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29/11-1/12	Parent and Student Information Sessions
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15/12	Graduation Ceremony
17/12	Term 4 Ends
2011	
4/2	Term 1 Begins

Principal's News

Welcome Year 10 Students

Welcome to our 2011 Year 11 students and their families, many of whom may be reading a BSSC Parent Newsletter for the first time. Your two-day transition program on Monday 29 November and Tuesday 30 November is intended to ensure you have a smooth start to 2011, that you understand how BSSC operates and that you make a positive start to your studies.

You will find much about your experience at BSSC that is different to your previous school. We provide a learning environment designed to make you increasingly responsible for your own learning and to ensure you are equipped with all the skills and attributes necessary for you to successfully pursue your chosen pathway into further study, training or employment. You need to rise to that challenge. Your teachers and our other staff will be there to support you.

Theatre Funding Announcement

The college was delighted with this week's announcement that the state government will support the creation of a new Performing Arts Centre and 950 seat Community Theatre at the college. While this complex will include dedicated facilities for Music, Drama, Dance, Theatre Studies, Foods and Canteen the centrepiece will be a commercial level 950 seat theatre.

This theatre will be a shared school-community facility of very high quality, capable of hosting major theatrical productions, music events and conferences. Features will include:

- 3,000 square metres of development in the site of the old Bendigo Gaol.
- Maintenance of heritage listed structures within the site, demolition of non heritage listed building fabric, restoration works to walls and exterior of buildings.
- Maintenance of the front facade of the gaol, with limited breaching of walls in the south west corner and some demolition of a section of wall on the south side.
- Breaching of the wall in one location facing Gaol Road to create a ceremonial, public entrance through the ground floor of one cell block, which will undergo renovation to accommodate ticket office and cloak room.
- A 950 seat commercial theatre on two levels with substantial foyer and servery.
- Full features of a commercial theatre including orchestra pit, fly tower, generous provision for sound and lighting, green room, change room and rehearsal facilities, storage and loading docks.
- Stage width, height and run off to accommodate commercial theatre productions.

We have total state government funding of \$10.1m for this project and a matching contribution will be sought from the City of Greater Bendigo and the Commonwealth. On the basis of productive discussions over several months we are confident that this project will come to fruition.

The opportunity to develop such a stunning facility in the grounds of the old Bendigo Gaol, incorporating its significant architectural features is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that the public benefits from and is able to access the site. The support of Heritage Victoria for the project is also a strong endorsement of the plans we have prepared over the last several months.

USA Study Tour

As I write this report I am monitoring a blog from the USA where we currently have 12 of our staff on a tour of virtual schools and attending a major conference. We were fortunate to secure funding for most of this project from sources within our department, which provided the opportunity for so many staff to participate. Parents may remember that for the last two years our college has been funded to develop a range of online curriculum on behalf of the department and this is an extension of that work. Whilst most of our work so far has concentrated on Mathematics, Physics and Psychology we have been able to involve teachers from a wider range of subjects in this trip.

The work of our Virtual Learning Network is unique in Australia and is attracting considerable attention from schools in the government and independent sectors, with many visiting groups making their way to Bendigo and our staff travelling to New Zealand and now the US to present their work.

Over the next four years our college will be developing a range of blended courses – a combination of face to face teaching and online instruction – which will provide students with a great deal more flexibility in how and when they complete their study. This is likely to provide significant opportunities for high performing, motivated and well organised students to excel in their studies. We will update you on this work as it develops.

2011

The 2011 school year begins for students on Friday February 4. Families will receive information through the mail about the program for the start of the 2011 school year, including details of photos and parent/student/advisor meetings.

Thank you for your support of the college this year. I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.



Dale Pearce, Principal

College Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 8 December, 2010 at 7.30pm

Our 2010 Awards Ceremony commences at 7.30pm and will be held in the Gym at the college. Students who have been nominated for an award, will be notified by mail during the week prior to the evening. We ask that all students arrive at 7.00pm enabling the ceremony to commence promptly at 7.30pm.

We invite students and their families to attend. Please keep the evening free! If you would like any further information please contact Annemarie Burgess: burgess.annemarie@bssc.edu.au or ph: 5443 1222.



Annemarie Burgess, Student Coordinator



Keeping our school memories alive

Transition 2010-2011

A very warm welcome to the college from the Pathways and Transitions Team.

All students coming to BSSC in 2011 will have had an opportunity to experience their 2011 classes during their Transition Program on November 29 and 30. If there is a need to change subjects there will be an opportunity to do so on Wednesday 1 December from 9.00am – 3.00pm and Thursday 2 December from 2.00pm – 7.00pm. Parents will need to book an appointment through the college website by using the PTO login details which were mailed to parents two weeks ago. There will be a number of BSSC staff available throughout this time to assist with any enquiries.

All students are encouraged to purchase second hand books directly from other students; please be sure to check that the books are the correct editions. Alternatively there will be an opportunity to purchase second hand books from Landmark School Supplies in the college library on Wednesday 1 December from 11.30am – 2.30pm and Thursday 2 December from 4.00pm – 7.00pm or directly from the Landmark business in Rohs Road.

All booklists need to be submitted to the college General Office or Landmark School Supplies by Wednesday 1 December unless parents and students wish to make a subject change or purchase second hand books. If this is the case booklists can be submitted after Wednesday but no later than Friday 3 December.



Simon Wood, Pathways and Transition Manager

Parents & Friends

Parents & Friends Forums

We invite all parents to attend our Parents & Friends Forums in 2011.

Please add these dates to your calendar.

Date	Date	Venue	Topic
Thursday 3 March	7.30pm	Library	Study Skills and Learning Styles
Wednesday 23 March	7.30pm	Multimedia Centre	The Ultranet
Tuesday 3 May	7.30pm	Library	Sleep and Wellbeing
Thursday 19 May	7.30pm	Library	GAT and ATAR Scores
Wednesday 31 August	7.30pm	Library	Understanding the SEAS process and scholarships
Tuesday 18 October	7.30pm	Library	Exam tips and strategies

Parent Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is published on the 1st of each month and next year you will receive an email message each month containing the following link to our website and the Parent Newsletters:

http://www.bssc.edu.au/public/about_bssc/news_events/newsletters/2010/newsletters_2010.shtml

If you don't receive an email from the college and would like to, please contact us at: bendigo.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you would prefer a hard copy of the Parent Newsletter please ask your student to collect this from the General Office at the college.

Accessing the Student News

Parents are reminded that you can view the weekly Student News bulletin online via the following link:

www.bssc.edu.au/public/students/student_news/2010/studentnews_2010.shtml



Linda Lyons, Assistant Principal

Student Attendance

Bendigo Senior Secondary College recognises that a very important contributing factor to students performing to the best of their ability is the attendance at all timetabled classes. When students, parents and the college work together in partnership, the likelihood of attendance success is much greater.



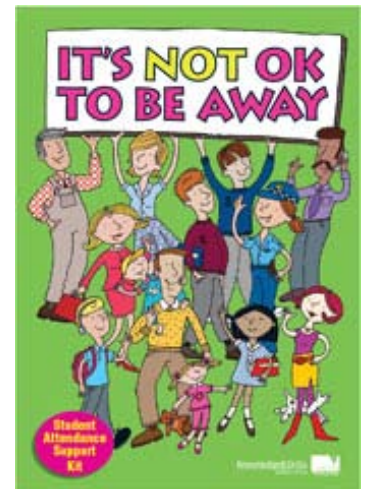
The college expects that every student attends all classes, advisor meetings and assemblies and it is very pleasing that many of our students have 100% attendance. However, if a student must miss a class for a college approved reason such as illness, medical or other professional appointment, funeral, job interview, sport or licence testing (not lessons), we request that the college is notified immediately by parents/carers.

The procedure for informing the college of absences, in order of preference, is as follows:

- Notify the **college absence line on 5442 7416** as soon as you are aware of the absence (even if in advance). The absence line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If an absence occurs and the college has not been notified, an SMS will be sent on that day to the parent/carer. We ask that you respond to that message immediately with a reason for the absence.
- If the above are unable to occur, please provide a written explanation on the student's immediate return to the college.

Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) guidelines specify that a student must attend a minimum of 50 hours of scheduled class time in order to be eligible to pass a particular VCE subject. Each subject currently has approximately 58 hours of class time allocated per semester (not including public holidays, student free days, etc). Therefore, if a student misses more than 8 classes (equivalent of two full weeks of classes) in a particular subject throughout a semester, they are ineligible to pass, without supporting medical documentation. Unfortunately, parent approved absences in these situations will not provide the college with enough evidence to support a student passing a subject when they have not met VCAA guidelines. The college will notify students and parents in writing when they are at risk of not meeting these attendance requirements, however please always provide the college with copies of medical certificates or statements when they are available.

The college thoroughly appreciates the support of all parents/carers in allowing us to fully assist all students in meeting these requirements so as to maximise opportunities for success at school.



Attendance Rewards Program

BSSC has introduced an attendance rewards program for students. We are very proud of the majority of our students who regularly have 100% attendance in their classes and we reward these students by including them in a monthly raffle to win terrific prizes. In 2010, each month's winner received four driving lesson vouchers, valued at \$180, kindly donated by Advantage Driving School (5447 0117). The vouchers were fully transferable, so if a student already had their licence, they could pass it onto a friend. Any student who has been in all classes for the month will be automatically be included in the draw (attendance at school approved activities such as camps, excursions and guest speakers or absences supported by a medical certificate will not exclude students from the raffle). The winner will be announced during the last Pathway Advisor meeting of the month.



The college recognises that a very important contributing factor to students performing to the best of their ability is the attendance at all timetabled classes and we thoroughly appreciate the support of all parents/carers in allowing us to fully assist all students to be in class so as to maximise opportunities for success at school. We look forward to working together to enable students to attend all classes and achieve success in 2011.



Kylie Hand, Student Manager



Jennie Hughes, Student Manager

Graduation

An Important Notice to all Year 12 Students and Parents

We have had to move the Year 12 Graduation Ceremonies from the Strathdale/Crook St Hall to the **Bendigo Senior Secondary College Gymnasium**. The Ceremonies will still take place at the times printed on your ticket, with two ceremonies to accommodate all students. Please feel assured that the evening will still be a remarkable and memorable occasion for graduating students and their families.

The Graduation Celebration Ball will still be at the **All Seasons Quality Resort**, at the time printed on your ticket. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause for moving between the ceremony and celebration ball.

If you have any concerns or further questions please contact Brendan McKerlie as soon as possible.

We also take this chance to remind you to email or send in your "first day of school" photo for the slideshow presentation during the Ceremonies. If you would like the photo returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Graduation Organisers 2010



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Science

Science National Qualifying Examinations

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Australian Science Olympiads National Qualifying Examinations in Chemistry and Physics: **Joshua Adlington, Chlesea Miles, Jaclyn McAliece, Thomas Parkinson, Tyler Shewell, Alexander McWhale, Jacqueline LeBrusque, Sebastian Virtue, and Jarrod Kerwin**. Special mention goes to **Zia Sass** who was awarded a Credit for Chemistry.

The Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Over 28,000 students entered the competition, representing all Australian States and Territories in addition to significant numbers of entries from Singapore, the Philippines and New Zealand. The Big Science Competition questions were based on cutting-edge issues in the modern world such as climate change, biodiversity and the prevention of disease. The content was aligned to the draft National Curriculum for Science and drawn from three inter-related strands: Science inquiry skills, Science as a human endeavour and Science understanding. All entrants receive individual certificates and this year special mention goes to **Benjamin Graham** who received a High Distinction. A Distinction was awarded to **Dylan Milankov** and a Credit to **Olivia Kidman** and **Karl Kirkham**. Congratulations to these students.



Mary Nash, Teaching and Learning Coordinator - Science

BSSC Art Acquisition

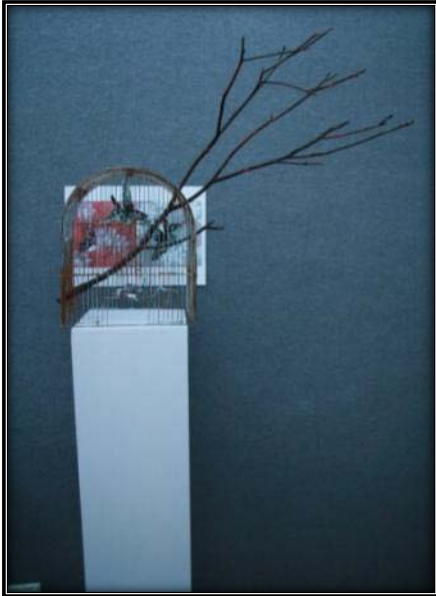
Judged by Sandra Bruce, Curator, City History and Collections, Bendigo Art Gallery

Honourable mentions

Bridget Thompson, Emma Hick, Jordan Conder, Joel Lovett, Karina Smith, Mike Nolan, Brad Muns, Cairo James, Lana Roccisano and Tess Wollin.

Student Council Art Prize

Alannah Perryman



Parents and Citizens Prize

Joshua Aucutt



BSSC CLICK Exhibition

Judged by Jessie Geraghty, Artist

Honourable mentions

John Morris, Jack Haig, Bridget Thompson, Anastasia Giggins, Annie Campbell, Morgan Chiller, Kayla Pitson, Justine Moller, Siobhan Owen, Gabi Barkmeyer, Shannon White, Lana Roccisano, Brittney Murphy and Mathew Penna.

Award Winners

Tyler Hendy



Morgan Chiller



Marcus Patching, Teaching and Learning Coordinator - Arts

Our ROLE is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership.
We value: Respect, Optimism, Learning, Environment

Partners in Learning

The College is very excited to have been, one of 54 schools globally, that was selected as a World Wide Pathfinder School with the Microsoft Partners in Learning Program. We were selected as a Pathfinder school because we are considered as exemplars for integrating innovative teaching and learning into the whole school environment. Pathfinder schools can influence other schools within their own community, country and around the world. To be chosen, Pathfinder Schools had to prove they have community and professional support for the change process and strong school-level leadership. Leaders at these schools have articulated a vision for what they want to achieve, and the Pathfinder Schools Program will help the school leaders refine the vision, make it stronger and implement it.



All schools selected as part of the program attended a Worldwide Innovative Education Forum in Cape Town from October 24-31. There were over 500 delegates from over 60 different countries who showcased the work happening in their schools and we were then placed in collaborative teams who we will work with over the next 12 months. We are very fortunate to be working with two schools from Sweden, and one school from Austria, Italy and Scotland. As a group of schools we will be involved in a range of online live meetings where we will support each other in bringing about change within our schools. More importantly, we are hoping to get a group of approximately 20 students from each school to volunteer to be part of a project that will be used to conduct research regarding the most effective way to collaborate in an online environment. Despite a few language barriers, there was considerable enthusiasm for the project.

We also have the opportunity to link our staff and students to those in other countries where it might be of significant value in student's subjects to gain almost first-hand knowledge of various aspects of other countries.



Rondabosch Primary School



John Slovo Secondary School



Library at John Slovo

Another exciting aspect of the week was a visit to two schools on the first Monday of our arrival. We had the privilege of visiting a government primary school in a reasonably wealthy part of Cape Town followed by a trip across town to the slums to visit a secondary school. The students were amazing but the facilities and the conditions were very confronting. The school was surrounded by razor wire and the entrance to the school was locked once students and staff had arrived in the morning to ensure that gangs could not enter the grounds. The doors to the classrooms were half the size of a bank vault door and the library was barred including the windows. The classrooms were very small with 35-40 students in each classroom. Students obviously enjoyed the ICT facilities and they kept asking to get their photos taken and have them emailed to them. The staff were very committed to ensuring these students were given an opportunity to escape the poverty cycle although they admitted it was tough going. It was a wonderful privilege and experience.



Meredith Fetting, Assistant Principal

International Student Program

Christmas Celebrations

With mixed feelings of loss and pride in achievement, the Homestay families, staff, remaining international students and local students farewelled this year's cohort of Year 12 fee-paying international students with a traditional Christmas dinner in the James King Hall. Initiated and supported by the College Student Council, over 80 people shared roasts, baked vegetables, pudding and bon-bons as well as Kris Kringle presents for students. Santa even made a cameo appearance and thanked us for having it early as his schedule gets very busy later in the year!



It was also a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable support provided by Homestay families and to cap off a year where we have gathered to: bring in the Chinese New Year; celebrate International Education week; just get together over Chinese dinner and to celebrate the Moon Harvest festival replete with moon cakes. The evening was very festive with sharing of bon-bon jokes, singing of western Christmas songs and, above all, sharing of much good will.



Our fingers are crossed tightly for good results in the VCE for Xi Xi, Yang, Net, Yang Li, Bo, Jun Ru, Chi and Jia Lu and our best wishes have been reserved for their futures. There were some notable achievements during the year with Yang winning a Maths competition against other schools and Zhang Chi's being shortlisted for the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's Season of Excellence Awards for the Top Award in Media. We wish Chi all the best in the final result - to get this far is outstanding against all students in the State.



Our Year 11 students have also achieved much this year. One group formed their own basketball team and entered the local competition and this week they had their first taste of success end the year on a very high note. The support of Homestay families, particularly Sandra who helped the students to register and get uniforms as well as scoring each week for the team, Janice who taught Sandra to score and offered invaluable experienced advice (along with Kali), Lynne for coming along and offering her usual sound advice and all who drove to and from. This is not to detract from the academic achievements of many of our Year 11 students. We look forward to them following the path so clearly laid by our departing Year 12 students.

Perhaps the most mixed emotions came when we farewelled Chris Laity. With her extensive teaching experience, wide networking in Bendigo, complete devotion to her task and personal skills as the interface between students and Homestay families, Chris will be sorely missed. However, we are sure that she will be around and, of course, we wish her all the best in the new direction that she is undertaking.

We will also be farewelling Marina (from Italy) this year as she completes her exchange program. With her effervescent personality, interest in wide ranging intellectual and philosophical adventures and easy going nature she has won over teachers and students in her short stay. Lorenz (from Germany) will be with us for another semester to continue the positive and enthusiastic influence he has provided to the college. We are looking forward to new exchange students from Japan and France next year.



Dan Dwyer, International Program Coordinator



Chris Laity, Homestay Coordinator

Student Council

National Young Leaders Day 2010

34 of our students who demonstrate leadership qualities were nominated by staff to attend the National Young Leaders Day. With a limited number of places Rebecca Lowndes, Johann Steel, Sam Weatheritt, Patrick Clark, Rachel Culvenor, Daniel Caddaye, Anna Burns, Jacquelyn Gleeson, Katie Tatt, Natalie Jones and Laura Breerton were selected to attend. Leaving Bendigo on the 6.30am train, students enjoyed a productive day in Melbourne at the Conference Centre. Guest speakers included Lydia Lassia - Winter Olympic Gold Medallist; Jules Lund - Getaway and Channel Nine Presenter; Vanessa Amorosi – Singer; and Daniel Flynn – founder of Thankyou Water. They shared their journeys, leadership tips and some very inspirational words:

*Stumbling blocks are just stepping stones.
It's not the dates on a tombstone, it is the 'dash' in between that counts.*



Annemarie Burgess, Student Coordinator



Bendigo Indigenous Homework Centre

The Bendigo Indigenous Homework Centre (BIHC) provides a supportive, culturally inspiring learning centre for Koorie students and their friends from all of the Bendigo Secondary Colleges and operates every Wednesday night from 3.30pm-5.30pm at the college. Your child will be given a nourishing afternoon tea, be assisted by 2 trained secondary teachers and enjoy the friendship of other Koorie students. Year 11 and 12 Koorie students also have access to BIHC staff and programs during school times.

Why should I encourage my child to attend the Bendigo Indigenous Homework Centre?

They work with your student to get great results

The BIHC has organised WANNIK tutors for 10 Year 12 students during 2010, 8 of these students completed VCE and 6 have applied to attend university. 2 students completed Senior VCAL and have applied to continue their studies at BRIT and 1 student has moved on to employment. BIHC assisted 11 Year 11 students with WANNIK tutoring and of these students 10 students are returning in 2011, and 1 student will be attending BRIT.

They help students get scholarships

BIHC has also assisted students with scholarship applications to gain extra financial support to assist them with their future educational costs. BIHC has assisted 13 Year 11 and 12 students with scholarship applications and 10 were successful.

They run Cultural Education programs

One of our most exciting initiatives in 2010 was GECKO ED a three tiered project involving primary, secondary and tertiary students. Thrilled by the outcomes of the pilot project in 2010 and in conjunction with LaTrobe University and the BAECG, we plan to continue and expand the opportunities for the Yr 11 and 12 students in 2011

Gecko Ed involves Year 11 and 12 Koorie students working with Diploma of Education students from LaTrobe University to develop cultural learning activities for primary school students. In 2010 the Gecko team visited Camp Hill, Eppalock and Axedale primary schools.



The program benefits were huge. Firstly our students found out what it was like to be a student at university. They were able to show pride in their Aboriginal culture and develop public speaking skills and self confidence. The primary school students loved the opportunity to learn more about indigenous culture and enjoyed working with our Koorie students who acted as impressive role models.

Students also participated in VIBE ALIVE, NAIDOC week, the WANNIK leadership camp and the presentation of the Jaara country symbol by the Bendigo Council. Gecko Ed will kick off in 2011 with Cultural training for Year 11 and 12 students at the Jungai Centre near Rubicon on March 7 and 8.

BIHC can provide links for you and your student

At BIHC not only do we work to get the best possible outcomes for each Koorie student but we have wonderful support from the following people and community members to make sure it happens. Thank you to parents and members of the Aboriginal community for your trust and support, and to the BAECG, GLENN, Bendigo LIN, BDAC, the NAIDOC committee, the Koorie Unit at TAFE, LaTrobe University, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Employment and Training Outcomes, Indigenous Projects Officer at CVGT, and the Building and Construction unit at BRIT.

The BIHC congratulates their students on the great work they have done in 2011 and looks forward to welcoming all Koorie students, parents and friends in 2011.

Heather Jones, BIHC Coordinator

BELS (Bendigo ESL Learning Support): for New Arrivals Program

Activities in the English as a Second Language Program for New Arrivals are coming to an end as the year finishes. The BELS (Bendigo ESL Learning Support) After Hours Homework Centre has one and a half weeks to go, culminating in a parent information session for new Karen students entering Year 11 in 2011 and their parents. The session will inform parents and students of study pathways and subject options available through BSSC, VCE requirements and demands, and expectations of the college. This session will mark the end of the highly successful BELS After Hours program, through which many students in BSSC and junior secondary colleges were able to complete their homework and practice their English and Maths through literacy and numeracy activities.

Other achievements throughout the year included the official launch of the BELS program coinciding with Harmony Week in March and live performances of Karen music and traditional dancing at Refugee Week in June. The third term's movie project, "Green Tears for Burma", won first prize in the ESL section of the LOTE/ESL Loddon Mallee Student Film Festival 2010: the students enjoyed the excursion to Melbourne to shoot on location, and attended the finalists' screening at Bendigo Cinema along with other schools from the Loddon Mallee region. The movie was launched at BSSC, where the students performed their original song live. The showing of the movie was accompanied by a blooper movie and an after a Behind-the-Scenes Powerpoint presentation. Karen food was also cooked and served by the students. The \$500 prize money for the movie, as well as grant money secured earlier in the year, has provided a range of literacy and numeracy resources which has been of great benefit to the New Arrivals program. Additional resources such as commercial games, ESL software and ESL literacy and numeracy print-based supplies means the diversity of activities offered can increase, consequently broadening the learning experiences of students, and more fully meeting their needs.

All in all it has been a satisfying and busy year: the students have utilised the extra assistance the program provided, and used BELS well. BSSC looks forward to offering a similar program next year.



Anna Beilharz, ESL teacher

Energy Breakthrough



Congratulations to our competition vehicles team who recorded some fantastic results at the Energy Breakthrough, 25-27 November. Team 'Squirrel' won the open category trial by 17 laps and broke the distance record by over 40 laps and the lap record. The 'Timo' vehicle secured second place and won the design and construction award. The hybrid vehicle showed good form and was winning the hybrid section until electrical problems slowed it down. Many thanks go to all the staff and parents who supported the program.



Daryl King, Technology Teacher, RACV Energy Breakthrough Coordinator

Global Connections: Number 6 School Bug Bug - Indonesia

One of our priorities is to help our students learn to appreciate how fortunate they are to live in Australia and have access to wonderful educational resources. Our international ties are an important part of this college. We have developed a special relationship to Number 6 School Bug Bug in Bali. To the best of our knowledge, this is the only non-fee paying school in Indonesia. The school was created by a committee of parents and they are attempting to provide basic primary education to children who would not otherwise be able to go to school.



In 2010 the staff and students of BSSC raised \$A386, which is 3 Million rupiah. This donation will pay for one and a half of the paved areas pictured above including table and stools.

Our VCAL students filled 28 pencil cases, which were presented to the Grade 6 students of Number 6 School Bug Bug at a special ceremony. One of our staff members visits this school three times a year, ensuring that all donations of money or school supplies reach these children.

We look forward to supporting this school into the future and continue to welcome contributions throughout the year.



Sonjia Montgomery, Teacher

Student Wellbeing

Exams and exam results can be tough, and if things don't turn out the way your teen hoped, it may affect how they feel about themselves. They may be experiencing a range of emotions including feeling:

- Overwhelmed
- Surprised or disappointed
- Stressed
- Upset or frustrated at themselves or others
- Sad or depressed
- Useless or want to give up

Reassure your teen that mistakes and setbacks happen and be encouraging about expectations for the future. Avoid negative comments such as "what's the matter with you?" which can hurt self-esteem. If your child is experiencing any of the above emotions, there are a range of things they can do to manage the situation. You may wish to discuss these with your teen:

- **Talk to your teacher or Student Coordinator** if you explain why you believe you have performed poorly on an exam, or feel unprepared for the next one, they may be able to organise extra help or ease your concerns. If they don't know about your concerns, they can't help you.
- **Get organised.** Create a plan for your next exams or the future. Your teacher, Student Coordinator, MIPs staff or the Student Wellbeing Team can help you with this.
- **Challenge and spring clean your expectations.** Sometimes it can be helpful to rethink situations and what is achievable for you and again, staff, and also parents are here to support you with this.
- **Have a range of options available.** Sometimes we focus on a particular outcome, which may result in disappointment. There are often other ways you can reach the same goal. Options can include TAFE, apprenticeships, short courses, or reducing the amount of subjects or workload. You can still get to where you want to be, just in a different way, discuss the pros and cons with your support staff, family or friends.
- **Have some down time** to relax and unwind can be helpful and more productive, as it can give you the ability to refocus. It is okay to take care of yourself and do things like listen to music, go for a walk, or go to the movies with friends.
- **Don't give up.** While exams are important, you shouldn't feel as though all is lost if you don't do as well as expected. Getting lower marks than you hoped for doesn't mean you are a failure, but rather you may need to study in a different way, or ask for more support.
- **Confront rather than avoid difficulties and frustration.** You are responsible for your own life and your happiness. Speak to somebody you respect and ask for some advice to get back on course.

The Student Wellbeing Team are here to support you with whatever concerns you have, big or small. You can contact us via your Student Coordinator, email us at counsellor@bssc.edu.au, or pop up and see us. We are through the main gaol gates and upstairs in the building on your right.

The links below also provide useful tips on dealing with exam results and moving on from school.

<http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/life-choices-what-happens-after-finishing-school#>

<http://www.headroom.net.au/Content.aspx?p=79>

Information has been sourced from Reach out Australia. www.reachout.com

Earn \$500 to assist with education costs

Do you have a child at school and would \$500 help cover your education expenses?

Saver Plus is a nationally recognised program developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that is being delivered in Bendigo by Loddon Mallee Housing Services. Saver Plus pays people one dollar for every dollar they save (up to \$500) to help pay for education. By joining you could receive up to \$500 from ANZ to help pay for items like computers, books and uniforms. You must be over 18 and have a child in school or be studying yourself, earnings from a job, and a Health Care or Pension Card.

Contact Sam Taylor at Loddon Mallee Housing Services on 5444 9082, 0409 909 554 or email: samt@lmhs.com.au



Donna Weightman, Student Wellbeing Coordinator



An initiative by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence,
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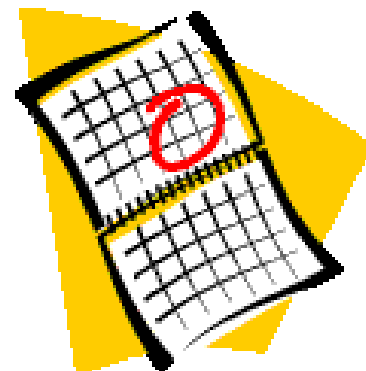
Pathways and Careers

Change of Preference

With exams finished, the next step is the excitement of the release of results on December 13 and the Tertiary offers on January 17 and February 4.

Remember, there will be a representative from LaTrobe University, Shioban Downing in the BSSC Careers office from 9.00am – 1.00pm on Thursday 17 December. To book please ring Careers on 5443 1222.

Careers Staff will be at BSSC until December 17. If you need assistance with changing preferences please contact the college before this date and make an appointment with a member of the team. After this time, contact institutions or VTAC directly until 20 December (noon). The full list of tertiary institutions Change of Preference help lines were detailed in the previous newsletter and can be accessed on the BSSC Careers website at <http://www.bssc.edu.au/public/students/careers/careers/COP.shtml>



Important VTAC Information

Application dates, times and fees www.vtac.edu.au	
Timely applications opened Application fee \$24 (online payment) or \$33 (invoice mailed)	CLOSED
Late application Application fee \$84 (online payment) or \$93 (invoice mailed)	CLOSED
Very late application Application fee \$108 (online payment only)	12 November (7pm) - 10 December (5pm)
SEAS applications	CLOSED
SEAS supporting documentation closing date	CLOSED
Scholarship applications closing date	CLOSED
Change of preference dates and times	
For applicants who have paid all processing fees	29 November (9am) – 20 December (12noon)
Exam results and ENTER dates and times	
VCE results and ATAR website service (see next page) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMS: pre-register (instructions in VTAC Guide p30) Phone: 1900 957 888 after 7am (\$1.93/min) Internet results service: www.results.vcaa.vic.edu.au (free). You will need your VCAA number and your PIN 	13 December (7am)
VCE results and ATAR mail service	14 December
Early offers	CLOSED
Round 1 offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept/reject/defer via www.vtac.edu.au Offers in mail next day Contact the institutions regarding the information that is mailed to you about your Offer – not VTAC. 	17 January 2011 (9:00pm)
Round 2 offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept /reject/defer on www.vtac.edu.au Offers in mail next day. 	4 February 2011 (2pm)
Supplementary Offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers in mail next day. 	February 2011

Accessing 2010 VCE Results & ATAR Service

The following information has been copied from the VCAA website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce_results.html

What is available?

VCE results, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and ATAR subject scores will be available on the 2010 VCE Results and ATAR Service from **7.00 am Monday 13 December to 12 noon Monday 20 December**.

VCE results (VCAA grades and study scores), the ATAR and ATAR subject scores will be received by mail from Tuesday 14 December 2010. While all students enrolled in a Year 12 study will be able to access their VCE results, only those meeting tertiary entrance requirements will receive an ATAR.

2010 VCE Results and ATAR Service

Students can access their VCE results, ATAR and ATAR subject scores through the joint VCAA and VTAC phone, Internet and SMS service called 2010 VCE Results and ATAR Service.

This service will provide those students with at least one Year 12 VCE study and those who have qualified for an ATAR with a one-stop-shop of results.

To access your results on this service you will need your VCAA student number and your PIN. If you are a VTAC applicant use your VTAC PIN. If you are not a VTAC applicant use the first four digits of your birthdate (e.g. 17 July = 1707).

Telephone Access

The phone service is available from **7.00 am Monday 13 December until 5.00 pm Thursday 16 December**.

Call **1900 957 888** to access VCE results and the ATAR (Be.Interactive cost \$1.93 per minute incl. GST, higher from mobile or public telephones). Helpline: 1800 501 083.

Internet Access

The Internet service is free and is available 24 hours a day from 7.00 am Monday 13 December until 12 noon Monday 20 December.

The resultsandatar.vic.edu.au website is optimised for smart phones and other mobile devices with an Internet browser.

SMS Access

To access your VCE results via SMS on a mobile phone you should pre-register from **9.00 am Monday 15 November until midnight Sunday 12 December**.

Pre-registered students will receive their results at 7.00 am Monday 13 December. Requests after midnight may cause a short delay.

Send a text message as follows:

- Student Number (eight digits, not the letter)
- Space
- PIN (four digits).

Send to 19 787 888 (Be.Interactive SMS cost \$1.10 max incl. GST). Helpline: 1800 501 083

You will receive a confirmation message of your request but you will not receive your VCE results in your mobile phone Inbox until after 7.00 am on Monday 13 December.

Students who request access to their results via SMS on or after 13 December will not receive a confirmation message, but will receive their results as soon as possible.

Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS)

VCAA and VTAC are providing a joint information service to answer any enquiries you may have once you have received your VCE results and ATAR. This service **will not provide you with your VCE results or ATAR**.

The PRAS will operate from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm on Monday 13 December and 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December. The phone numbers for PRAS are (03) 9651 4640 (metro) or 1800 653 080 (freecall).

In addition, enquiries can be made online at the following email address: pras@edumail.vic.gov.au

If for any reason you do not receive your Australia Post delivery from VCAA or VTAC on Tuesday 14 December, don't panic, it may be held up in the mail. Check with Australia Post or, if you have moved, check your old address. If all else fails, telephone the PRAS to find out how you can obtain your VCE results and ATAR.

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Scholarships

Further detailed information on the scholarships listed below and others offered through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for Tertiary is available at: <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/list.aspx?YearID=0>

Alexander Rushall Scholarships

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$1500
- Available for one year
- Several scholarships awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 31 January 2011

Ella Donald Service Fine Arts Memorial

Scholarships

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$1000
- Available for the duration of the course, subject to satisfactory academic progress
- Several scholarships awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 31 January 2011

Walter Lindrum Memorial Scholarships

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$500
- Available for the duration of the course, subject to satisfactory academic progress
- Several scholarships awarded each year

George Garibaldi Turri Scholarships

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$2100
- Available for the duration of the course, subject to satisfactory academic progress
- Several scholarships awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 31 January 2011

Further information

- Amount adjusted annually in line with Commonwealth Retail Price Index.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF)

Scholarship Program

Scholarship details:

- Valued at \$15,000 per year for the duration of the course of study, subject to satisfactory progress
- Several scholarships awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 31 January 2011

We wish all Year 12 students the best for graduation and their future endeavours – study, training, employment and many other exciting pathways.



Mark Zulian, Careers and Pathways Coordinator

The Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarships

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$18,000 per year (subject to annual review)
- Available for duration of student's undergraduate degree
- At least 10 new scholarships awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 10 December 2010

Further information

- Finalists are required to attend an interview with the panel of scholarship trustees who select scholarship recipients.

The Frederick Richard O'Connell Scholarship

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$10,000 per scholarship
- Available for one year

Application Closing Date

- 31 March 2011

Further information

- Preference will be given to candidates who are children of either employees or directors/proprietors of companies that are members of the Timber Merchants Association (Victoria).

The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

Scholarship details

- Valued at \$10,000 per year
- Available for duration of student's undergraduate degree
- At least one new scholarship awarded each year

Application Closing Date

- 10 December 2010

Further information

- Finalists are required to attend an interview with the panel of scholarship trustees who select scholarship recipients.

MIPS

A word of thanks.....and a welcome to New Students

Thank you to all the parents we have interacted with throughout 2010. We have enjoyed meeting and assisting your sons and daughters and sharing in their individual journeys, watching them develop skills and supporting them as they challenge themselves.

As the 2010 year draws to a close, we would like to remind all parents and students that we are available until 17 December, to provide assistance to students who are looking for part time casual or full time employment.

If you or someone you know has a son or daughter who will be attending Bendigo Senior Secondary College next year and they are seeking part time or casual employment, please direct them to the Bendigo Senior Secondary College homepage, and to the MIPS vacancies www.bssc.edu.au/public/students/careers/mips/jobs.shtml or contact the MIPS team on 5443 1222.

What can MIPS help with?

We have some fantastic established networks around Bendigo that you may be interested in accessing. Health, finance for young people, further education and training options, employment support, careers advice, building pathways, tertiary or TAFE endeavours are just a few of the areas. Come in and see us or contact us by email, text or phone. We are here to help you through Year 11 and 12! And if we don't know about it, we'll find out for you. Many students are contemplating directions and pathways at the moment – don't put it off, come and get some help to find your niche in life.

What can parents do to assist their son or daughter?

A great way to assist your son or daughter to prepare for employment is to assist them in getting a Tax File Number (TFN) from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Go to the ATO website <http://www.ato.gov.au/> and click into 'Get a tax file number', then 'School Student'. This will direct you to the easiest way to obtain a TFN.

Another very useful document is a birth certificate. It's always better to access these prior to when you need them, as applications can take several weeks to be processed, which could hold up other applications (i.e. Tax File Number). Please note commemorative certificates are not recognised for official purposes such as proof of identity for official purposes order a standard certificate. The Births, Deaths and Marriages website is located at <http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/ots/home>.

Training

Throughout the year, many students have taken the opportunity to complete the **Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate (RSA)** and **The Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures Certificate (Food Handlers)** at the college. These courses are delivered by Total Training Solutions and are Nationally Recognised Training. As a result of this, several of our students have been given casual hospitality employment at the Bendigo Cup – great to see the reward for effort!

We will continue to offer these courses at the college throughout 2011 and students can enrol by placing their names on the sheet in the MIPS room.

Jobs board – at BSSC

Located outside the MIPS office (G17), you will find the details of a variety of jobs you can apply for. If you are looking for Fulltime, Part time, casual, apprenticeships/traineeships/career opportunities...come and see us.

Inside, we have newspaper articles and other advertised jobs for you to access, ideas for resume structure, and wording for application letters...or even to go through applications online. Lorelle, Marla and Helen are here to help you get that job!

MBTI

Are you an INTJ or an INFP or even an ENTJ? We are very fortunate in the MIPS team to have a trained Myers Briggs administrator. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator, or MBTI, is "the best-known and most trusted personality assessment tool available today". If your child is interested in accessing this confidential questionnaire and receiving expert feedback relating to careers, pathways or personal development, please see Helen Martin in the MIPS office in G17. There will be a cost of approximately \$35 which will allow for an individual consultation and assessment/feedback session.

Business Owners

Looking for staff? The college is a 'one stop shop' for young people keen to work. If you are a business owner or know someone who is, please consider utilising the MIPS team with regard to your employment needs. We are more than happy to assist with the process and referrals. Please contact us on the numbers or emails listed below. Phone 03 5443 1222 MIPS

MIPS Team (Located in G17) – Contact Details:**Lorelle Pearce - MIPS Coordinator**pearse.lorelle@bssc.edu.au

Mobile: 0400 221 800

Marla Carlier – MIPS Case Managercarlier.marla@bssc.edu.au

Mobile: 0400 025 568

Helen Martin – MIPS Case Managermartin.helen@bssc.edu.au

Mobile: 0458 458 807



The MIPS team is available to assist students until Friday December 17.



Lorelle Pearce, MIPS Coordinator

Quarry Hill Primary School



Peel St. Centenary March / April 2011

In late Term 1 Quarry Hill Primary School will celebrate 100 years on the Peel St site.

From 1853 until 1873 the school was at Charcoal Gully in Adams Rd and then at the Olinda St school until April 1911, when the staff and students marched en masse to occupy the new building in Peel St.

The Centenary Committee is currently collecting, stories, photos and memorabilia to record the Centenary year.

Ex-staff and ex-students are invited to contribute.

Please leave items at the office in Peel St.

Or send them to

The Centenary Committee

Quarry Hill Primary School

P.O. Box 2118

Bendigo DC 3554

Or submit by email to barb.poustie@iinet.net.au



Building a healthier community

Bendigo UFS Pharmacies School Partnership & Club Sponsorship Programs are positive initiatives directed at assisting your school or club.

The programs are designed to provide your school or club with a recurring source of sponsorship income and is based on you and other members supporting Bendigo UFS.

How does it work?

Bendigo UFS Pharmacies will donate 50% of the annual membership fee (new and renewals) back to your school or club. Each year a sponsorship cheque is sent based on the number of members who join or renew their membership with Bendigo UFS Pharmacies and nominate your school or club.

How do I participate?

1. Become a member of Bendigo UFS Pharmacies.
2. Nominate your school or club on your membership form.
3. Encourage all friends and family to do the same.
4. Sit back and watch the sponsorship cheques come in.

Sport at BSSC in 2011

Who To See

Sport at BSSC has been booming over the past few years mainly due to the great support from the college staff, improved links with community sporting organisations and most importantly the student's ability to effectively juggle the workload of studies and representation for the college in various sporting events. We have many strategies in place to support our sporting students.

As **Sports Coordinator** for BSSC I am the initial point of contact for all the sports on the sporting calendar. My new office is located in the "Governors Office" of the **Gaol complex** (opposite our gym and canteen) through the main front entrance of the Gaol and you will see my office straight ahead.

You can contact me by email poyser.vicki@bssc.edu.au or mobile 0419 139 591

What is Available?

Sport at BSSC primarily follows the **School Sport Victoria calendar**.

Victorian Secondary School Sports Association (VSSSA) has been restructured and is now called **School Sport Victoria (SSV)**. The restructuring of School Sport Victoria has seen Catholic College Bendigo (CCB) come into our district now called **Sandhurst** (previously BDSCSC—Bendigo District). The Northern Zone competition is now, for some sports, a two tier competition with Loddon Mallee Regional events leading to North East conference and then State finals, which may mean an increased number of events. More information is available on the SSV website <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au>.

BSSC has participated in events outside the SSV calendar such as **Melbourne Storm Rugby League Gala**; Australian **Mountain Biking Schools Championships**; Victorian **Cycling Schools Championships** as part of the Jayco Sun Tour; **Volleyball State and National Schools Cup**; **Sun Shield Football**; Calder Cup **Girls Football** and **Boys Netball**; Victorian **Athletics Knockout Competition**; and events with **Clay Shooting Association**; **Rowing Victoria** and **Netball Victoria** to name a few. Individuals are eligible for **SSV State team selection**.

2011 will also see BSSC develop the **AFL Umpires Academy** which commenced in 2010. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to be linked with the VCFL Development program and provides a pathway to the **AFL national competition**. Our football program sponsor **CVGT** supports this new initiative.

Where to Find Information

The "**Sporting Grapevine**" at BSSC includes:

- **Sports Noticeboards** mainly at the **Canteen and Gym** (and others around the college from time to time).
- **Intranet** (BSSC email system) **Sporting databases** for selection and training information.
- **Webpage - SPORTING** section on **BSSC homepage**
- **Parent Newsletter** will have **Sporting Reports** in each edition of the Newsletter.
- **Library Sports Recognition - pre and post event display inside the library**

How to Get Involved

To enable planning of next year's **Sports Calendar 2011**, Year 11 students will have the opportunity to complete a **Sports Survey** during the Orientation sessions this year. There will be further opportunity to sign up for sports for those who are in Year 12.

The Sports Program relies on the ability of the students to access SPORTS information so that they are aware of the opportunities available. There will be further communication about our Sports Program at the start of 2011 and look out for information on the BSSC website during December.



Vicki Poyser, Sports Coordinator