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Please help to support our fundraising for impoverished students at the Nischay School – see details in this newsletter

**Principal’s report**

Hello and welcome to the July edition of Contact. The College congratulates the Principal Steve Cook who has been appointed Senior Advisor, Provider Performance and Accountability in North Eastern Region for Term 3.

The College has undertaken a challenging and reflective evaluation of its Strategic Plan 2011-2014. The self-evaluation was completed with input from a wide selection of members of the school community. The school leadership team, which includes the Principal class and all Leading teachers, led major reviews of Student Learning, Engagement, Wellbeing and Productivity. These comprehensive reviews were initiated in order to ensure that the school was being proactive in preparing for the coming years. Mike Rowland from National Curriculum Services, is engaged to lead an expert peer review of the self-evaluation and act as a critical friend, identifying successes, improvements, and new directions for the future.

The report identifies and validates BHSSC as a truly dynamic, vibrant, co-educational, successful and effective school which prides itself on a diverse range of VCE Pathway options as well as excellence in pastoral care. The report and its recommendations will be presented to the wider school community in preparation for the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

There have been many exciting activities taking place throughout the College. Lunch Club has begun and been very well attended. Lunch Club is a Student Services initiative to allow the school leaders to organise lunch, guest speakers and activities to support and enhance student connectedness across the school. A Chess Club has also begun this term. A keen group of budding Grand Masters challenge one another every lunchtime in the Library meeting room.

Year 10 students participated in a VCE Subject Expo during Advocacy. The purpose of the Expo was to give students the opportunity to talk to TLA Coordinators and current Year 12 students about particular subjects. Frank De Melis, the Careers Coordinator, was also available for student enquiries about ATAR and tertiary courses in general. This was followed up by a Parent and Student Information evening on the more technical aspects of undertaking the
VCE. The Expo worked very well. The TLAs did a wonderful job presenting resources on the various study designs and the Year 12s were fantastic ambassadors for their subjects. The BHSSC Theatre Studies production “Schoolies – the Musical” played to an appreciative audience of parents and friends at the Doncaster Playhouse and was outstanding.

Dance students are busy rehearsing for the upcoming “In the Spotlight” Dance Spectacular, while the music students are preparing for the annual BoxFest Music Showcase to be held at the Thornbury Theatre. Tickets are available on Trybooking and are selling fast.

It has also been a busy month for sport. The male and female basketballers made it through to the Finals and acquitted themselves well. The senior boys football team advanced to the Herald-Sun Shield final, to be played at the MCG as the curtain raiser to the Essendon- Richmond game on Friday night. We wish them every success, but reaching the Grand Final at the MCG is an achievement in itself.

Damian Dwyer
Principal (Acting)

BHSSC Fees and Charges
Thank you to the many families who have made payments to the College for subject fees and voluntary contributions throughout the year. To ensure the continued provision of a wide range of high quality programs and services, it is vital that parents continue to support the College with payments for the various charges.

Statements are sent to families each term where there are outstanding fees and charges. If further information or clarification is required, please contact staff in the General Office.

Families should note however, that if an agreed payment plan is not in place then:-

- **Elective fees** are now due and should be finalised by the end of August. In some instances, eg Outdoor Education, students may not be able to participate in external activities associated with this subject if the elective fee is not paid.
- **Instrumental music lesson fees** – the second instalment was due on 27/6/14 and fees for this program should now be finalised.
- **Sport Development Programs** – the fourth and final instalment is due on 7th August 2014 for students involved in the Basketball, and Tennis programs. Participant’s fees for the Football and Future Stars programs should now be finalised as it is expected that these fees would be paid in full by the end of Term 2 unless an alternative agreed plan is in place.

Many families have an agreed payment plan in place and if these plans are being managed by College staff, payments will be processed on the dates agreed. Please ensure that the information we use to process your payments is kept up to date and if there is a change in your credit card details, please advise staff in the College office of this change as soon as possible.

Payments can be made to the College by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY (details available upon request) or COMPASS.

If you have any queries regarding the College fees and/or are experiencing difficulties in making payments, please contact Karen Leeder (Business Manager) on 98951101 or email. kleeder@bhssc.vic.edu.au.

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**STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES**

| Interviews will be held between 1:30pm and 7:00pm on Tuesday August 12, 2014 |

Student Progress Conferences will be held in the College Hall.

**Bookings can be made online through the COMPASS portal between 9am August 1 and 12pm on August 11.**

A link is located on the college website at [www.bhssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.bhssc.vic.edu.au)

Parents can contact the College if they have misplaced their login details.

Progress Report 4 was published on COMPASS on Thursday July 31.
You will have the opportunity to discuss your son's/daughter's progress with individual teachers, identify opportunities for improvement and agree on strategies and goals. It is important that any concerns are addressed as soon as possible to enable students to improve.

We strongly encourage your son/daughter to attend the interviews with you and take an active part in the conversations.

**Please note that normal classes will be cancelled on August 12 as staff will be conducting enrolment interviews in the morning prior to the SPC.**

Fiona Erwich  
Assistant Principal (Information Resources)

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**Mid-Year Reports**  
At the end of last term, the College mid-year reports were published on Compass. The College is very proud of its efforts to produce accessible quality information for parents on the progress of their student's learning at BHSSC. The College would value any feedback from the parent body regarding the presentation and content of these reports. An email can be sent to: fbrisbane@bhssc.vic.edu.au.

Many thanks for your feedback

Fern Brisbane  
Acting Assistant Principal  
Curriculum Development and VCAL Coordinator

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**Year 12 – University/TAFE ‘Open Days’**  
All students expecting to complete further studies in 2014 are encouraged to attend as many Open Days as possible. Dates have been displayed in the Library and on the Canteen window. A complete listing of dates can be found on the VTAC website.

**Structured Workplace Learning**  
Students undertaking a VET program in the areas listed below are expected to complete one week of work placement in the week of September 15 – 19, 2014.

- Electro-technology (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Building & Construction
- Plumbing
- Landscape Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation
- Hospitality
- Fashion

Structured Workplace Learning is strongly recommended by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority for vocational programs. Assessments are usually embedded into structured work placements. If a student does not satisfy the assessment requirements they will not be able to complete their certificate. In addition to this, work placements are a valuable aid to gaining an apprenticeship.

The final date to apply for a structured work placement is Monday September 8, 2014. Any student who does not undertake work placement in the week beginning Sept. 15 will be required to attend school for all their normal classes.

Parents/Guardians are requested to assist in organising a suitable work placement. Structured Workplace Learning forms and assistance are available from the Careers and Pathways Coordinator (Frank DeMells) who is located in the Library.

Frank De Melis  
Careers Adviser and Pathways Coordinator
Are you interested in providing a homestay for our international students?

We are looking for families who would like to provide full board and a family environment to our international students. We are currently looking for homestays who immediately available for students who are wishing to move closer to the school and also at the start of 2015 for our new intake of students.

Homestay families must provide a furnished room, three meals a day and incorporate the student into their family’s activities. It is a rewarding experience to build international relationships. In return the families are reimbursed $270-290 per week, depending the facilities provided.

We are especially looking for a family with girls playing basketball to host a Chinese player.

If you are interested ring the International Office at BHSSC on 9890 0571 and speak to Belle Jian or Anni Adams or email aadams@bhssc.vic.edu.au

(Picture: Welcome lunch for the new Year 10 International students in July)

$2 Tuesday Tucker - Lunch Club

This Term’s Lunch Club has taken off with many students attending each week. Last week we encouraged all BHSSC Blood Donors to come along and spread the good word of being a blood donor. Students were able to talk to their peers about what they had learned from attending Blood Donation information sessions and encourage more of our students to donate blood to save lives. This week we were delighted to have our International Students in attendance, giving them the opportunity to display their National Flags and Maps and to mingle with students they may not normally have the opportunity to do so with. These students played national music and listened to their National Anthems. A good time was had by all.

Lunch Club allows for School Leaders to assist in preparing buffet-style platters for all students to then participate in social interaction in a secure environment where all staff and students are invited to come along and share a meal for a gold coin donation.

We look forward to the upcoming weeks of Lunch Club this Term, and encourage all students to come along to enjoy socialising with their peers and meeting new friends.

Visual and Performing Arts News

‘In the Spotlight’

BHSSC Dance students are working towards their upcoming performance to be held at the JD Stove Koonung Centre on Tuesday September 2, commencing at 7pm. This event showcases the diverse talents of our Dance students and allows for the Year 12 Dance students to prepare for their end of year external practical examination. BHSSC invites parents, friends, students and prospective students to attend. Ticket booking details will be announced on Compass in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all students who are working towards making this event a success!
BHSSC VCE THEATRE STUDIES Production Report

On Monday May 19th and Tuesday May 20th, BHSSC VCE THEATRE STUDIES students presented a live performance piece of the student-written playscript “Schoolies – the musical” to an audience of over 150 people. This student-run production allowed for all students to be involved and prove their talents in the production planning, development and performance stages of production, involving staging, lighting, set, costume/make-up and song and dance. Congratulations to the following students for their well-received performance season: Joey Arnaud, Kelly Bader, Bek Benton, Alexia Frasca, Emily Gates, Victoria Isaac, Julie Lagerwey, Will Latham, Kauri McDonough, Ashleigh McLaren, Grace Mutimer, Rhiannon Newman, Jake Ridsdale, Hope Sala, Madeleine Seymour, and the assistance from BHSSC Yr 11 Theatre Studies students.

Music News
Advance Music Recording Project with Mont Albert Primary School

The Music Department kicked off the term with the annual recording project. A major highlight was the visit from Mont Albert Primary school students. Two grade six groups were selected from our song-writing workshops with guest artist Steve Wade earlier in the year. The groups recorded on Thursday July 24th with guest recording engineer Steve Vertigan. The recordings, along with eight tracks from our own students, will become part of our annual CD to be released later in the year.

The project is funded by the State Government’s Advance program, which supports school students working in the community.

Boxfest - The Music Department’s annual concert

This is great opportunity for Box Hill Senior Students to show the work they’ve put into their music groups by either showcasing their covers or original songs.
BOOKING LINK:  http://www.trybooking.com/97156

Come on down for a great night.

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**BHSSC Dance Showcase 2014**

**JUST DANCE!**

**Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.00pm**

Doors open 6.45pm - non-allocated seating

**VENUE:**  JD Stove Koonung Theatre  
Koonung Secondary College  
Elgar Road  
Mont Albert North, Victoria 3129

NO DOOR SALES/NO REFUNDS - Bookings close 12.00 noon, 2nd September 2014

**TICKETS** - $15.00 each plus booking fee

**CONTACT DETAILS:**  Michelle Clark 98951151

**BOOKING LINK:**  http://www.trybooking.com/BRQM

Science News

High Distinction in the 2014 Rio Tinto Big Science Competition.

Damien and Kaiden Hamilton are to be congratulated on their success in the "2014 Big Science Competition". Over 50,000 students from across Australia took part in this competition. In the senior division Damien Hamilton achieved a distinction and Kaiden Hamilton achieved a high distinction (top 5%).

Louise Macfarlane, Science TLA Co-ordinator BHSSC.
VET Hospitality

Pictured here, are the first year VCE VET Hospitality group being instructed by Chef Frank from BHI. Students are enjoying the experience and the learning a great deal from an expert! Today’s menu was steamed Moroccan fruit filled chicken breast with vegetable and steamed chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce.

Basketball News

Premier league
It has been a busy month for basketball. The Premier league finals were played at MSAC with some terrific results being achieved by the boys and girls program. The boys’ first team were victorious over Rowville SC by a point winning the Premier League Grand Final.

The Grand Final had Box Hill out to a strong lead early but full credit must go to Rowville who fought their way back to make this an exceptional contest and a terrific spectacle. Well done to both teams.

The girls’ first team was also in the Grand Final, however a strong Rowville side bettered the Box Hill girls on the day, resulting in a runners-up trophy. The Box Hill girls were tenacious throughout, but Rowville seemed to have a depth to their team that allowed for stronger rotations on the day and this gave them the win in the end. Well done to both teams for an entertaining Final.

The BHSSC boys’ second team played BHSSC firsts in the semi-final. Only one point separated them at half time. The boys’ second team fought it out to go down by only eight points. A terrific effort both in the game as well as being the only two teams to go through to the semis. We felt they performed admirably.

Victorian College Championships

With the following senior teams progressing through to finals: BHSSC boys 1, 2, 4 and 5 teams, and the girls 1 and 2 teams.

BHSSC had a terrific day with some amazing results.

BHSSC boys’ first team prevailed over Rowville in the semi-final to play BHSSC two in the Grand Final. Once again BHSSC two were ‘punching above their weight’ by beating Luther College in the semi-final to set up an all BHSSC Grand Final. BHSSC firsts’ were victorious in a very competitive Grand Final. Congratulations go to Michael “Fuzz” Wearne for taking out the MVP in the Grand Final.

The girls’ first team once again played Rowville in the Grand Final and again Rowville prevailed on the day. Our senior girls have now refocussed on making McDonalds Cup their prime objective and going all the way in the upcoming competition.

The girls’ second team were fantastic winning through to the Division 2 Grand Final playing Strathcona College. The game was evenly balanced for the whole time with Strathcona edging away in the dying minutes to win. Well done girls.

The senior boys 4th and 5th played in Division two and did a remarkable job finishing 3rd and fifth respectively and were fine ambassadors for their school on the day. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work on the day.

Intermediate Victorian College Championships

Next, the boys second and fifth teams and the girls first team represented their school proudly. All players showed terrific sportsmanship and behaviour.

We had mixed results on the day with the girls finishing 3rd. While the boys second team finished 5th, a great result given they were in the Division one competition. The boys’ fifth team also had a great day with the team consisting of year all 9 players up against older year 10 opponents. Well done.

I would just like to say how proud all the parents can feel in the way that their sons and daughters represented the school in competition and the sporting manner they exhibited against other schools. The tenacious approach and their commitment to excellence is second to none.

Finally I would like to thank all the coaching staff for their commitment and the positive relationship they have with their players. Your work makes BHSSC the most successful sporting school in Victoria.

Steve Kennedy
Sport/SSV Coordinator
Football News

Premier League Football

Cold, wet and blustery conditions greeted the Senior boys at the MCG for their clash against Bendigo Senior. Undeterred, the boys got off to a great start kicking two goals to nil in the first quarter. Even though Bendigo played with a majority of TAC club players playing, BHSSC acquitted themselves very well. Their structures were great and they adjusted better to conditions.

Final scores were: BHSSC 11.12.78 defeated Bendigo 6.8.48

Better players included Liam Kinsella (awarded best on ground), Darcy Crocker, Jayden Collins and Tieren Barbera. This team is the first to win the Premier League and puts them into the Herald Sun Shield semi finals. This game will be against Whitefriars for the right to play the curtain raiser to the Essendon and Richmond game on August 8th.

MCC Herald Sun Shield semi final

This is the very first time BHSSC has reached the semi-finals of this event. Whitefriars were our opposition. They had won the ACC competition and were runners up last year to St. Pats (Ballarat). Whitefriars have a good pedigree in football so we were going to be challenged. The Match was played at Highgate Arena in Craigeburn. The facilities are great but the wind continually favours one end. Boy, is it windy!!

Winning the toss we kicked with the wind but didn’t take full advantage of it, kicking only 1.2.8. But we did keep the opposition scoreless. With the wind in the second quarter, Whitefriars were also finding it difficult to take advantage of it. Kicking 2.3.15 they probably wasted a number of chances to kick more goals. What was important was that we kicked one goal against the wind and this was to be telling later on. Half time Whitefriars were one point up.

Again in the third quarter we had the wind and although we kicked two goals, Whitefriars managed to kick 1.4.10. Maybe their inaccuracy would potentially hurt them.

What happened in the final quarter was quite amazing. There was a complete transformation in the team. We started to win stoppages, clearances and linking far better than in the previous quarters. Against the wind we kicked three goals and kept them scoreless again. The siren couldn’t come quick enough!!

Final scores: BHSSC 7.3.45 defeated Whitefriars 3.7.25

Better players included: Sam Lennox, Josh Weightman, Jayden Collins, Tieren Barbera and Rob Maibaum

Now the boys will play the Essendon and Richmond curtain raiser against St Pats (Ballarat) who have won the past four Herald Sun Shields. The game is Friday 8th August.

Congratulations to: Tay Duman (Yr 10) who was selected to play recently with the Vic Metro U16 team. Tay will also make his TAC debut with Oakleigh Chargers.

Year 10 Report

The Year 10 group recently played in the Eastern Metro round robin. The boys were drawn in a very tough pool. Each game was 2 x 15 minute halves. The first game against Balwyn saw them win by 3 points. Having played the first game helped the boys play better to win the second game by 10 points. The final game was against the other team that had won both their games as well. Lilydale played a far better game of football particularly in the second half kicking four goals. This was too much for the boys to overcome and they lost by 19 points.
Better players included Mark Pavlovski, Zac Summerfield, Tay Duman, Dylan Keene and Lake Tink.

**BHSSC SUPPORTING NISCHAY GIRLS SCHOOL**

Later this year, BHSSC is once again taking a group of Year 10 to 12 students to India to visit this school and work with these underprivileged girls.

Nischay school opened on 15th Oct, 2004 with only 50 students and has grown to 500. These underprivileged girls are given free education and a nutritious mid-day meal. The school is located within the campus of Neerja Modi School in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.

The aim of the school is to strive for not only academic excellence, but also provide the students of Nischay with life supporting and vocational skills to empower them with the dignity of life.

With the prevailing infrastructure they want to extend this facility to about a thousand girls.

Nischay strives to instil a love of learning and prepare them to face challenges and overcome obstacles they may face in the future. Basic knowledge of health and hygiene is also provided as most of them live in very poor living conditions.

The girls attending the school are provided with bicycles as free transportation and our fundraising efforts assist with the purchase of necessary bicycles as their numbers increase.

Some of the girls at their homes.
Our annual fundraising for the Nischay Girls in India is under way.

Two of the major activities this term are:
1. The Gourmet Hamper Raffle
2. The Silent Auction

We would be delighted to receive suitable items for both from our college community. Donations may be left from today onwards at Reception/Main Office. All donations will assist us to raise the necessary funds to purchase bicycles (transportation) for the girls of Nischay School.

*The Hamper Raffle will sell tickets for $1.00 each up to the last week of term 3 and be drawn on Friday September 19th, (last day of term 3).

* The Silent Auction bidding will begin in the last week of August in the library and results declared last day of term 3, i.e. Friday September 19th.

Again, thank you for your support, as the outcomes (i.e. bicycles) for many of these girls is life-changing!
WELLBEING SECTION

Please find attached a flyer promoting the City of Whitehorse's next parent information forum for August 13th on the topic of ‘Video Games and their Impact on Children and Young People – What Parents Need to Know.’ This session will cover:-

- The positive and negative impacts of video game technology
- How to avoid video game addiction
- How to keep children/young people safe online
- How to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games

Cruzin Study Homework Program
The Cruzin Study Homework Program is a FREE program that council’s Youth Services provide for all young people in the City of Whitehorse aged 12-24 years. Our tutors can assist in most subjects including: A variety of secondary, VCE, TAFE and university subjects including: maths (general and specialist), chemistry, English, Literature, history, art, economics…and more!
Cruzin Study is run at the BHSSC Library on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:30pm during each term and there are drinks and snacks included. See attached flyer for more information.

Mindfulness
Term 3 is when we see the stress levels of our Year 12 students start to increase. As we all know that some level of stress can be a motivating factor, but too much stress or prolonged stress can have an impact on health and a student’s ability to perform. Mindfulness has been discussed with Year 12 students in Advocacy and is the focus this term. Mindfulness is a process that provides calmness and a sense of clarity, allowing the individual to focus on ‘the now’. If you or your student feel you would benefit from giving mindfulness a go “Smiling Mind” has free age specific apps. The organisation has partnerships with Cricket Australia, Reach Out Foundation, Berry Street and Inspire Young People to name a few. For more information go to www.smilingmind.com.au
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jacqueline.piper@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Sometimes feel like a square peg in a round hole?
Do your worries get in the way of doing the things you’d like to?
Would you like to be more confident and explore your direction in life?

**Mankind** is a fun, experience-based program for young men aged 14-16 years of age. The program aims to help participants develop coping skills, enhance self-esteem and confidence, as well as connect with activities that they enjoy.

For more information or to register please contact Warren Turner or Julie Ritchie on 9871 1802

Who  
Young men aged 14-16 years.

Where  
EACH Social and Community Health  
6 Silver Grove  
Nunawading, 3131

When  
Thursdays  
21st August-18th September

Time  
9:30am-2:30pm  
*May vary depending on activity