

# NEWSLETTER

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## BRIGHTON SECONDARY



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have reached the end of what has been an incredibly challenging year for us all – in the community as well as in schools. On a number of occasions we prepared for online learning, which enabled us to enhance our repertoire of digital skills and platforms. Fortunately, we did not need to close and were able to maintain our face-to-face delivery throughout the year. This had enormous benefits for our students in terms of maintaining their continuity of learning and connection with school, which was reflected in our high levels of attendance and achievement. Our school operates very much in partnership with our families and we have appreciated the support you have provided for your children and for the school during this year.

The group of students most affected this year has been our Year 12s who had to deal with ongoing uncertainty around their studies and key milestone events. What has been very evident throughout the year has been their resilience, their positive support for one another and their determination to make the most of situations. These qualities, in combination with the commitment, care and support provided by their teachers, resulted in a very successful year both in terms of school life and achievement. Even though there needed to be some re-scheduling and modifications, key events such as the Valedictory and the

formal went ahead, while the academic performance of our Year 12 cohort was up on previous years, despite the circumstances.

We will provide more detailed information early next year, but key indicators such as SACE completion, Merits, A+ and A band grades and ATARs above 90 were all at higher levels this year. Our Dux was Ashlyn von Bertouch, with an ATAR of 99.3. We congratulate Ashlyn and all of our Year 12 students on their achievements.



**Our 2020 Year 12 Dux: Ashlyn von Bertouch**

At the end of the school year we farewelled and acknowledged a number of teaching staff who had contributed to Brighton Secondary School over an extended period of time:

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED..

- David Thomson – who worked as a teacher and leader from 1990
- Lynlee Graham – who began as a teacher at the school in 2001 and led our international program for several years
- Jill Brindley – Senior Leader in School Ethos from 2006
- Peter Vowles – Leader in Healthy Lifestyles from 2011

We thank these staff members for their service, along with other staff leaving at the end of 2020, and wish them all the best for the future.

There is also an item in this newsletter about Helen Thompson, who is finishing her employment in our canteen after nearly 17 years' service. We also thank Helen for her outstanding contribution.

As you can see from the articles that follow, we have continued to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our students, despite the circumstances. This is a critical part of our commitment to encouraging high levels of student participation and involvement with school, which is important for both wellbeing and achievement. This also contributes to one of the goals of our Site Improvement Plan: to improve students' connectedness and engagement in the classroom and school community.

We wish all of you a peaceful and joyful break over the Christmas and New Year period and look forward to working in partnership with you again in 2021.

Tony Lunness  
Principal

## MUSIC NEWS

Despite COVID restrictions on mass gatherings, the music department has been able to carry on with a number of our regular performances. Several of our students travelled to Enfield Memorial Park to provide background music for a special Father's Day event. Billy James and Mike Gillard highlighted the depth and breadth of our percussion program in the annual Percussion Showcase on 8 September in the Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall.

The Decibel Lunchtime Series continued with performances in the quad by the Salsa Band, Guitar Ensemble, Staff Band, Jazz Choir, JB 1 and 2, and Big Band 1, 2 and 3. Term 3 concluded with a combined choral workshop between our local primary schools and our Boys Chamber Choir and Jazz Choir 1. Everyone was thoroughly inspired by the performances, especially the combined items. Hopefully we will see many of these students enrolling at Brighton Secondary School in the coming years.

We were also delighted to host the Southern Concert Band Workshop, involving local primary school students and our instrumental music staff. In addition to the Remembrance Day service at school, we once again provided musical support for the commemoration at West Terrace Cemetery.

We are pleased to announce the 2021 music captains: Victoria Katsoulis and Jackson Mack; and vice captains: Mina Johansson and Nicolas Bergoc. We look forward to the contributions of these 4 students and all senior music students.

Rotary Solo Competition Results

Adjudicator: Mr Michele Brunsdon OAM

Year 8:

Jack Palmer-Bray – 1st place

Sashwat Shakya – 2nd place

Teya Capilitan – 3rd place

Year 9:

Amelie Sampson – 1st place

Olivia Lau – 2nd place

Julie Guo – 3rd place

Year 10:

Chelsea Easton – 1st place

Chloe Pettit – 2nd place

Lisa Lukina – 3rd place

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Somerton Park for their generosity in providing prize money for this competition.

Congratulations to the following students for the following outstanding AMEB examination results:

Shannon Whitehead – A+ for Certificate of Performance (violin)

Mia Elliott – A for Grade 8 (piano)

Congratulations also to Jackson Mack for being nominated in the following categories of the ASME Young Composers Award: Composers in Schools; and Arrangers in Schools.

Andrew Barrett  
Head of Music





## MUSIC NEWS CONTINUED

### Jazz On The Green

On Friday 30 October, many of the music students performed in the annual 'Jazz on the Green' event, taking place on the front oval of the school. All of the school's jazz ensembles performed for this event, including 3 big bands, 2 jazz choirs and several small jazz combos. This made for a great night of live jazz, and good vibes all round!

Leticia Lee  
Year 12 SIM student

### Latin Percussion Workshop

At the beginning of term 4, we were lucky enough to have Fabian Hevia, one of Australia's leading Latin percussionist and jazz drummer, visit Brighton Secondary School. During the 1st workshop, the percussion students learned many different Latin rhythms, techniques and information about the Latin American instruments, and where they originated. We also learned about how he and his family came to Australia, how he started playing drums and percussion, the bands and outstanding musicians he played with, and other musical experiences. For the 2nd workshop, the Salsa Band were able to rehearse with him for a double lesson. During this rehearsal, Fabian demonstrated different timbale sticking, rhythms and how you can cover other instrumental parts on the timbale. We are very grateful that Fabian Hevia came to Brighton Secondary School, and we all learnt a lot from the experience.

Harry Grifas  
Year 9 SIM Student

## MUSIC NEWS CONTINUED

On 11 November, the music department split forces to cater for Remembrance Day services both at school and at West Terrace Cemetery. On site, Bel Canto, Treble Choir and Ben Monaghan (trumpet) performed the National Anthem and Last Post respectively while the Concert Choir, Brass Ensemble, Cooper James and Jett Gazely provided music support to the service at West Terrace Cemetery. Hats off to the music staff on an admirable team effort.

Andrew Barrett  
Head of Music



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Brighton Secondary Schools long time employee Helen Thompson is retiring after working in the Canteen for 16 years and 9 months. Helen is employed by the Governing Council and started her employment in the Canteen in March 2004. Helen has a wonderful memory and knows most students by their name. She is a well loved and respected lady by both students and staff. Helen, from the staff, students and Brighton Secondary School community we wish you all the best for your retirement, enjoy the quality time with your family, Children and Grandchildren.

Milly Parsons  
SSO



### Wizard Tones Studio Project

On 22 October, the year 10 SIM class visited Wizard Tone Studio. The recording engineer for the day was James Brown (an old scholar). The purpose of the trip was for the class to experience the difference between live performance and recording a performance in a studio. We spent the term refining our performances in preparation for recording, knowing that we had the opportunity to record 2 to 3 whole takes. As my classmates and I headed to the recording studio, I felt excited to finally hear my term's worth of hard work. I had the pleasure of being able to perform on recorder, being accompanied by nylon string guitar. However, as recorder is an unusual choice for a recording, I was nervous about how the end product would turn out. The students were in charge of deciding the editing of their track. This meant that we had to listen to all our takes and decide where the splicing would occur in order to create a final take. After hearing my recording, I was pleasantly surprised that it exceeded my expectations. Backed by the acoustic guitar, the style and clarity of my piece shone through. From this experience, I gained a lot of confidence in my playing and really delved deep into my music. Now, I have a professional recording of my piece that I can proudly share with my friends and family.

Lisa Lukina  
Year 10 SIM student



# VOLLEYBALL NEWS

## 2020 Secondary School Sports South Australia Ekiden Relay

On Thursday 15 October Brighton Secondary School entered 2 boys' and 2 girls' teams in this year's Ekiden Relay at Bonython Park in the West Parklands. The Ekiden Relay is a long-distance relay race, which is unique to Japan.

In ancient times, a transportation system was developed which conveyed official government documents and officials by a relay of horses or persons spaced at various stations. This type of transportation system not only developed in Japan, but also in Rome, Persia, China, Inca and other ancient countries. The same transportation system also existed in the frontier age of America and Europe.

The Ekiden Road Relay is an adaptation of this into a sporting event. In Japan, from about 1920, various kinds of ekiden road relay races have been held. The Ekiden Race distance is not fixed. The longest distance, for example, is 1,000km run over 10 days and the regular type covers 42.2km run by several athletes in relay. The SSSSA event is 20.6km with 8 runners running distances ranging from 1km to 5.4km. Additional team members were also responsible for timekeeping and running as pacers.

The 2020 event in Adelaide had a total of 20 teams participating from 9 different schools. Teams that are typically dedicated to long distance running opposed to our predominant 'fast twitch' explosive athletes! Nonetheless, despite this and a limited preparation, the students performed admirably. Our girls finished 5th and 6th whilst the boys came in 8th and 11th place. Special mention must go to Yukina Matsumoto who was successful in recording the fastest 1km leg of the girls' event. A wonderful achievement!

Shane Durbridge  
SIV Teacher



# VOLLEYBALL NEWS CONTINUED

## Open Boys Knockout Volleyball State Finals

On Wednesday 2 September, Brighton Secondary School hosted the Secondary School Sports South Australia State-wide Knockout Volleyball Finals. Automatically qualifying for the tournament denied our boys the chance to develop strategies and systems in match conditions. However, we were confident that our preparation and talents would see us compete strongly throughout the daylong event.

The format involved 6 teams divided into 2 pools. In our 1st match we accounted for local rival Hallett Cove in straight sets. The next encounter against Parafield Gardens presented a different challenge, but again the boys were successful in winning 3-0. We were able to get good court time into the entire team, with each combination proving successful. This saw us finishing 1st in Pool A, with a crossover final against Loxton who had finished 2nd to Heathfield High School in Pool B. Again, the boys played well to win.

In the Grand Final we came up against Heathfield High School who were also undefeated. The first set was a typically tight encounter with us finishing well to take it out 26-24. In the 2nd set, the boys were able to establish a strong early lead. However, Heathfield High Schools ability to rally made for an exciting finish. Thankfully, our boys showed character and belief and were able to hold on to win 25-23 and claim the state title. This helped appease the loss a year earlier and put us in a good position to challenge for the upcoming State Schools Cup. As the team photo shows it also provided us with the opportunity to don our retro uniform.

On an individual level, our captain Jackson Emery had a memorable day. He played a number of roles, but it was his consistency as libero that helped give us the edge. Special mention must also go to our other Year 12's in Luke Delbridge who was dominant throughout, Cooper Graham as the standout 'middle' of the tournament and program captain Tom Stock whose leadership and energy was invaluable before succumbing to an arm injury. It was most pleasing for them especially in light of what has been a tough year for our senior students. Thanks also to injured libero Esteban Cure for his help and support throughout the day.

Shane Durbridge  
SIV Teacher

### Players Included

<i>Seb Key</i>	<i>Rory Hart</i>	<i>Charlie Disbury</i>	<i>Mason Spry</i>
<i>Alex Book</i>	<i>Millon Jones</i>	<i>Zac Devries</i>	<i>Harry Fuller</i>





# VOLLEYBALL NEWS CONTINUED

## Term 4 Special Interest Volleyball Program 2020

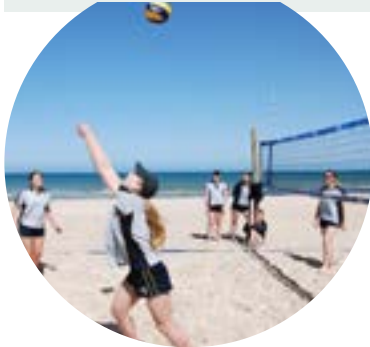
This term has seen our students be able to participate in some excellent Competition and Curriculum opportunities.

Competitions comprised of:

- In Week 4 we played in the Year 8/9 Knockout Volleyball where both Girls and Boys teams were successful in winning Gold Medals.
- In Week 5 the Year 8, 9 and 10 students competed in the Volleyball SA Schools Beach 4 a side Championships at Glenelg.
- The Year 11 and 12 students played for the Senior Beach Champions trophy on our newly located Beach Courts in Week 6

Curriculum Activities

- Our 3 Year 11 classes participated in the Ekiden Team Relay at Bonython Park in Week 1.
- The Year 10 Boys and Girls classes participated in Golden Knights Martial Arts fitness sessions for 4 double lessons.
- The Year 11s completed 2 days of Aquatics activities at West lakes in Week 3 in preparation for Year 12 Aquatics.
- The SIV Staff and Students farewelled our Year 12s with a Presentation Assembly and Speeches in Week 6.



# BRIGHTON SPORTS TEAMS

## Year 8/9 Girls Football Team

Brighton Secondary School have defeated St Michael's College to become State Champions in the State-wide year 8, year 9 Girls Football Competition. Brighton Secondary School last won this title in 2007.

In the lead up to the Grand Final, Brighton Secondary School defeated Seaview High School by 55 points, Cardijn College by 102 points and Mercedes College by 22 points. As girls football continues to develop, our girls are leading the way with outstanding skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. After their hard-fought win against Mercedes College, it was clear that the depth, skill level and quality of this team was something very special.

On Grand Final day against St Michael's College, the first half was extremely competitive with St Michaels leading 14 to 10. However, a 4-goal 3rd quarter and a 2-goal final quarter allowed Brighton Secondary School to control the second half and win the game by 33 points.

Congratulations to all the girls who played throughout this competition. Your commitment, endeavour, and attitude were outstanding. What an amazing achievement!

### GRAND FINAL SCOREBOARD:

Brighton Secondary School	1.3	1.4	5.7	7.9 (51)
St Michael's College	1.0	2.2	2.4	2.6 (18)

### GOAL KICKERS:

Shondelle Rankine 2, Jaya Shreeve 1.1, Chelsea Montgomerie 1, Eleanor Larosa 1, Keira Von Bertouch 1, Piper Window 1

### BEST PLAYERS:

Piper Window (Margaret Anderson Medallist, (pictured)), Jazz Kerr, Saskia Naismith, Eleanor Larosa, Lia Kaesler, Chelsea Bensch, Alicia Bais

Matt Fuss  
Physical Education Teacher





## BRIGHTON SPORTS TEAMS CONTINUED

### Open Girls State-Wide T20 Cricket Grand Final

Congratulations to the Open Girls T20 Cricket Team who played in the State-Wide Grand Final.

After winning their first 2 matches against Blackwood High School (by 61 runs) and Pembroke School (by 14 overs), they played a Semi Final against Unity College and won by 144 runs. Congratulations to Lucy Bowering for scoring an unbeaten 100 runs.

Brighton Secondary School then played Trinity College in the Grand Final. Brighton Secondary School won the toss and elected to bat, with our Captain, Mikayla Mark, leading the way with 52 runs (her 2nd 50 for the day). She was well-supported by Rachael Brown (18 no) and Eleanor Larosa (16 no). Our bowlers then took charge and bowled some tight spells where they regularly took wickets, accompanied by 2 spectacular run outs made by our fielders. Unfortunately, Trinity had too much talent and made the winning run with 1 ball to spare! An amazing effort by our girls who showed they could challenge the best.

Matt Fuss  
Physical Education Teacher  
Team Manager

SEMI FINAL  
Brighton Secondary School - 1/179 (20 overs)

Top Batters	Runs	Balls
Lucy Bowering	100 not out	63
Mikayla Mark	59	46
Eleanor Larosa	12 not out	14

Unity College - 35 (12.2 overs)

Top Bowlers	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Rachael Brown	3.2	6	4
Mikayla Mark	4	9	3
Lucy Bowering	1	2	2

GRAND FINAL  
Brighton Secondary School

Top Batters	Runs	Balls
Mikayla Mark	52	50
Rachel Brown	18 not out	36
Eleanor Larosa	16 not out	18

Trinity College - 6/106 (19.5 overs)

Top Bowlers	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Mikayla Mark	3.5	10	1
Eleanor Larosa	4	11	1
Lucy Bowering	4	16	1



## BRIGHTON SPORTS TEAMS CONTINUED

### Mountain Bike Championships

One of the fastest growing sports in South Australia, this year's event changed location to O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park to accommodate for the 3-fold increase in participation numbers. The weather threatened rain however with luck it held off for the entirety of the day. Brighton Secondary School sent a strong team to represent the school with a total of 17 riders. The course was a challenging 5km cross-country loop through rock gardens, steep descents and tough climbs.

All riders represented the school well, rode hard and gave it their all. It was pleasing to see the new crop of younger riders in our year 8's who joined the team for the first time. Unfortunately, we didn't place in the team category however this was made up for with some outstanding individual efforts from Luca Moase placing 2nd in under 19 boys and Tegan Margetts placing 3rd in under 17 Girls.

Some great foundations have been laid for future years.

Michael Foot  
PE Teacher

Jason Archer  
Sports Coordinator



### Open Boys Knockout Basketball

On Thursday 15 October, Brighton Secondary Schools open boys basketball team participated in Pool B of the Statewide Schools Championship. The day was a great success as the team finished the tournament with 3 wins, 1 draw and only 1 loss to the eventual champion, Modbury High School. The team competed hard throughout the day and must be commended on making it to the championship tournament against some very talented opposition.

Tristan Braithwaite  
Teacher  
Coach





## OUTDOOR PURSUITS

### Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits Aquatics Excursion

In preparation for their canoeing camps in term 4, the year 10 outdoor pursuits classes spent a day learning and developing their skills at the Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre. It was a glorious day to be at the beach to practice both surfing or kayaking. There were plenty of big spills on the waves, a few people standing up and lots of smiles at the lunchbreak. Kayaking gave an opportunity for the students to experience what it would be like to be in a boat and take a journey. They learnt both group management and practical skills, and a few capsized into the Onkaparinga River. Great thanks goes to Michael Foot and Samuel Ferguson for their support during this excursion.

Annika Winter  
Outdoor Pursuits Teacher



### Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits TreeClimb Excursion

At the end of term 3, the year 10 outdoor pursuits classes attended a group dynamics excursion to TreeClimb Adelaide. We all loved the natural environment, being surrounded by trees and nature whilst close to the city. Each student had the opportunity to choose their level of challenge, were they going to do the 5 ziplines in a row? Or the black run which is famed to be the hardest of them all? Or throw yourself off a platform in the hope to catch the cargo net? Every obstacle provided opportunities for the students to be challenged and stretched, and encouraged and supported by their classmates. This invaluable experience continued to develop the tight group bonds our classes will need as we continue to prepare for camp.

Annika Winter  
Outdoor Pursuits Teacher



## OUTDOOR PURSUITS CONTINUED

### Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits Canoeing Loch Luna

The year 10 Outdoor Pursuits subject culminates in the final group practical which is a canoe journey on the mighty Murray River at Loch Luna, Kingston on Murray. The subject builds students outdoor and group skills as well as their connections to and understanding of the environment over the course of the semester. All of the learning that takes place in class directly contributes to the success of the final canoe journey. It really is a show piece of the student's progression into the outdoors.

Four classes of year 10 students completed the journey and the subject this semester. Students plan to be self-sufficient on the water and overnight in tents. The emphasis of the journey is heavily geared towards Leadership, group collaboration and connections with the environment. Students work in pairs and as a whole group to plan and execute the entire journey from the planning stage in the classroom to its execution on the river. In what has been a trying year, this journey has certainly been a highlight for many of them.

The following are before and now statements from some of the students involved:

*Before year 10 Outdoor Pursuits I was curious as to what the topic would specifically teach me and what lessons I could take away with me for the future. Now I know that almost every lesson given to us is a lesson that I can take away in some way.*

*Before year 10 outdoor pursuits I was excited to work in a different environment, in the outdoors and in group scenarios. Now I have experienced the course and have learnt many new skills, some of which are having the ability to use a compass and to take on different group roles.*

*Before Outdoor Pursuits, I was not experienced in navigation and my application of those skills weren't the best, however, due to the relentless application of navigation in this course, I can say that I have improved a lot.*

*Prior to Outdoor Pursuits, I had very little outdoor skills and experiences. I have now learnt many new skills such as navigation skills, planning and preparation skills, and aquatic skills. My teamwork skills have also improved over the course of this class as well.*

*Before starting Outdoor Pursuits, I felt that I did not have the skills to meet the standards for the activities. I felt that I may not be amongst the ones that are skilled enough to stand out. After Outdoor Pursuits, I learned more about myself and my capabilities and how far I can push myself.*

Michael Foot  
Outdoor Pursuits Teacher





## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Brighton Secondary School's year 12 Outdoor Education cohort participated in their kayak expedition in the Chowilla area from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 September. The year 12 class waited a long time for this experience and it was fantastic to be able to apply our learning in the outdoor environment. Students demonstrated good leadership and group work and showed self-reliance using their skills of paddling and minimal impact camping.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The 2021 prefect team of Brighton Secondary School is composed of 10 diverse individuals with a vision for the future success and happiness of our school, each possessing unique personality traits and skills that, in combination with our fellow prefects, will provide the school community with an exciting and secure student leadership team. Head prefects Nicolas Bergoc and Isabella Conner will lead our community with the assistance of deputy head prefect Finn Maddern and fellow prefects Catriona McCusker, Haruna Tanaka, Rachael Brown, Millah Hansberry, Finn Fontaine, Patrick Stone and Doan Viet Minh (Mike) – each of whom have displayed great discipline and excellence across all subjects and general school life as both individuals and groups, and will continue to reflect this diligence during our time as prefects. Our experiences as Think Bright, Special Interest Volleyball, mainstream and International Students will shape one wholesome value that our prefect team will endeavour from here onwards.

Collectively, we have decided to form 2 action groups that will target specific areas of our school that we feel we can improve. The Year 12 Action Group\* will address the needs and wants of the Year 12 cohort of 2021 and will work directly with them in order to ensure their last year at Brighton Secondary School remains memorable for years to come. The Community Group\* will be more focused on the general wellbeing of students from year 8 to the senior school and will be largely promoting inter-year connectedness and fellowship. One goal going into next year is providing the Brighton Secondary School community with a comfortable work environment in order to bridge the connection between students and staff, and advocate school pride both at school and in the wider community. Furthermore, ideas that we will be striving to integrate throughout the year include more fundraising events and themed days that allow flexibility from our usual school attire, as well as suggestions gathered from the school community. As the class of 2020 have made their departure, next year's prefects will be taking charge of events featured in the laneway at Sports Day. We hope that these activities will spur competitiveness amongst the students and that they will feel encouraged to rival their friends and teachers.

The prefect team of 2021 will strive to employ our school values of courage, curiosity and citizenship, and deliver an opportunity for student voice and change amongst all year levels. We are thrilled to be part of this student leadership team and anticipate success in the year to come in all of our endeavours.

Catriona McCusker  
Student Prefect

\*Year 12 Action Group [Rachael Brown, Isabella Conner, Finn Fontaine, Finn Maddern, Patrick Stone]

\*Community Action Group [Nicolas Bergoc, Millah Hansberry, Catriona McCusker, Haruna Tanaka, Doan Viet Minh (Mike)]

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS MEET THE 2021 PREFECTS

2021 PREFECTS

Don't hesitate to say 'Hello' to your 2021 Prefects, they'd love to get to know you.



**Millah**  
As a baby, I was accidentally bathed in bleach



**Patrick**  
I wear contacts every single day



**Rachael**  
I'm a twin + I have smashed 4 front teeth at once



**Nic**  
I've visited Santa's Village in Finland



**Haruna**  
I'm animal obsessed



**Finn F**  
I'm fluent in German



**Catriona**  
I've lived on 3 continents



**Mike**  
I taught myself to play the guitar



**Isabella**  
My favourite band is Catfish and the Bottlemen



**Finn M**  
I'm a twin + I have 3 dogs

