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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**

The end of term 3 is always a busy time for students and staff alike. The VCE students are completing their final assessment tasks and preparing for the exams. The well attended VTAC Information night was invaluable in advising students and their parents about the application process for university, further education and training.

Students undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 study have seminar sessions scheduled during the ‘holiday’ break to support their learning. The external VCAA exam period begins in term 4, with Language orals and students in the Performing Arts-Dance, Drama, Music, and Theatre Studies -undertaking their practical assessments. During October, the College will again run Year 12 exam practice sessions throughout week 2, Term 4 to give further experience and feedback to our students before they sit the formal VCAA exams.

Students in years 9-11 are also busy considering their future pathway, with the subject selection process well underway. Selections are completed online and an email link has been sent to all students to complete their subject
choices for 2015 by the end of this term. Parents are encouraged to discuss the selections with their son/daughter and advise the College if there are any changes that should be made.

The College is proud of the performances of its students this term on stage, on the MCG and on court.

The music students played live to a packed audience at the Thornbury Theatre with over 30 acts beautifully presented. The BHSSC Annual Dance Showcase highlighted the ability, movement and choreography of the students to a full house. The senior footballers were rewarded for an outstanding season by playing off for the Herald-Sun Cup at the MCG. The Senior Basketballers again made Premier League finals. The tennis school is busy preparing for the upcoming National schoolboys & girls championships.

Keep an eye out for the Fashion Show and Art exhibition after the break!

Finally, may I encourage your support for the fundraising activities for the Nischay School in Jaipur, India. Next term, a group of students and staff from Box Hill Senior Secondary College will visit the school which helps educate impoverished students. The College has provided much needed items for their education, including the purchase of bicycles, to enable these students to travel the long distances to school and back.

Damian Dwyer
Principal (Acting)

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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.

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.

YR 12 VTAC Applications

VTAC applications are now open and will close at the end of term 3.

Students will need to access the VTAC website – www.vtac.edu.au in order to register their details and enter their tertiary/TAFE course preferences for 2015. Students requiring assistance will be able to attend VTAC HELP sessions being conducted at lunchtime (1pm) in computer room 10 on a Tuesday and Thursday from August 26. Any students requiring assistance with their application are encouraged to see Frank.

Frank De Melis
Careers Adviser and Pathways Coordinator

Student Management

Attendance

It has been noticed that there is a significant number of “unaccounted for” absences during Term 3. **Parents are advised that they are required to log in to Compass and account for each day of a student’s absence.** We are aware that illness accounts for many of these absences, but this still has an effect on a students’ ability to gain satisfactory completion of subjects. The College attendance policy requires students to have a 90% accounted for attendance.
Elevate Education ACE your exams
During Advocacy on Thursday 28 August approximately one hundred Year 12s took part in an 'Ace your exams' session, run by Elevate Education. The session provided students with useful tips on how to plan their study time to increase the results. One hundred percent of students involved believed participation in the session was time well spent and would recommend the program to other students.

Now is the time for Year 12s to be making sure their study notes are up to date and spending time reading and memorising them.

India
Thank you for the kind donations for the silent auction and gourmet hamper. The silent auction is set up in the College library and will close at the end of term. Items include jewellery, clothes, bags, driving lessons, MCG tour passes, pillows, and much more. Tickets for the Gourmet Hamper raffle are $1 a ticket and will be drawn on the last day of term. Tickets can be purchased at the General Office.

Teachers Making a Difference
In our educational landscape, BHSSC has always been innovative and proactive in understanding how important professional development is to your child’s learning. The College offers a unique program whereby teaching staff have access to professional learning of a Tuesday morning between 9 and 10.30am. The purpose of this program is for staff to engage in sessions which have a direct impact on the quality of classroom delivery.

An important aspect of this program has been the work of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) which has developed the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers:

‘The Standards describe what teachers need to now and be able to do at four career stages. They provide a framework that articulates the knowledge, practice and professional engagement required across teachers’ careers. The Standards provide a common understanding and language for discourse and inform the development of professional learning goals, self-reflection and self-assessment.’ (AITSL).

These Standards provide the foundation for teachers to build their Professional Development Plans which establish goals in relation to improving pedagogy and student outcomes.

Over the last 2 weeks teaching staff have been involved in Master Classes. Working in teams, teachers identified an area of Knowledge, Practice and Engagement that they wished to develop with their peers. These sessions have included:

- TED presentations on Technology, Education and Design which challenge the audience to re-evaluate their perceptions about learning in the digital world
- Using google docs to create powerful learning and teaching tools for the classroom
- Creation of birthing kits for mothers living in poverty in Asia (VCAL project)
- Creating online quizzes for Science learning
- Differentiation in the Year 10 and 11 Maths classroom through the development of “enabling prompts”.
- Planning for our educational trip to Jaipur, India
- Improving the delivery of VETis as an RTO
- Professional reading on school leadership
- Promoting the Arts at BHSSC
- Digital resources in the English classroom
- As a College, our goal is to provide learning pathways that provide real outcomes for our students’ future. We encourage you to support us in making a difference.

Fern Brisbane
Acting Assistant Principal
Director of Curriculum

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**Maths and Science News**

**Australian Mathematics competition**

Congratulations to Damien Hamilton of Year 12 and Yiota Nicolaou of Year 9 who received a Distinction in the 2014 Australian Mathematics Competition.

Also congratulations to Hari Behara, Aaron Cartledge and Jarrod McCluskey who received a Credit.

Well done to all of the students who participated.

**Natasha Morey chosen for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra 2015.**

Each year, Rotary through an extensive series of interviews, chooses a select group of high achieving students from around Australia to take part in the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra over Summer. The process is highly competitive with a large contingent of private school students vying for the available places. The chosen students attend the Australian National University in January 2015 for a week of field work, research, lectures and future planning related to science. Natasha Morey (Year 11 Chemistry, Biology, Physics) has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum 2015. Congratulations Tash!

**Wild Action at BHSSC**

On September 9th and 10th Chris Humfrey of Wild Action presented his famous Australian Animal shows for each of the year 10 science classes. Students had the opportunity to touch and hold a variety of Australian animals including a 15 kilogram olive python, a baby emu and a green tree frog. This was part of the Evolution unit and enabled students to focus on the structural and behavioural adaptations of our unique fauna. Pictured is Ebony Sans getting to know an emu.

**Quadrats on the first of Spring**

On the first of Spring all three Biology Unit 2 classes spent the morning examining the ecology of the Barwon Heads intertidal zone. They then enjoyed an informative session at the Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre, with the touch tanks being a highlight. Pictured is Dylan Blackburn completing his quadrat sampling.

**Visual and Performing Arts News**

**‘In the Spotlight’**

**Inside the Box - Visual Arts Exhibition 14 October to 17 October.**

Students, family and friends are invited to come celebrate and support the efforts of Year 10 and VCE students at the Visual Arts Exhibition opening held on Tuesday 14th October from 6pm till 8.30pm.

This year promises to impress with a variety of media on display in the foyer gallery and room 1 space.

Work represented includes photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, a light show installation, jewellery, video production, animation and visual communication design.

Live music, a theatrical performance and light refreshments will also be part of the event.
For further information contact the Visual Arts Faculty.

**Fashion**

The fashion students are preparing for the up and coming Fashion Parade, on October 9th.

Come along on Thursday 9th October at 7:30pm to the Main Hall to see the final designs.

The fashions on parade are a culmination of countless hours of hard work, creative flair and imagination.
This is a ‘must see’ event!

**Boxfest 2014**

Thornbury Theatre’s velvet room came alive to the sounds of 21 different acts all from the College Music Program on Wednesday August 20. It was generally agreed that this was the best one yet. Every performance was enjoyed by all and the entire show ran like clockwork, thanks to the organisation of the year II VET Technical Production class.

Thanks to all the parents and staff who supported this event.

**BHSSC Dance Showcase 2014**

The BHSSC Dance Showcase 2014, held on Tuesday September 2nd, was a brilliant success. All students performed to the best of their ability, and were exceptionally well-behaved and focused backstage. A big thank you to ex-BHSSC student, Kelly Thomas, for returning on this occasion as Head Technician, and many thanks to BAPA Graduates, Pia Lindner and James Coley for their assistance on the night. Thank you also to Cameron Black for attending and assisting in the stage rehearsal leading up to the performance.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved.
**World Challenge Training Camp**

On the weekend of August 30th, our World Challenge Team participated in a Training Camp in Gembrook at the Bunyip State Park, led by trained World Challenge Expedition Leaders. Rebekah Benton 12H, Jake Ridsdale 12F, Liam Mooney 11K, Dylan Blackburn 11G, and Tess Juler 11O (accompanied by Michelle Clark) hiked for two days, camped in tents, prepared own meals and participated in training exercises that will assist them in Java at the end of the year. Exercises of river crossings, emergency first aid, tying knots and cliff climbing were some of the situations the team explored. On this camp our team also had their first opportunity to meet students from Emerald Secondary College, who they will be traveling with for the month in Indonesia. All students were perfect ambassadors for their respective Colleges, and worked well as a team, resulting in the highest possible assessment grading in preparation for their expedition.

**Blood Bank Excursion August 5th**

On August 5th, Paul Sturgess took a group of students to the Ringwood Red Cross Blood Bank to become blood donors.

This brings the total of blood donations from the Box Hill Senior Secondary College to 55, which means 165 lives saved.

Here is a picture of Shamiqua Scott giving her first blood donation on August 5th.

**Food News**

**Year 9/10 Food**

*Mystery Ingredient Challenge*

Students in year 9 and 10 Food each chose a mystery box that contained 1-2 ingredients. From there students researched recipes and selected one to produce in competition with the other pair who also had this ingredient. Guest judges Steve Cook and Andrea Wood evaluated each dish.

Top left: Caramel Slice, Centre: Lemon Cheesecake, Bottom right: choc-orange brownie with chocolate bark.
**Presentation Skills**

Choosing to work individually or in pairs, students each prepared a dish that represented a different cooking method, for example poaching or frying. The goal was to prepare, process and present a dish with restaurant standard presentation.

From Left above: Lamb Tagine, Poached Pears with Crème Anglaise, Prawn Stir Fry and Eggs Benedict with Hollandaise Sauce.

**Year 11**

*Cake Design Task*

For the previous outcome assessment students were required to design a butter cake.

**Legal News**

**Parliament House visit**

On Tuesday the 19th of August, two of our Year 12 School Leaders, Harriet Kimpton and Johnny Arhondis, visited Parliament House for a ‘future leaders’ evening. Accompanied by their Legal Studies teacher Paul Sturgess, they listened to talks from several Members of Victorian Parliament who challenged them to think about how they might make Victoria a better place to live in the future. After an informative tour, (led by John’s new best friend Bruce Atkinson, President of the Legislative Council), students were able to watch our law making process in action, spending time in both Houses. Both students represented their College admirably and hopefully took a lot out of the evening.

**SPORT**

**Football**

Congratulations to the Senior football team on their outstanding season culminating in the grand final of the Herald Sun Shield. This is the best a SSV school has done in the revamped competition. The team were up against the highly fancied and talented St Pats Ballarat who were going for their fifth consecutive victory in the competition. Our boys needed to start well but found the pressure from the opposition extremely difficult. We were having trouble being clean at the ball and marking the...
contested ball. They kicked three late goals in the first quarter. Scores were BHSSC 0-2-2 to St Pats 5-4-34. Despite the unevenness of the scores the boys rallied in the next three quarters and matched what St Pats were throwing at us.

Final scores were BHSSC 5-5-35 to ST Pats 12-12-84

Goal kickers: Rob Maibaum 3, Tyler Hayward 1 and Jayden Collins 1

BHSSC Best on Ground was awarded to Kyle Margaritas. Other better players included: Darcy Crocker, Jayden Collins, Liam Kinsella and Joel Dale.

This was a fantastic effort from the boys to get as far as they did. It has been a long time coming in planning, training and playing. Well done boys and thanks.

**AFL CANADA**

The school recently hosted the AFL Canada team that are visiting Australia to play in the International Cup. They trained with the boys and did a session in the weights room. We wish them luck in their upcoming competition.

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**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!

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**WELLBEING SECTION**

**Eastern Diversity Group – August Calendar**

EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who identify as sexually diverse and/or gender diverse. We always welcome new members so feel free to contact Beck on 9890 2673 or alternatively via email rgranata@fan.org.au.

**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](http://www.smilingmind.com.au)
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**Visual Arts Exhibition 2014**

**Official Opening:** 14 October: 6.00pm
Foyer Gallery & Room 1 Dunloe Av.
Mont Albert North.
Theatrical and Musical Performance,
Light Refreshments

**Opening Times:**
Tuesday 6pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 4pm
Friday 9am - 12pm

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