



1 November 2010

Principal's News

Preparing for 2011

The college is well advanced in terms of its planning for next year, with enrolments and subject selections having been received, staffing processes nearing completion and the calendar filling fast.

For our current Year 11 students, 2011 studies commence in the week of November 22 when we are running a full week of transition for Year 11 to 12. This will involve students being placed in their Year 12 classes and as far as possible, with their 2011 teachers. This is a great opportunity for students to gain a clear understanding of what their Year 12 studies will involve and to make a start on their work. All students are expected to attend and failure to do so will disadvantage students at the start of next year. Staff are working hard to prepare an interesting and challenging program and we are looking forward to the week.

Any current BSSC student who intends to return in 2011 but has not yet submitted subject selections needs to do so as a matter of urgency.

End of Year 12

Congratulations to our Year 12 students, who were able to finish their 'last day' in the right spirit. Almost without exception our students followed the advice they were given and took part in the planned activities in an enthusiastic and appropriate manner. I particularly want to thank students who assisted in planning for the day.

Year 12 exams have now commenced and Year 11's are close at hand so all students will be focused on doing their best in these assessments. I wish you well.

Parents and students are reminded that our **Awards Evening** is on Wednesday December 8 and our **Year 12 Graduation** on Wednesday December 15. Please be aware that there is a change of venue for the Graduation ceremonies. These will now take place in the BSSC Gymnasium rather than at the Strathdale Community Centre as previously notified. The Graduation dinner will still be at the All Seasons following the ceremonies.

Microsoft Worldwide Pathfinder School

Microsoft has named our college as one of their Worldwide Pathfinder Schools. This places our college in a group of 84 schools across the globe identified as exemplars of innovation and committed to a global perspective of improving teaching and learning.

Meredith Fettling, Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning), attended a conference hosted by Microsoft in South Africa last week to start our involvement in this exciting project. Her report will be provided to parents at the earliest opportunity.

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- 1/12 Last Parent Newsletter 2010
- 2/12 Course Change Day
- 8/12 Awards Ceremony
- 15/12 Graduation Ceremony
- 17/12 Term 4 Ends

VCAA Exam Results – Student Postal Addresses

Have you changed your address?

Students should ensure that their current postal address is registered with BSSC as the address we have on our records is where your VCAA results will be posted to at the end of the year. Change of address forms are available from the Student Coordinator's office and the General office. Changes can be made with the College until **Friday 26 November**.



Dale Pearce, Principal

Lockers

Year 12 process for clearing lockers and receiving the \$20 refund

At the start of 2010, many students paid a \$25 fee for the purpose of locker and lock hire. At that time it was agreed that students would receive a \$20 refund on the clean vacation of their locker at the end of their enrolment at the college.

The process for Year 12 students to receive their refund is:

Students are required to remove all belongings from their locker and ensure that it is clean prior to the final date of Thursday November 18. After this date, all lockers of Year 12 exiting students which have not been cleared, will be cleared by the college ready for next year.

Students need to return their lock to the James King Hall for the \$20 cash refund on either of the following dates:

- **Thursday November 11:** 12pm-2.30pm
- **Monday November 15:** 1.30pm-3pm

Parents who would prefer to receive a cheque for the \$20 refund amount are asked to email us at admin@bssc.edu.au, phone on 5443 1222 or alternatively, send a note with your student on the day. The refund cheque will be processed once the student returns the lock to the JKH on the dates as listed above.

Year 11 process for lockers

Year 11 students are expected to leave their lock on the locker they have already been assigned which will remain their locker for 2011. These will be checked against our allocation spreadsheet as we process locker allocations for 2011.

We would like to align the processes for our current Year 11's and future students (who will be charged \$10 per lock) by providing a \$15 print credit for current students to use during their 2011 enrolment. The remainder of the original payment would be compensated by the student taking the lock with them at the end of their time at the college in 2011. If you would prefer to have this \$15 reimbursed directly to you, rather than transferred to your student's print credit, please contact the Finance Office at the college requesting a \$15 cheque reimbursement. We will also support parent requests where the original arrangements are supported. Our future process for locker allocation will involve students making a one off payment of \$10 through the booklist and students will then be allowed to take the lock with them at the end of their enrolment.

Sale and purchase of second-hand books

Students or parents are able to take good condition text books (which will still be current for the 2011 booklist) to the **BSSC library** on the dates below for sale to Landmark Books, our college booklist supplier. A list of books that Landmark may purchase will be available on the Library webpage from Friday 5 November.

- **Sale of books to Landmark on Thursday November 11: 12noon-3pm**
- **Sale of books to Landmark to Landmark on Monday November 15: 11am-2pm**
- You can **sell** your books OR **BUY THEM FOR NEXT YEAR** on **Friday November 19: 11am-2pm**
- You can **sell** your books OR **BUY THEM FOR NEXT YEAR** on **Wednesday December 1: 11.30am-2.30pm** (subject change day)
- You can **sell** your books OR **BUY THEM FOR NEXT YEAR** on **Thursday December 2: 4pm-7pm** (subject change day)
- **Students can also sell/buy TI-Nspire calculators through Landmark**



Linda Lyons, Assistant Principal

NETschool

NETschool 's new building was officially opened on the evening of Tuesday October 12.

Jacinta Allan MP officiated and we were joined by the Mayor and councillors from the City of Greater Bendigo, Carolyn Atkins, Deputy CEO of the Victorian Council of Social Service, College Councillors, community members, parents, and past and present learners.



Emily Tatt, a past student who completed her VCE in 2009 travelled from Melbourne to talk about NETschool and the importance it held for her. Emily is now studying Youth Work at the Australian Catholic University and encouraged other learners to use NETschool as a vehicle to reach their goals.



Julie Connell, NETschool Team Facilitator

Attendance Rewards Program

BSSC would like to thank and recognise **Advantage Driving School** who have sponsored our highly successful attendance rewards program, which was introduced in September 2010. All students who have been to every class and Pathway Advisor meeting for the month (excluding college approved activities or absences supported by medical documentation) were automatically entered into the draw to win four driving lessons with Advantage Driving School, valued at \$180.

Our first two winners, **Lucy McKinder (4G)** and **Brendan Scanlon (4C)** were very worthwhile winners and are congratulated on their excellent attendance and winning the prize.

We look forward to continuing with this fantastic program during 2011.

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. If there is any reason preventing your child from attending all classes, please contact the relevant Student Coordinator immediately.



Kylie Hand, Student Manager



Jennie Hughes, Student Manager

Last Day of Year 12





The Last Day for Year 12 Students

The Class of 2010 celebrated their last day of classes in a fantastic range of colour and lots of zest. The day began with an assembly where our Principal Dale Pearce bid a fond farewell and Tony Conolan, President of Old Gold Inc reminded students of their eligibility to the association as past students.

The launching of the song "Year 12 Last Day", written especially for the Class of 2010 by fellow Year 12 student, Luke Owen, saw a six hundred-plus crowd sit in silence as memory after memory floated past on the big screen in the form of photos. Students were given a copy of a DVD that included the song and many photos and interviews from the year as a keepsake. Celebrations continued in the gaol courtyard and the positive vibe generated by our fantastic students meant that the day had a joyous feel. Staff and students mixed and bid each other goodbye, signed farewell sheets and boards and paraded around in a large array of costumes.

A special thankyou goes out to the outstanding support given to the day by the staff at BSSC who worked tirelessly at feeding a large and very hungry crowd, the media for the positive press that they portrayed, the local police for ensuring that our students remained safe, parents for supporting their sons and daughters and the college, and most importantly, all our students for their outstanding behaviour and representing our marvellous college with honour and pride.

We wish all students the very best for their exams and their future. They have done themselves, their parents and their college proud.



Mark Fox, Student Coordinator

Student Council

Fundraiser: Eritrean Refugee Schools Project



The last fundraiser for the year was the collection of school supplies to donate to refugees in Africa. This was a great success and a good number of items including folders, pens, text books and paper were donated.

The **Eritrean Refugee Schools Project** is being run as a partnership between EAHA and Rotary International. EAHA is responsible for collecting donations and filling a shipping container and Rotary have agreed to pay for the container and all transportation costs. A group of EAHA members will also be going to Sudan (self-funded) in December to meet the container, oversee and document the distribution of donations and help build and repair the schools' infrastructure. Jan Simpson and Ann Brosnan from The GLLN collected the supplies from our Student Council President, Emma Lewis and Vice President, Patrick Clark.



Emma Lewis, President



Patrick Clark, Vice-President

Student Wellbeing

Exam Stress

As the exam period is upon us, students (and those who live with them) often experience higher stress levels than usual. This information sheet from Parentline gives you some tips on helping your child to manage exam stress.

What is exam stress?

Stress can be defined as 'the adverse reaction people have to excessive pressure or other types of demands placed on them'. It is a subjective response and something that will vary from person to person. Prolonged stress can lead to illness, both mental and physical. The words pressure and stress are often used interchangeably but in fact they are quite different. Pressure can be positive and useful to complete deadlines or to help somebody avoid danger. However, when pressure is prolonged, it can be negative, and depending how the individual perceives it and reacts to it, can lead to the development of stress.

Exam stress is a natural reaction to too much pressure and can come from a number of sources including:

- young people themselves
- comparisons with others
- wanting to reach ambitious goals
- others in the family
- peers or teachers

What can parents and carers do?

One of the best things parents or carers can do if their child is experiencing exam stress is to try to be as supportive and tolerant as possible. Reassure them that there are more important things in life and that this is only part of the story. Let your child know you will help them no matter what and, although naturally you want them to do well, you will not think any less of them if these particular exams don't work out.

Below, we've put together a list of study, practical and relaxation ideas that young people have told us helped them to manage exam stress. We've also included some tips on how to help your child deal with stress on exam day.

Study and learning habits

Helping your child to establish effective study and learning habits can help to reduce stress

- Is there an uncluttered table where they can work? Help them to find somewhere which is likely to be undisturbed.
- Encourage your child to find out exactly what the test or exam involves - are there past test and exam papers they can look at to help them understand what to expect?
- Encourage your child to ask for help or ask their teacher for clarity if they are unsure of something or if they feel confused
- Help them to make 'mind maps' to collect ideas and summarise thoughts - use bright colours to help remember important links.
- Help them to plan their study schedule early on so that they have sufficient time to study. It can be helpful to develop a clear, realistic plan of what they want to cover in each study session. Can they break it down into small chunks?
- Remind your child to take a short rest and move around in between each part of their study.
- Offer help sometimes. It can be useful having someone to listen or practise with.

Practical ideas to help your child cope with exam stress

- Encourage your child to stick to a routine of going to bed at a reasonable time, eating regularly and making time to have fun and exercise.
- Help them to cut back on coffee or any other stimulants they may be using, as these can increase agitation. Encourage them to drink lots of water instead.
- Encourage them to take time out when they eat, rather than carrying on with study.
- Encourage them to eat fresh fruit, veggies, cereals, grains, nuts and protein - they are all good for the brain and blood sugar levels.
- Encourage them to eat when they get hungry. This keeps blood sugar and hydration levels steady.
- Avoid junk food if possible because it will bring a sudden sugar high and then fall away quickly leaving a person feeling tired.
- Try not to nag as they may be feeling a lot of pressure already. It helps to stay calm and offer support - perhaps offer a cup of tea occasionally or record their favourite TV program to watch later.

Relaxation ideas to help your child cope with exam stress

- Always encourage your child to relax before they go to bed after concentrating for long periods of time. Activities such as reading a book or chatting to a friend may help them unwind and sleep better.
- Encourage them to go out for a walk, run or to do some other exercise that they enjoy.
- Relaxation techniques can be very effective if you see your child's anxiety rising. For example, put on some gentle music, get them to lie down, close their eyes and breathe deeply while visualising a calming scene such as a deserted beach.
- Encourage your child to visualise success - this can really help with self-confidence.

Ideas for exam day

Talk about these ideas before exam day so as not to add to anxiety levels. Suggest to your child that they:

- Organise and pack everything that they need to take with them into the exam, the night before.
- Keep away from people who may agitate them before the exam or may say unhelpful, anxiety-provoking comments.
- Take time to slow their breathing and relax when they first sit down.
- Use the reading time wisely to consider responses and work out how long they have for each question or section. When permitted to write, underline key words and instructions.
- Watch out for the wording of the questions - make sure that they understand and address what the question is really asking.
- Answer the questions they find easiest first, then as they relax more, move onto the other ones (by then their mind has relaxed and they are likely to find the work easier).
- Use visualisation strategies to provide cues to help remember difficult concepts.
- Re-read answers if possible and make any changes that are necessary - cross out notes, correct spelling, check workings.

For more detailed information: <http://www.parentline.com.au/parenting-information/tip-sheets/exam-stress.php>

If you have any concerns about your child and exam stress, you can call Parentline Victoria - 13 22 89, or contact our Wellbeing Team.

Other helpful links:

ReachOut.com: www.reachout.com

Beyondblue: www.youthbeyondblue.com

[Imperial college - study hints](#)

[Reachout website - Exam Time - hints for effective studying](#)

[The University of Western Australia: Student Services - Managing Study Stress](#)



Donna Weightman, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Year 11 Unit 2 Exam Timetable 2010

Unit 2 exams commence on Thursday November 4 and finish at the end of Thursday November 11. These exams are an important measure of the work undertaken by students over Semester 2.

In order to perform at their best, students should be preparing and planning for their exams to maximise their performance, which can be achieved by:

- Revising; doing past exam questions; making short notes; creating flip cards, concept maps and media sound files; and practise concentrating for the length of each exam
- Seeking help from the class teacher
- Managing time before and after each exam
- Positive thinking
- Maintaining exercise, eating regular balanced meals (eating sensibly and not skipping meals) and keeping regular sleep patterns.

When in the exam, students should:

- Read the questions carefully
- Focus on the task at hand
- Use their time effectively - keep an eye on the time
- Compare the marks allocated to each question and use this as a guide to the time you spend on each question
- Answer all questions and do not leave any questions blank.

Most Year 11 students will have received their individualised (pink) Unit 2 exam timetable from their Pathway Advisor last week. If students did not, they need to follow up with their Pathway Advisor as soon as possible.

A reminder that:

- Students are asked to read the rules for conduct carefully and remember that they **MUST HAVE PHOTO ID** with them for each exam.
- Year 11 students undertaking a Unit 3 or 4 subject for which the VCAA exam clashes with their Unit 2 exam, **MUST** attend their VCAA exam and reschedule their Unit 2 exam.
- Year 11 students undertaking a VCAA end of year examination can reschedule any Unit 2 exams occurring on the same day as their VCAA exam.
- Year 11 students undertaking a VCAA end of year examination whilst their Unit 2 classes are still operating are not required to attend Year 11 classes prior to the VCAA exam on that day.

All Year 11 students undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject are reminded to refer to their (Green) exam timetables for the session times and locations.



Paul Seery, VCE and Special Programs Manager

Transition 2010-2011

Year 11 to 12 Students Monday November 22 to Friday November 26

As part of the transition process we expect each student to attend the week long transition program at BSSC. This program will commence on Monday with Pathway Advisor meetings at 8.50am in the students' 2010 Advisor rooms. All students must attend this meeting as timetables for the week will be distributed during this time. Over the course of the week each student will undertake classes in their selected subjects. Each student is asked to bring pens, paper or exercise books, and any text books purchased through the college. Letters will be sent to all students in the week prior to Transition providing further details about the process.

This program is a compulsory part of the school year for our Year 11 students and will represent the first week of classes in their Year 12 subjects for the 2011 school year. Students need to be present in classes at the college for the entire week to ensure they do not miss out on work that will be presented to them.



Simon Wood, Pathways and Transition Manager

CONSUMER
Stuff!

**BSSC Students Win
Highly Commended Prize!**



2010 VCAL Consumer Stuff Challenge Competition

In Semester 1, VCAL Intermediate students participated in a real, relevant and hands-on activity to meet Personal Development Unit outcomes and develop knowledge necessary for young people moving into the adult world.

Entering a competition, administered by Consumer Affairs Victoria, students worked in small groups to select a consumer/financial issue relevant to young people. Possible issues included:

- credit and debt
- managing money
- choosing a mobile phone plan
- buying a second hand car
- internet scams
- renting a share house
- green shopping
- getting a refund/making a complaint
- “Affluenza”/consumer culture.

Students then investigated their selected issue using the internet and other methods of research. Based on their findings, students created a Consumer Information Product, containing an important, clear consumer message to help young people become well-informed and assertive consumers. The target age group for the consumer message was 15-20.

In completing the task, students were required to:

- Submit copies of their research.
- Provide evidence of involvement in discussions on the potential dangers of their consumer issue.
- Design, produce and evaluate the Product.



Class activities to support this assessment task included a visit from the local Consumer Affairs Victoria office, who hosted a fun, life-size board game based around the Rental Tenancy Act.

This week **Keiran Rosewall, Alex White and Win Yin** were announced winners of a Consumer Stuff! Highly Commended Prize for their entry *Renting a Share House* (business card). The Highly Commended prize is a special Highly Commended certificate and a \$25 gift voucher (for each student). All students who participated are congratulated and will receive a Certificate of Participation. Other entries submitted were:

Buying a Mobile Phone – hints in English and Karen in the form of a mobile phone keypad

Budgeting – a movie on hints to avoid debt

Buying a Used Car – a movie and supporting brochure targeting first car purchasers

Credit & Young People! – a powerpoint presentation to educate young people to use credit responsibly

Consumer Rights – a powerpoint presentation explaining rights of the customer

Pathways and Careers

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)	30 September (7pm) - 12 November (5pm)
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 : <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	26 November (2pm)
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 (7.30pm)
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
Bendigo Senior Secondary College Assistance	
La Trobe University Bendigo representative, Shioban Downing, will be available in the Careers office	16 December from 9:00am to 1:00pm
Careers staff are on duty and available to assist students	until 17 December

449 Year 12 students have made a VTAC application for University and TAFE courses next year. Quite a few students have also applied directly to BRIT for their courses. It was pleasing to see that quite a number of students have also applied for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) and Scholarships through VTAC. All Year 12 students who had not made a timely VTAC application were sent a letter outlining some options to consider and what support the Careers and MIPs teams can offer.

Whilst the Change of Preference (COP) period opens on November 29, the period immediately after students receive final results (and ATARs) on December 13 will be of particular interest to students. VTAC Change of Preference will be available to all applicants and should they wish to, students are advised to seek information and advice from the institutions they have applied to.

Change of Preference Assistance

All Year 12 students who made a timely VTAC application were provided with a written statement of their preferences with last year's ATARs included for consideration. These statements should be kept safe and accessible and referred to as soon as their ATAR is available. A quick glance would indicate whether changes to preferences should be considered or not. It is important to note that preferences can be changed from November 29 until 20 December at 12:00noon. Careers staff will be on duty and available to assist students until Friday December 17. La Trobe University Bendigo representative, Shioban Downing, will also be in the Careers office on Thursday December 16 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (contact the Careers office Ph: 5443 1222 to make an appointment with Shiobhan). All universities (listed below) provide personal and/or phone services to students during the Change of Preference period to assist with their decisions, you can also check the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au or the Change of Preference link <http://www.bssc.edu.au/public/students/careers/careers/COP.shtml>.

Students will be able to access their Results from 7am on December 13 and can change one, all, or the order of their preferences using the VTAC website (at no cost). Students should refer to their VTAC guides for extra requirements as some courses cannot be added during Change of Preference or require them to contact the relevant University/TAFE or provider.

- **Australian Catholic University** 1300 ASK ACU, studentcentre@patrick.acu.edu.au
- **Ballarat Uni and TAFE** 1800 811 711, info@ballarat.edu.au
- **Box Hill Institute** 1300BOXHILL, courseinfo@boxhill.edu.au
- **Charles Sturt University** 1800 334 733 (freecall), inquiry@csu.edu.au
- **Chisholm TAFE** 1300 CHISHOLM, enquiries@chisholm.edu.au
- **Deakin University** 1300 DEGREE, courseassist@deakin.edu.au
- **East Gippsland TAFE** 1300 133 717, info@egtafe.vic.edu.au
- **Gippsland TAFE** www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au
- **Gordon TAFE** 5225 0500, courseinfo@gordontafe.edu.au
- **Gotafe** 1300 468 233, enquiry@gotafe.vic.edu.au
- **Holmesglen TAFE** 9564 1555, info@holmesglen.edu.au
- **Kangan TAFE** 13 TAFE
- **La Trobe University** 1300 135 045, study@latrobe.edu.au
- **Melbourne University** 1800 801 662, <http://unimelbcusthelp.com>
- **Monash University** 1800 MONASH, future@monash.edu.au
- **NMIT** 9269 1200, info@nmit.edu.au
- **RMIT University and TAFE** 1800 117 648, study@rmit.edu.au
- **South West TAFE** info@swtafe.vic.edu.au
- **Swinburne University and TAFE** 1300 ASK SWIN
- **Victoria University and TAFE** 9919 6100, www.vu.edu.au/gotovu
- **William Angliss TAFE** 9606 2111, info@angliss.edu.au

What if you think you won't get a place at University?

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions:

- Contact your career counsellor for advice
- Apply for a related TAFE course if you haven't done so
- Apply for a course at Monash College or MIBT (see VTAC Guide)
- Design - complete a Cert IV in Design at Swinburne SSC, Brighton Bay or any other college that offers it
- Complete a Diploma in Tertiary or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Vic or Monash University
- Nursing - complete a Cert IV in nursing at TAFE
- Try for an Irregular Offer in January (See My Info on VTAC website)
- Enrol in Year 13 (boost your ATAR or meet prerequisites)

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



Mark Zulian, Careers and Pathways Coordinator

MIPS

Don't Miss Out! Students looking for employment

There are some fantastic jobs that have been advertised directly to our college. The team has been working hard at forging strong local community/business relationships to offer work opportunities to our students. Please go to the BSSC home page and click on MIPS JOBS BOARD – this link will take you to the employment vacancies and opportunities that are currently available.

What's on there you ask?

We currently have vacancies for:

- Full time junior roles in Geospatial data/Aerial Mapmaking Imaging (close 25 November)
- Casual Lifeguards
- Local First Year Apprentice Chefs
- School Based Apprenticeships at Reece
- Full time and casual sales at Chemist Warehouse and a local jewellers
- Hospitality Staff including casual and full time kitchen hands and wait staff

Looking for staff?

The college is a 'one stop shop' for young people keen to work. We have the monopoly on 16–19 year olds! 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 - contact details below.

Senior VCAL Work Related Skills

As the time is fast approaching when our Senior VCAL students will be leaving Bendigo Senior Secondary College to seek employment, we have commenced a series of preparation classes to assist with applying for jobs, resumes, cover letters, and that 'all important' interview! We have begun working with students to prepare their winning resumes and cover letters. We are excited to be working with these delightful students and very impressed with the enthusiasm and participation so far. Please remind your son/daughter that we are available to assist with job seeking on an individual basis also, call in and see us in G17.

What can MIPS help students 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 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 student's niche in life.

Any students/parents/families looking for personal support from external agencies and training organisations for example St Luke's, YSAS, Centrelink, Youth Connections or Bendigo Community Health, are encouraged to speak with the MIPS team. We have many contacts in these departments and can assist anyone in the college community in starting a sometimes difficult conversation with regard to personal issues or circumstances of a sensitive nature.

Many students have taken the opportunity to complete the Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate and the Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures Certificate (Food Handlers) Certificate at the college. These courses are delivered by Total Training Solutions and are Nationally Recognised Training Certificates. **There will be one more Responsible Serving of Alcohol course offered at Bendigo Senior Secondary College this year on** November 22, 4pm – 8pm, in G16. \$80 per person payment on the night. Students may register by adding their name to the list in the MIPS room (G15). Please note - you do not have to be 18 years old to complete the course. As a result of being able to offer training in hospitality through Total Training Solutions, our relationship with employment establishments has enabled us to give opportunities once again in 2010 for students who have completed this training to work at the Bendigo Cup. Congratulations to the students who have secured employment and thank you to Helen Martin who has been instrumental in organising this.

Transition Visits

Marla and Lorelle once again embarked on supporting Year 10 students from our Year 7-10 government schools in their transition to BSSC. Visits to Bendigo South East and Eaglehawk Secondary Colleges allowed us to meet some fantastic young people. Thank you to Fiona Peck and Jen Bryant from their respective colleges for their support of our MIPS endeavour, we have made some strong connections with your students and will look forward to seeing them next year. If you have a Year 10 student that you are concerned might need support in their senior secondary years, please contact the MIPS team to arrange an appointment.

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 you are interested in your child accessing this confidential questionnaire and receiving expert feedback relating to their career, pathway or personal development, please see Helen Martin in the MIPS office in G17. There would be a cost of approximately \$35 which would allow for an individual consultation and assessment/feedback session.

MIPS Team (Located in G17) – Contact Details:

Lorelle Pearse - MIPS Coordinator

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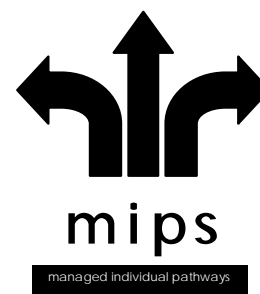
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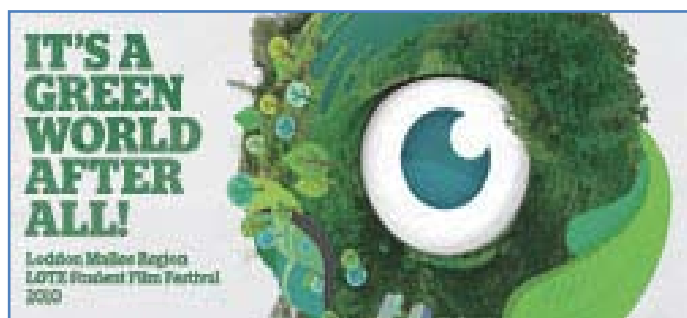
The MIPS team is available to assist students until Friday December 17.



Lorelle Pearse, MIPS Coordinator

“Green Tears for Burma” Wins Award

LMR LOTE/ESL Student Film Festival 2010



The screening for all finalists in the 2010 Loddon Mallee LOTE / ESL Student Film Festival was held on Thursday 28 October at Bendigo Cinema. BSSC students from the New Arrivals ESL class attended the event alongside many others from schools throughout the Loddon Mallee region. It was great to watch the many entries from our region.

BSSC is pleased to announce that our movie, “Green Tears for Burma”, won first prize – and \$500 – in the ESL Category.

This is a wonderful achievement for our ESL students, especially as it is their first entry into such a competition.

Congratulations to all the students involved in making the movie and to the staff who supported them.



Anna Beilharz, ESL Teacher for New Arrivals

Sport

Cricket – Boys – State Champions



Wow, what a campaign our BSSC Cricketers have had.

We started on 1 March by defeating Girton Grammar to become Northern Zone Champions on Friday 15 October.

Our VSSSA finals day started at 5.30am at the QEO when the boys piled onto the bus and culminated at 5.15pm at Croydon after a day of skilful cricket, with exceptional leadership from **Josh Newlan**, and some superb support from Coach David Lumsdon. The boys were at their ultimate peak, taking out the VSSSA State final.

The day was not without a hiccup as we only had 10 players available from the squad of 14. The boys did not let that faze them and were fuelled on further when our

semi final victory was overshadowed by a protest from the opposition. The runs were tied at 213, after 27 overs, but as our wicket ratio was better, we were told to pad up for the final. We then had to wait 45 minutes for the resolution of the protest which we won and moved into the final against Rowville SC, determined to be clear winners. And we were! We set 152 as the target for Rowville SC after 26 overs and were able to bowl with exceptional accuracy and fantastic fielding to dismiss them, all out for 128 after 23 overs.

All the boys should be congratulated and particularly Captain **Josh Newlan**, with the highest score of 58 batting at 5th & 4 caught behinds as wicket keeper with a hand in the three run outs. He was a superb leader and best on ground in the final, a tough day but one in which he showed maturity beyond his years and earned the utmost respect from his team and the opposition.

Thank you to all the staff for their support of the players this term in what is such a busy time of the academic year. The comradeship and passion that coach David Lumsdon and I saw amongst the boys as the day unfolded showed that they were indeed fantastic ambassadors for our college.

Two State Champion titles in 3 years...and we have 9 of the 14 players with us in Year 12 next year!

Athletics

The BSSC Athletics team have been waiting since April to compete in the Northern Zone finals after qualifying for an impressive number of events. A squad of 22 took to the Flora Hill Athletics track and after being crowned BDSCSC Senior Champions in April were up against some tough opposition from the Northern Zone. The performances of our students were commendable and many progressed to the VSSSA State finals with BSSC crowned Northern Zone champions for both Senior Girls and Boys.



The VSSSA state final is a 10 hour program and with our added travel time this produces an extremely long day for our athletes. To their credit, they produced outstanding results in windy conditions. There were 7 athletes who returned with medals and many personal bests including a 5m personal best for **Louis Schenker** to claim silver in the Javelin.

The standout performances on the day were:
Kaine Leech 1st in 800m
Nick Fitzpatrick 1st in 100m; 3rd in 200m
Tanya Higgs 2nd in Javelin; 3rd in Hurdles; equal 3rd in High Jump but 4th on a countback
Louis Schenker 2nd in Javelin



Kirrily Burnett 2nd in 800m; 6th in 1500m

Peter Curtis 3rd in 800m; 5th in 1500m Walk

Jessica Pethybridge 3rd in Long Jump; 5th in Hurdles

Katie Allen 7th in Shot Put

James Robertson 8th in 3000m with personal best of 5 seconds **Deanne Hocking** 16th in 1500m with a personal best by 8 seconds **Yvette Tuohey** 11th in 3000m; 12th in 1500m

Karl Kirkham and **Andrew Cann** had also qualified for the State finals but were unable to attend.

Our 18-20year old boys Relay team - **Kaine Leech; Adrian Coad; Tom Kenyon** and **Josh Coates** performed very well with slick relay baton changes and were within reach of the medal winners to finish 6th.

Thank you to Bill and Debbie Higgs for supporting the athletes at the state finals and Julie Clyne for her support in the lead up events.

Hockey Boys



Bendigo Senior Boys Hockey Team returned disappointed from the VSSSA State finals held at the State Hockey Centre in Melbourne recently. The team coached by Vicki Poyser (a last minute replacement for Daniel Gibbons) and led by captain **Brendon Scanlon** included new players to the sport, **Adrian Coad** and **Joel Peterson**, and a mixture of present and past players who play at club level. State representative **Jarrood Lougoon** was a key forward and CV Blazers defender **Lance Miles** was the rock in defence. With the recent loss of the BSSC regular Goal Keeper, **Todd Dawkins** stepped into the role and although usually a field player displayed skill and natural ability to save many quality goal shots. Experienced campaigners **Brendan Scanlon** and **Callum Fitzpatrick** controlled the midfield and were well supported by **Francis Fogliani** and **Louis**

Schenker. It was **Jack Igoe** and **Josh Moon** that turned on stellar performances in defence to shut down attacking threats from the opposition.

The opening game of the tournament against Camberwell HS proved a battle for eventual finalist position. BSSC struck early with Fogliani converting a penalty corner variation but Camberwell HS replied with a solo run. The scores were locked at 1-1 and BSSC were able to create the best opportunities but were unable to convert. Final score BSSC drew 1-1 with Camberwell HS. A thrilling 2-1 victory was next against Bayside SC with Scanlon and Lougoon converting. Peterson was very unlucky not to be awarded a definite goal which was disallowed because of a supposed foot contact. That goal would have been handy going into the final game versus Bairnsdale SC as the boys needed to score at least 6 goals to finish top of the pool depending on the result of Camberwell HS vs Bayside SC. It was a close match until BSSC converted two first half goals with Coad being the goal scorer on both occasions. When information was given that Camberwell HS were 2-0 up on the other field that meant the boys needed 8 goals to secure a place in the final. Goals flowed with Coad and Lougoon early and then Fogliani. The boys then conceded two goals but Lougoon created some excellent attacking plays to finish with a goal. With the score at 6-2 and only 3 mins to go, the boys were still looking for goals but could only find one more with Coad converting his 4th goal for the match. Camberwell HS went through to the final against Melbourne HS but BSSC did not lose a game for the day.

Hockey Girls

The **hockey girls** also made it to the state finals and performed exceptionally well considering several players were new to the sport with some experiencing hockey for the first time! **Elise Bottcher** led the team with penetrating performances in the midfield and was well supported by **Natalie Jones** and **Sophie Costello**. **Hannah Graham** was in control of the goal circle and made several outstanding saves as goal keeper. Many matches were closely contested and BSSC were unlucky to convert. They finished runner up in their pool but by no means disgraced.



Soccer –VSSSA Girls State Champions

BSSC Senior Girls Soccer squad headed to Darebin for a day of fierce competition at the State Finals last term. The squad were up against some formidable opponents in the form of Kurnia SC, Copperfield SC and Balwyn HS. Pleasingly, it was a day of impressive, attacking football from all teams. While this placed relentless pressure on the BSSC defence, the experienced defensive line-up of **Tayla Evans, Alishia Stratford, Tegan Raeburn** and **Abby Stanley** proved indomitable. Indeed, there was rarely a lapse in the defence and when goalkeeper **Justine Moller** was called upon she proved unyielding. The relentless barrage of attacks orchestrated by key midfielders **Marni Grabasch** and **Ilona Jakab**, and strikers **Jordan Ivey** and **Bec Grenfell** provided BSSC with plenty of scoring opportunities throughout the day, with conversions by the two midfielders and also key striker, Jordan Ivey. BSSC triumphed in the group stage, not even conceding a goal, winning their first two group matches 1-0 and 2-0, and drawing the third 0-0. As the only team not to lose a game, progression to the final was guaranteed for BSSC.

While the traditionally unkind Melbourne weather made a much appreciated effort, with bursts of sunshine across the day, the strong southerly winds began to take their toll on the teams' energy levels. In the final against Bellarine Secondary College, however, the team dug deep to retain a nil all draw by the end of regular time – this was thanks in large part to a spectacular save by goalkeeper Justine Moller from a penalty kick in the opening minutes of the game. BSSC rallied in the break and produced a renewed attack on Bellarine SC in extra time, with **Tamika Luatutu, Megan McPhail** and **Jess Pethybridge** working industriously to produce scoring opportunities. Late in the second half of extra time **Ilona Jakab** skilfully slotted the winner from inside the penalty box to procure a much hard earned, but much deserved victory for BSSC and VSSSA STATE CHAMPIONS for 2010 under the great coaching of **Josh Parker**.

Soccer Boys

After a very successful Northern Zone hit out the BSSC boys Soccer team were very disappointed to not have a win at the State finals. The matches were all very close and some near misses in front of goal didn't help the boy's campaign. It was a really difficult day to play as it was very windy and some key players were unable to attend due to injury. Coach Barnaby Seviour had to adjust his line up on the morning of the event and motivate his troops to do their best. BSSC narrowly lost their first game against Kurnai SC 2-1. Close encounters continued with the other scores 1-0 against Bayside SC and 2-0 against Rowville SC. Overall best players of the day were **Dylan Callaway, Jacob McDonald, Jake Van Dalen** and **Steven Mackenzie**.

Badminton

Last term the college girls' and boys' teams acquitted themselves well against strong opposition at the State Badminton finals in Melbourne. The girls' team was outstanding and won overall honours in Section B, reaching the final and performing well to finish State Runners Up. A special mention goes to **Melissa Pearce** for a terrific winning game in the singles final in front of a large audience. **Caitlin Sim** and **Bridget Lucas** won the doubles. The boys persisted well against tough opponents and were unlucky to lose to Williamstown SC. Congratulations to all players who participated and for their efforts on the day. Thank you to **Scott Collier** and **Marc Lewon** for their commitment to the Badminton teams.

Girls Team: **Melisa Pearce, Caitlin Sim, Bridget Lucas, Deanne Hocking**

BSSC def Balwyn 112 (5) to 92 (1); BSSC def Maribyrnong 112 (5) to 47 (1); BSSC 129 (5) def Taralgon 71 (1)

Semi-final: BSSC 126 (6) def Springvale 54 (0)

Final: BSSC 80 (2) lost to MacRobertson 123 (4)

Boys Team: **Darcy Healey, Christian Mendoza, Ned Galloway, Lucas Baldwin, Dylan Milankov**

BSSC 76 (0) lost to Glen Waverley 126 (6); BSSC 103 (2) lost to Williamstown 126 (4); BSSC 121 (6) def Wonthaggi 95 (0)

Cycling

The annual Midlands Regional Schools Cycling Championships at Emu Creek hosted by Cycling Victoria once again produced podium finishes for BSSC Cyclists. This year both the girls' and boys' teams were in the top three, after the gruelling 20km road race. The riders who competed were up against some class opposition from regional Victoria. **Tim Donnan** was the highest placed BSSC rider in the Boys U19 racing class.

Podium finishes were:

U19 Novice

1st **James Hampson**

2nd **Rhys Howell**

3rd **James Elliott**

U17 Novice

1st **Bronte McDonald**

2nd **Tayla Evans**

U19 Racing

2nd **Sophie Waldron**

All Midland Zone riders progressed to the State final which was held in Geelong in conjunction with the World Cycling Championships. All riders performed exceptionally well on a very difficult course and **Rhys Howell** had a sprint to the finish to claim victory in the U19 Novice race. **James Hampson** was 4th in the same race with **James Elliott** 10th. The girls finished in the top end of the field but unfortunately didn't have a podium finish.

Thank you to **Clinton Slotegraaf** and **Daryl King** for their support to the cycling program this year.

Thank You

The sporting events for senior competition now go into recess as the students undertake their exams. Sport is in the planning phase for 2011 and preparation for awards ceremonies. There are still two major events for the college with National Volleyball Schools Cup coached by **Lisa Rosos** and **Michelle Blume**; and the National Basketball Schools Championships coached by **Kevin Probert**.

A huge thankyou and congratulations to all the students, staff and community members that made 2010 a truly successful year for BSSC on the sporting arena. Several individuals will be acknowledged at the BSSC Awards night and Loddon Mallee Awards day in December.

Star Performers

Congratulations to the many students winning major awards at Winter Sport presentation nights particularly Footballer **Adrian Coad** who was runner-up in the BFL U18 vote count and Netballers **Leah Dixon** Best and Fairest and **Olivia Thomas** for BFL Rising Star.

The Netball Victoria Medal was awarded to **Natalie Perkins** for being selected as Grand Final Umpire for the V-Line State Titles.

Bendigo Braves U20 Team

BSSC has 9 boys selected in the team...an outstanding achievement for the college Basketballers

Tom Paterson	Zac Rostron
Jarrold Kerrighan	Wallace McGinty
Daniel Sharman	Rhys Bottams
Tom Kenyon	Jye Bryan
Josh Adams	



Vicki Poyser, Sports Coordinator

Old School Photocopier for donation

We have an old school photocopier being an "E-Studio 350 Copier" which we have no further need for. It was in working order when last used in 2009. The school is prepared to donate it to a worthy group or organisation. Copiers of this nature typically require annual maintenance and support. If any group is interested in acquiring this copier they can contact Warren Sutton at Bendigo Senior Secondary College or on 0438 872 835. It will be donated on a first come basis. If you require more details about ongoing support costs for this copier you can contact Southern Cross Office Equipment in Bendigo on (03)54416333. Southern Cross is the local Toshiba copier service agent.



Warren Sutton, ICT Infrastructure Coordinator



Go Sailing Day



The **Bendigo Yacht Club**, in conjunction with Yachting Victoria is hosting a '**GO SAILING DAY**' at the Bendigo Yacht Club, Sunset Drive, Lake Eppalock.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
11:00am to 2:00pm

Come out to the lake and try sailing.
Bring a picnic lunch, or a sausage sizzle will be available.
Safety gear will be provided.
Remember to bring a hat and some sun screen.

You can pre-register by calling:
Ian Wallis on 0408 102 272 or
Marg Grant on 5447 7846 or
just come on the day.



Invites you to join us on the first 'Walk to Remember' Bendigo 2010

SIDS and Kids Victoria welcomes families and friends to join us in this free walk, to remember all our children and to also recognise International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day.

"Together we will walk for the steps our precious children will never take. We walk for the children who touched our hearts, taught us compassion, made a difference and so that their memory will always live on."

Date: Sunday, 21st November 2010

Time: 10am sharp - 12pm

**Place: Lake Weeroona, Midland Highway
(Napier Street), Bendigo**

**At the conclusion of the walk there will be a
balloon release in honour of our children.**

Registration is essential! Visit www.sidsandkidsvic.org

or call 1300 308 307 or 9822 9611 by Friday 19th November.

If you wish to help us raise much needed funds, you are invited to organise sponsorship by visiting the website or by contacting the office on 9822 9611.

Alternatively, collection tins will be available on the day.

**Don't forget your hat,
sunscreen & drink bottle!**

**Join us for a byo picnic lunch
after the balloon launch!**

Please wear red to show your support!!



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- Lockwood Sth Primary School
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- Marong Primary School
- North Bendigo Pre School
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