring and the teachers work very hard.

Olivia O’Neill
Principal
Expansion Project

On Friday 31st October The Hon. Jennifer Rankine, MP, Minister for Education and Child Development officially opened Brighton Secondary School’s $18 million school expansion project.

This expansion has delivered a new 450 seat Concert Hall and a state-of-the-art complex called the Bright Centre which contains a library, classrooms, laboratories and canteen. In addition to the new buildings, Science, Design Technology and Physical Education classrooms have been refurbished.
Q and A Event at Brighton Secondary School

Brighton Secondary School held its very own and first ever “Q and A” event on the topic “The Age of Entitlement is Over” in the Brighton Theatre on Thursday 23rd October.

The panel included Tony Harrison, Chief Executive, Department for Education and Child Development; Laurel Papworth, Social Media Analyst; Alison Barrett, Journalist and Young Entrepreneur; Ric Schultz, Youth Justice Sergeant Sturt Crime Prevention Unit; Professor Martin Westwell, Director 21st Century Science Department, Flinders University and Natalya Giffney, Consultant for the Safe Schools Coalition.

The very enthusiastic media personality Kelly Nestor hosted the “Q and A” in a highly professional and engaging way and, along with the panel and the TV-like atmosphere, made this evening a truly memorable event. Panel members were presented with questions covering a broad range of topics impacting young people and their families, ranging from education, health, work, lifestyle, social media and gender diversity. Our audience included a broad range of community organisation representatives as well as politicians, academics, parents, students and staff.

The Q and A event began as a way of promoting school safety and student wellbeing and recognising the fact that parents and the wider community have a role to play in this. Two education grants, one a parent initiative, the other student initiative, provided further incentive. A small group of staff, students and a Governing Council member, Jacquie Squires, developed the event over time which included selecting the panel and host, as well as considering the range of questions submitted. I would like to acknowledge music student Rhys Williams who composed the event’s musical theme and Marcus Falckh who created the visual effects and was our floor manager for the evening.

Tony Jones, Mr Q and A himself, emailed to wish the school good luck for the event and said ... “That is so cool...it makes us very proud that others have taken up the public democracy format ... engagement with ideas and public debate is fundamental to that democracy.”

We intend entering the Brighton Secondary School Q and A event into the 2014 City of Holdfast Bay’s Event of the Year.

Jill Brindley
Assistant Principal
Congratulations

Dates

NOVEMBER
3 Year 12 Exams commence
3-7 Outdoor Pursuits camp
5-6 Year 11 Drama Performance
6 Uniform Committee meeting, 12.45pm
7 Year 8 / 9 SIV KO finals @ BSS
10 Governing Council, 7.00pm
11 Remembrance Day
11 Peer Leadership Training
12 Year 9 Aquatics
13 Charities & Recognition Assembly, 9.00am
14 Volunteers thank you luncheon
17 SIV Year 8 Beach @ Glenelg
18 SIV Year 9 Beach @ Glenelg
19 Year 12 Exams conclude
20 Year 11 Recognition Assembly
21 Year 11 lessons conclude
21 World Challenge Cambodia trip departs
24 Finance meeting, 5.45pm
24-28 Year 11 Exams week
28 Year 10 Formal lessons conclude

DECEMBER
1 Governing Council, 7.00pm
1 Year 7 Visits
1-5 Australian Business Week for Year 10s
3 Year 7 Visits
8 Lessons & Carols Service (SIM)
10 SIM Legacy concert
6-13 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
12 Last day of term 4

Congratulations to Zak Drury, Year 9, who has been selected in the Boy’s Under 15 Eastern Reds Lacrosse Team to compete in the National Tournament in Perth in September / October.

Jaxon Simmonds, Year 11, who has been selected to represent Australia in Taekwondo in Scotland in November.

Alesha Elliott, Year 8, who has been selected to represent SA and compete in the National Lacrosse Tournament in Perth.

Rebekah Rath, Year 10, whose poem has been selected to appear in the 2014 Spring Poetry Festival Anthology.

Jordan Sims, Year 10, whose 60,000 novel Cherished was shortlisted in the Random House novel competition for Australians under 19.

Zak Drury, Year 9, selected in the State School Boys Surfing Team.

Caspian Zalups, Year 10, selected in the State School Boys Surfing Team.

Lachlan Schultz, Year 12, selected in the State School Boys Surfing Team.

Jai Martin-Rankin, Year 12, who has been selected as one of 32 people in Australia as a finalist in the “Culinary Experience with the Lot”. He has won a trip to Melbourne for 3 days with all expenses paid and will participate in Master classes. Jai has the opportunity to possibly win an international cooking scholarship.

Katharine Dowling, Year 8, who represented South Australia in the U13 girls state hockey team at the National championships in Brisbane.

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Moon Lantern Festival

The Holdfast Bay Partnership consisting of Brighton Secondary School, five primary schools and eight kindergartens took part in the Moon Lantern Festival by walking from Wattle Reserve, Hove to Brighton Jetty on Wednesday 24 September.

There were over a thousand people walking along the beachfront and on to Brighton Jetty with lanterns purchased to raise money for the building of a Kindergarten in Cambodia.

World Challenge students from Years 10 and 11 will depart for Cambodia in mid November to assist with the construction of the building.

It is anticipated that the Moon Lantern Walk will become an annual event. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the evening.

David Thomson
Assistant Principal
The Brighton Secondary School Year 12 Valedictory and Presentation evening was held on 29th October at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Congratulations to the following students awarded prizes on the night.

**DUX OF SCHOOL**
Maddison Sims

**CALTEX BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD**
Chloe Taylor

**SPIRIT OF ANZAC AWARD**
Rebecca Whetham

**LONG TAN AWARD**
Lachlan Tyler-Dowd

**‘FAC OMNIA BENE’ OLD SCHOLARS AWARD**
Dylan Bentley

**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
Audrey Lian

**CAPABILITIES AWARD**
Zoe Lee

**YEAR 12 RECOGNITION AWARD**
Bianca Hoffrichter

**SENIOR SPORTSPERSONS**
Celestina Dona
Jonty Heard

**SPECIAL INTEREST VOLLEYBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS**
Kelly Van der Linde
Jack Whaley

**ERIC DONNERS MEMORIAL AWARD**
Sabina Fisher

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD**
Sung Min Bae - Korea

**SCIENCE YOUTH FORUM AWARD**
Phoebe Chilman

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARD**
Carly Mercier

**HEAD OF MUSIC AWARDS**
Lauren Carthew
Chao Sui

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC AWARDS**
Dylan Bentley
Christopher Buckley
Emily Legg

**SPECIAL MUSIC AWARDS**
Chelsea Bain, Brass Ensemble
Dylan Bentley, Big Band 1
Lauren Carthew, Concert Band
Cherie De Klerk, Combined Choir
Shannon Pearce, Bel Canto
Jonathon Poulson, Percussion Ensemble
Chao Sui, Boys Chamber Choir
Chloe Taylor, Symphony Orchestra

**SERVICE TO MUSIC**
Ralph Abregana
Rebecca Adams
Dylan Bentley
Phoebe Chilman
Zoe Lee
Venus Lowe
Jol Lian Lum
Shannon Pearce
Maddison Sims
Byron Son
Michelle Wong

**SERVICE TO PERFORMING ARTS**
Sabina Fisher

**SERVICE TO SPORT**
Celestina Dona
Madeleine Gurr
Jonty Heard
Cody Kumnick
T-Jay Rump
Lachlan Schultz
Chloe Taylor
Lachlan Tyler Dowd
Jack Whaley
Rebecca Whetham

**SERVICE TO STUDENT LEADERSHIP**
Head Prefects
Olivier Beaumont
Audrey Lian
Deputy Head Prefects
Lachlan Tyler Dowd
Rebecca Whetham
Prefects
Daniel Akers
Sung Min Bae
Elia Bergoc
Christopher Buckley
Zoe Lee
Shannon Pearce
Zoe Abbott
Madeleine Gurr
Eva Howat
Erin Howie
Jessica Jones
Reene Kosonen
Cody Kumnick
Thomas Pickford
Kate Ryan
Bradley Sibbons
Chloe Paterson
Chloe Taylor
Kelly Van der Linde
Jack Whaley
YEAR 12 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2014
Rebecca Adams
Dylan Bentley
Elia Bergoc
Thomas Bryce
Chi lengl (Katly) Chan
Zixuan (Kevin) Chen
Phoebe Chilman
Sabina Fisher
Madeleine Gurr
Keely Kither
Cody Kumnick
Vanessa Leak
Zoe Lee
Carly Ludemann

YEAR 12 MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2014
Zoe Abbott
Ralph Abregana
Nicholas Bachmatiuk
Sung Min Bae
Sara Boromisa
Christopher Buckley
Kelly Garrick
Hannah Hall
Ting Ting He
Bianca Hoffrichter
Emily Legg
Chen-Yun (Arielle) Li

STAGE 2 SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS
Rebecca Adams
Nicholas Bachmatiuk
Dylan Bentley
Christopher Buckley
Lucinda Cawrse
Chi lengl (Katly) Chan
Sapphire Collins-McBride
Claude Crowe
Sabina Fisher
Madeleine Gurr

STAGE 2 SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS (continued)
Oliver Hales
English Studies
Research Project (joint winner)
Ting Ting He
Information Processing & Publishing (joint winner)
Bianca Hoffrichter
Food & Hospitality
Photography
Georgia Hyams
Visual Arts – Design
Angela Kang
Fashion Design
Keely Kither
Child Studies
Health (joint winner)
Vanessa Leak
Visual Arts – Art (joint winner)
Emily Legg
Music (Ensemble Performance)
Research Project (joint winner)
Amber McMahon
Information Technology
Angus Menzies
Volleyball
Shannon Pearce
Media Studies
Gareth Peer
Graphic and Industrial Design
Rus Philp
Electro Technology
Katarina Plush
French
Luke Saunders
English Communications
Jonathon Poulson
Music (Solo Performance) (joint winner)
Rus Philp
Arkansas
Jake Seaton
Physical Education
Sophie Waltham
Specialist Mathematics
Rebecca Whetham
Chemistry
Michelle Wong
Research Project (joint winner)
Kate Smallwood
Creative Arts
Toby Sorokin
Metal Technology
Jessica Stone
Classical Studies
Chao (Viva) Sui
Music (Composing & Arranging)
Musicianship
Sophie Waltham
Legal Studies
Rebecca Whetham
Drama
Michelle Wong
Mathematical Applications
Xinyang (Gary) She
Music (Solo Performance) (joint winner)
Madeleine Gurr
Business & Enterprise
Pakathip (Packy)
Xoumphonphakdy
Adele Zhou
Adelion
English as an Additional Language or Dialect Studies
**SA All Schools Games**
The SA All Schools Games is a competition for secondary school aged track and field athletes within SA. It allows students from all sectors of the SA Education system to compete against each other. It is also used as the selection process for the state team to compete at the National All Schools Championships.

Congratulations to the Brighton Secondary School students who competed in the games on October 25th - 26th, with the following students winning a medal:

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Congratulations to Caitlin Francis and Brooke McGregor who have been selected for the 2014 State Team. The second round of selections will be on Friday 31st October and we are hoping to add to our list of representatives. Good luck at the National All Schools Championships on December 5th – 7th.

**SA Schools Knockout Championship**
The SA Schools Knockout Championship is short, sharp and a fun competition that gives students an opportunity to participate in an inter-school, team based athletics competition, with the chance to qualify for the National Schools Knockout Championships final.

This year Brighton Secondary School entered a Junior Girls and a Junior Boys team. Both teams consisted of six athletes who had to compete in at least one individual event, with a maximum of two. Instead of getting points for their place, they received points for their performance.

Throughout the day we had some outstanding results with many of our athletes finishing in a place. Congratulations to both teams for their efforts and team spirit during the day. A special congratulations to the Junior Girls team who finished second and won a silver medal.
Responsibility | Integrity | Fairness | Co-operation | Respect | Excellence
State Cup 2014
During 1st – 3rd August 2014, 26 teams entered the Annual South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

It was a fantastic and fun weekend for all teams, especially just winning the overall Schools Cup over our tough competitors Heathfield, who finished second. On behalf of the Special Interest Program, we would like to thank all the parents, coaches and staff members that helped over the weekend, as this wouldn’t be possible without them. Teams will start training in 3 weeks for our biggest competition coming up at the end of the year, the National Schools Volleyball Championships. We are all looking forward to a good competition in Melbourne against strong opposition and will hopefully regain the Girls Champion Schools Trophy. We will also try to win the Boys Champion School Trophy and the overall Australian Champion Cup.

Jack Whaley and Kelly van der Linde
2014 SIV Program Captains

Australian Mens Volleyball
The Australian Men’s Volleyball Team recently used our school stadium for a night training prior to an International World League match that was held in Adelaide.

Many of our students came along to the training to show their support and to meet the team which included two of our past SIV Students. Several of our students were chosen to help courtside during the World League match which involved many hours of training.

Ladies Night In
A very big thank you to Ashley Williams and the SIV Parent Committee for organising the ‘Ladies Night In’ which was a huge success.

Everyone had a lovely night looking at and sampling lots of beautiful products with lots of prizes, raffles and auctions being won throughout the night.

Ladies Night In
Year 11 Provide First Aid
On 3rd and 4th September 54 Year 11 Special Interest Volleyball students were involved in a “Provide First Aid” course formally known as “Senior First Aid”. The students thoroughly enjoyed the course gaining new skills, techniques and knowledge towards first aid as an important life skill.

The Red Cross instructors again commented on the students’ behaviour and attitude being exceptional and a pleasure to work with.
Well Done to all the students involved.

Year 9 Volleyball Challenge
On Monday 22nd September, Brighton Secondary School participated in the annual Year 9 Volleyball Challenge. Three boys and girls teams competed against Heathfield in a day long event at Brighton. Another five teams travelled to Hallett Cove to participate in a similar round robin series of games against the host and Willunga High.

A group of Year 11 SIV students who had completed their Level 1 Coaching Course were responsible for coaching and managing the teams on the day. They were innovative with their strategies and diligent in the way they organised their players. This was reflected in the enthusiasm the Year 9’s displayed and the pleasing standard of play.

Players from all schools shared officiating duties including refereeing and scoring. To their credit, they performed these tasks admirably helping to ensure the day ran smoothly. Although the challenge was informal and official results not kept, the matches were played in a competitive yet friendly spirit. It provided much needed match-play, helping to identify areas needing improvement leading into Term 4 and National Schools Cup.

Many thanks to the Willunga, Heathfield and Hallett Cove teachers and students for an enjoyable experience and the SIV staff at Brighton for ensuring the day was a success.

Shane Durbridge
Volleyball Teacher
Special Interest Volleyball
South Coast Tour

During the last week of Term 3, 39 students took part in the SIV South Coast Tour. This is a great camp with a full itinerary that keeps everyone busy over the 3 days. The focus of this camp is on group and teamwork with tribes scoring points in a range of challenges throughout the duration of the trip.

First stop on the trip was Hallett Cove R-12 School where we played a mini volleyball tournament. Hallett Cove proved to be challenging opponents and our time there was most worthwhile. After lunch we moved to Willunga High School for more volleyball action. Again Willunga were a well organised volleyball group and we enjoyed really competitive games there. With no time to rest it was straight on to Victor Harbor to our accommodation and then onto the beach for more group challenges. After some creative group work and problem solving it was out to the Grosvenor Hotel for a well-earned meal.

The camp continued with matches at Victor Harbor High School. Students were able to amalgamate with Victor Harbor High students for coaching and match play. The attitude and contribution of our students was fantastic. After lunch a highlight of the trip had to be the Paintball adventure in Kuitpo Forrest. After much anticipation teams were organised and we entered the playing areas for hours of exhilarating fun. There was much laughter and fun enjoyed throughout the afternoon (and a number of ‘war wounds’ to show off for a few days!!). After another busy day delicious wood oven pizzas were thoroughly enjoyed at the Beach House Café – we highly recommend it! From there it was back to Adare Campsite for more team building challenges. Some of the responses to the challenges were the best we had ever seen. Clever, creative team work.

On the final morning the outstanding team work continued with a range of exciting water, balance, blindfold maze and rope challenges at our campsite. This was a great way to finish a great camp. Well done to all the staff and students involved in helping to make the South Coast Tour of 2014 a great success.

Jamie Tester
Volleyball Teacher
F1 in Schools

F1 in Schools - STEM News – State Final, Royal Adelaide Show September 8th and 9th.

The 2015 National F1 in Schools final will be held in Melbourne, around the time of the Australian Grand Prix, March 2015.

The venue TBA – watch this space!!

After many months of diligent, student driven work, both in and out of school hours, it gives me great pleasure to announce the winners of the State F1 in Schools competition are as follows:

**Senior Professional Class Winners: Rapid Fire**
- Oliver Richardson  Manufacturing Engineer, Marketing and Pit Display
- Sarah Pardon  Team Manager – Industrial Relations/ Collaborations, Folio
- Karan Chavan  Graphics
- Nina Phillips  Testing and Analysis, CFD etc
- Jack Hilliard  Design Engineer

**Development Class Winners: Precision Racing**
- Michael Walker  Graphics
- Lauren Squires  Team Manager – Folio
- Charlie Fuller  Manufacturing Engineer
- Sukhbir Gill  Industrial Relations/Sponsorship
- Ben Hauben  Design Engineer

There were many significant performances from other Brighton teams, particularly the Development Class team, Automotive Innovation, who were 2 points out of 900 away from winning their class.

In other news, ‘0’ week begins at City University, London, UK next week, and two Brighton Secondary World Champions, Jake Grant and Tom Agars begin their Scholarship Engineering courses.

All other members of that famous team, are achieving great things in their respective academic and vocational pathways, for example, Spencer Olds Engineering at Adelaide University, and Michelle Lennon, Engineering at ADFA, Canberra.

**Steve Read**  
Coordinator Design and Technology
2014 Japanese Video Matsuri (Festival)

Year 10 Japanese students participated in the Japan Foundation’s Japanese Video Matsuri for the first time this year and were successful in winning a sectional prize from over 130 entries Australia-wide.

Students combined their Japanese ability with creativity to make a 3 minute film entitled, A Visit to the Doctor.

To make a good video, students need to consider scenarios, student roles, required props, lighting, editing techniques and so on. These thought processes help students to develop teamwork, higher-order thinking skills and creativity.

Congratulations to these wonderful Japanese students. Special thanks goes to Danielle Ewbank for filming and editing the movie.

David Thomson
Japanese Teacher

Japanese News

Every year Language students from Brighton Secondary School are encouraged to enter the Assessment of Language Competence (ALC) tests. These are created every year, by well-known Language educators from Australia and overseas, in line with the latest research in Language Education. The tests undergo a strict process of vetting, proofreading and trialling before delivery. After delivery the tests are analysed by ACER experts.

This year all our students performed extremely well in the ALC tests and the overall results were excellent with a 100% pass rate and several distinctions and high distinctions.

We would like to congratulate all our students who participated so successfully. In particular we would like to acknowledge the outstanding results of the following high achievers:

Molly Voss  French Certificate 2  Distinction for Reading Comprehension
Ashton Milton-Hine  Japanese Certificate 2  Distinction for both Listening and Reading Comprehension
Emily Boyd  Japanese Certificate 3  High Distinction for Listening and Distinction for Reading Comprehension

Lindsay Dick
Coordinator, Languages / Intercultural Understanding

Language News
The Shakespeare Festival was a mandatory event held for all the Year 10s at Brighton Secondary School. The festival included static displays about Shakespearean times, food, musical items, PowerPoint displays, dances and even sword-fights. The event was very well organised and had plenty of things to do and to look at for the time allocated to this festival.

The day was very enjoyable and entertaining. I enjoyed seeing all of the displays and creations made by the other Year 10s because they were very well made and creative. An advantage to all of this was that because everyone was able to spend the morning with friends from all across the school, the festival had a great atmosphere with groups of students moving to see the displays. The food was also great and seemed to represent the Elizabethan era very well. This made for a great morning.

The most interesting aspect of the festival for me was the sword-fights. Both the student performance and the Iron clad fights were very fascinating and well practiced and executed. They were both very entertaining because they attracted large groups with audiences that were present through their own choice. They were attracted to these fights by the costumes, confidence and enthusiastic presenters.

I would recommend the Shakespeare Festival to future Year 10 students because it is both an educational and fascinating event. With the combination of great food, a medieval atmosphere, a morning with friends, awesome presentations and entertainment, you cannot miss next year’s festival.

**Bailey Heading**  
**Year 10 English**
Music News

The Years 9 and 11 students were invited to perform at the new Governor of South Australia’s swearing in Ceremony held at the Adelaide Convention Centre in September.

The wonderfully successful Jazz Cabaret was held on Friday 17th October.

Currently some of the choral students are representing Australia at the Australia in the Flanders 1000 Voices for Remembrance Day being held in Belgium.

Old Scholar News

Jake Grant and Tom Agars, old scholars of 2012 and 2013 were part of the victorious Cold Fusion team winning first place at the 2012 World Finals of the F1 in Schools competition in Abu Dhabi.

They have arrived at London City University to take up their three-year scholarships for Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering degrees respectively.
National Youth Science Forum

Every January an exciting event called the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) takes place in Canberra over the summer holidays. The NYSF is a two-week intensive science program aimed at Year 11 students interested in science.

Alex James and I have been fortunate enough to be selected for the NYSF and are really looking forward to it. During the fortnight we will meet 180 enthusiastic science students, visit laboratories and lectures and participate in many amazing science experiences. It will also give us a chance to see what careers there are in science and where science could lead us to in the future.

As a part of the preparation, all the South Australian NYSF students met the Governor of South Australia and were congratulated on being selected. We then attended an orientation day where we were told about the different interest area groups and lots of other important information. Once we get to Canberra we are split into five different interest groups of our choice, these are: Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science. This allows us to learn more about our favourite area of science and see what career opportunities are out there in that area of science, as well as other sciences. Alex has applied for the Chemistry group and I have applied for the Physics group. We are both very excited about this amazing opportunity and are proud to be selected to represent our school at the National Youth Science Forum.

Emily Squires
Year 11

World Teachers Day

Brighton Secondary School celebrated World Teachers Day on Friday 31st October in appreciation of the commitment and dedication of our staff.
Parliament congratulates
Brighton Secondary School

David Speirs MP
Member for Bright

BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Grievance speech delivered by David Speirs MP, Member for Bright

Wednesday 15 October 2014

Extracted from Hansard

Mr SPEIRS (Bright) (15:11): Yesterday I had the opportunity to host the immensely talented Brighton Secondary School choir in Old Parliament House where students, parents and teachers enjoyed morning tea and put on a mini concert for a number of my parliamentary colleagues. As many members would know, Brighton Secondary School is renowned not only for being the alma mater of the member for Mitchell but also as one of the state’s leading music schools, having been a special interest music school since 1976.

Brighton’s much lauded music program is headed by the exceptionally well regarded Jeffrey Kong, a man whose impact and influence on the lives of young people in Adelaide’s south-west should not be underestimated. Next year Mr Kong will celebrate 40 years at Brighton Secondary School. The school has recently recognised Mr Kong’s contribution by naming its newly built concert hall after him, a much deserved honour.

One of Jeffrey Kong’s great skills is his ability to connect with people all across the world in his efforts to look for opportunities for his students. He regularly travels interstate and overseas, building relationships with other schools and music-focused organisations who partner with Brighton Secondary School’s music program. This gives the school widespread recognition but also exposes students to many different approaches to music education and gives them the opportunity to perform in places and cultures outside their school environment. This is invaluable for the learning process.

I hosted yesterday’s morning tea and concert to celebrate the school’s recent invitation to be one of 55 international choirs gathering in Belgium in early November for the Thousand Voices for Peace Flanders Festival Brussels. This festival will see more than 1,000 professional and non-professional singers from countries which were involved in World War I, standing side by side in a symbolic and powerful statement of peace and togetherness. Students from Brighton will leave South Australia on 31 October and will be part of the Thousand Voices concerts from 3 to 9 November in Belgium.
The event will culminate on 9 November in an unforgettable final concert in which all singers will present an inspired plea for peace in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart (the Koekelberg Basilica) in Brussels. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Brighton students, and I am sure it will be a highlight of their secondary education. The 12 students who have the privilege of travelling to Belgium are Eliza and Amelia Sard; Martin Oakley; Daniel and Rhys Williams; Roan Johnson; James Baird; Duncan Vecchiarelli, a Scottish-Italian-Australian student, a great combination; Esmond Choi; Megan Paterson; Milene MacLachlan; and York Possemiers.

These students’ special musical talents and their overriding commitment to hard work has enabled them to reach a standard where they are able to represent not only their school but also the whole of Australia, for the choir from Brighton Secondary School is the only one going from Australia. From hearing them in action in Old Parliament House yesterday, I am completely confident that they will do us all proud.

The sacrifices these students have made to invest in their music skills, the many hours they have put into practising, the hours spent back at school when their peers have been doing other things and, of course, the sacrifices their parents have made as well, have all paid off and an amazing trip to Europe awaits them.

I was delighted to also welcome Heidi Van Gerwen, Belgium’s Honorary Consul to South Australia, who attended yesterday’s concert, and I thank her for her considerable involvement in making it possible for the choir to travel to Belgium.

The choir’s trip has been provided with much needed financial support from the Brighton RSL Sub-branch, and it was great to have Graham Bulger, the RSL’s Junior Vice President, attend our event yesterday. Sponsorship has also been provided by the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, and I commend their chief executive officer, Robert Pitt, for his interest and support.

Brighton Secondary School is a shining example of quality public education in South Australia. Its teachers strive for excellence and its leadership team, headed by Principal Olivia O’Neill, is continually pushing the boundaries to bring creative, innovative teaching approaches and state-of-the-art facilities to students. The upcoming trip to participate in ‘Thousand Voices for Peace’ in Belgium is one example where this commitment to excellence is delivering exciting results. Bon voyage to the students, parents and teachers who are travelling to Belgium in October and November this year.