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### Principal’s report

**College Council membership for 2015**

On Tuesday March 24 we will have the first meeting of the 2015 College Council. I extend a very big thank you to the parents and teachers who have volunteered to take on a voluntary role as Council representatives for this year.

All government schools in Victoria have a governing council. Councils are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set key directions for the college within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this the Box Hill Senior Secondary College council will be able to directly influence the quality of education that is provided for our students.

In 2015 Council will consist of the following members:

### Parent representatives:

- David Marshall
- Denise Mackey
- Michael Petering
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Staff representatives:
- Peter Taylor
- Fiona Erwich
- Damian Dwyer
- Philip Whelan

Council has the jurisdiction to appoint two more parent representatives. If you are interested in taking on one of these two positions then please contact me on 9890 0571 or by email at scook@bhssc.vic.edu.au

India trip:
On Monday March 2 the College ran an information session for students/families who were interested in being part of the 2015 trip to India.

If you were not able to make this meeting but you have a son or daughter who would like to be part of the trip, I am now seeking expressions of interest to be part of this approximate 12 day cultural exchange program to India after the end of year exams have been completed. It is envisaged that we will leave in late November and be back in the second week of December. At this stage I am hoping to keep the cost of the tour to around $3300 - $3500. This cost will be split between:
- Airfares – about $2000
- Meals, accommodation, bus travel – about $1300 - $1500

If any student / family are interested in being part of the tour then I would ask that you send me an Expression of Interest via my email address. Alternatively you can contact the two teachers who are leading the tour:
- Susan Connell – sconnell@bhssc.vic.edu.au
- Peter Taylor – ptaylor@bhssc.vic.edu.au

College Payments:
Box Hill Senior values and celebrates diversity and offers a rich and broad curriculum that is educationally relevant to a diverse range of young people. At this college students are able to choose from an extensive range of programs that provide sustainable pathways to tertiary education, training and employment. The Department of Education (DET) provides funding to enable the day to day running of the college and the provision of basic resources. These funds, however, are insufficient to totally resource the quality learning environment that is provided. To ensure the continued provision of a wide range of programs, it is vital that parents support the college with subject, elective and specialist program contributions to enable us to maintain our high standards. Box Hill Senior is not a private school and the capacity to charge for fees and services is constrained by government policy.

For example the Sports Development program is fully funded from participant's fees – we receive no DET funding to run our Football, Basketball, Tennis and Future Stars programs. We endeavour to be in constant communication with families if Sports Development fees are not being met. In some circumstances if payment is not received a student may be suspended from participating in the program until a suitable financial arrangement can be made.

Many families have authorised the College finance staff to process transactions from a credit card on a regular basis to pay appropriate fees. COMPASS is now being used to assist with the processing of these plans. Some families have an agreed payment plan in place which they are self-managing by the use of BPAY.

I would ask families to carefully check any correspondence that is sent to them regarding outstanding payments for subjects, electives and the Sport Development program. Please contact the College Business Manager, Mrs. Karen Leeder, if you need to discuss a payment plan for any aspect of College charges.

Steve Cook
Principal

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, Finland and Austria are hoping to...
come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford an extra member at the family table. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

Attendance:
The Department of Education and Training (DET) mandates that an explanation be provided for all student absences. It is essential that parents monitor their son/daughter’s attendance and approve absences to ensure DET and BHSSC attendance requirements are met.

Students on excursions or camps
- Students attending activities such as excursions, camps or Instrumental Music, will be marked “not present” from their scheduled class.
- The teacher responsible for the extra-curricular activity will mark the activity roll.
- In some cases, due to access to the internet, there may be a delay in marking the roll for the activity.

Parent approval is only required if the student is absent from BOTH class and the activity.

General information regarding absences:
- Government policy does not permit family holidays during school term.
- Extended absences to attend sporting commitments must be approved by the College.
- Students with approval for an extended absence of 5 days or more, must obtain a Learning Plan from their Year Level Coordinator, a minimum of one week prior to departure.
- Students undertaking a Year 12 subject who miss a SAC require a medical certificate. Failure to provide a medical certificate may receive an N for the SAC and potentially fail the subject as a consequence.

Parental Notes are not required for absences entered online.

Medical Certificates must be presented to the Year Level Coordinators upon return to school.

Parent Approval – COMPASS How to:

Step 1
Login using your unique secure code and Password (Students have their own login and must not be given your parent code as it allows them to approve absences – you would not give them the PIN to your bank account, treat this the same way)

Step 2
Click on the Student Profile
**Step 3**
Select the Attendance Tab then the Summary will display. (Scroll down if it is not all appearing on screen)

You can hover over any of the Headings to find out what the values relate to.

Click on any number in the pink columns to see what day and time your child was marked absent.

**Step 4**
To approve an absence for your son/daughter, including late arrivals and early departure select the Approvals Tab, then click on the green Plus (ADD PARENT APPROVAL) to add details.

**Step 5**
Select a Reason from the drop down menu.
Enter the date and times of the absence. (The display on the RHS of the screen will indicate exactly which classes have been missed due to the absence)
This can cover more than one day at a time.
Remember to SAVE before you close the screen.
Have you ‘bean’ to the Library lately?

New beanbags have been added to the Library area to make private study even more comfortable!

What is the VCAL program about?

The following was written by Lucy Brouwer, a Senior VCAL member from 2014. It gives a good insight into the achievements of the Senior VCAL team and the benefits of the program to students. Lucy went on to follow her passion this year in Beauty Therapy at Ellie McPherson College.

‘From little things big things grow’

This semester (semester 2, 2014) for the personal development project, Senior VCAL students have worked in partnership with three groups: the World Challenge students and their coordinator, year 12 Health students and their teacher along with the Safe Birthing Kit Association of Australia. The theme of the project was ‘From little things big things grow’ which encouraged students to see the connection between their own contribution in a team environment and the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of others.

Senior VCAL students were required to complete three stages of the project. Stage one was to work as a VCAL team and plan and organize a morning tea for teachers. Teachers were requested to give a gold coin donation. All proceeds, approximately $80 went towards the World Challenge tour of Java. From the feedback received from the teachers, the food was greatly appreciated and the organisation of the event was praised. I worked with Tom and Hannah on this project. We decided to make choc chip cookies. As a team we wrote up the ingredients we would need and we talked to teachers about ordering the food. I was absent on the day of cooking the food so Hannah and Tom cooked for our organization. The teachers were really happy with the food we presented.

Stage two of the project was for students to work in a small team and plan and organise their own fundraising event. Proceeds of this event also went to World Challenge. Our team was Tom, Hannah and me, but we also had a lot of help from other students such as the World Challenge people and just a few other people. We decided to hold a fundraising event with a sausage sizzle outside the canteen at our school. Tom and I had to speak to people for the fundraising and see if it was okay that we borrow equipment and such like. We also had to write emails to Michelle, Lukas and some of the ladies from the canteen so that they would have a hard copy of our plan. We also put up posters around the school to advertise the event. On Thursday, we held the event; we had a lot of help from various people which was really nice. It was a complete success and we made around $130 for the World Challenge group.

Finally, stage three was when the senior VCAL students worked in a partnership with year 12 health and the Birthing Kit Association. For this particular part of the project it was the role of the VCAL team to plan the assembly day where volunteer health students put together 200 birthing kits. The assembly day was planned for September 11 and was conducted during advocacy and period 8 and 9. The kitchen was used for the assembly of the birthing kits as it is a hygienic space, easy access for hand washing, etc., and there is plenty of room to work; with 20 volunteers and the VCAL class plenty of space was required.

Prior to September 11, the VCAL team needed to complete some organization so as to ensure smooth operations on the day of the assembly. Plastic sheets needed folding and placing into special bags. String needed to be cut into 24cm pieces and soap needed to be cut into 6-8g pieces. It was most important that all specifications were followed as the kits are sent via air mail therefore, the less weight the better. On the day, we started to put the birthing kits together I worked with Andrew and Seb to cut the pieces of soap and make sure they were the right weight; it was very hard to know exactly how much soap to cut off and not to make it
too small or too big. Seb would sort the soap and put all the soap of the right weight into a box and all the ones that weren’t into another box; I would cut the soap and weigh it.

On the day of the assembling I was chosen to be a leader/instructor so I showed some of the girls from the health class how to put the kits together, what the different things were used for and how to pack the bags. It was hard to get the bags to air tight because they just kept re-filling, we also ran out of some of the things that needed to go in the birthing kits like razors and gloves. But in the end we got all of the birthing kits together and they all had the right amount of things.

In conclusion of the saying ‘from small things big things grow’ I would agree that this is true. I would never have thought that at the start of this year, that we would be helping people in other countries so much and be doing so many fundraising events. It really has been quite the growing experience for me and my year 12 ‘VCAL’ choice has proven to be the right one!

Lucy Brouwer.

Science News

National Youth Science Forum

Applications for the National Youth Science Forum 2016.

Are you a year 11 science student intending to continue science in year 12?

You could apply to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2016.

Applications close on May 31st, but it is important to start the application process soon. You will need to find your local Rotary Club and ask them to sponsor you. Please see Louise Macfarlane, Science TLA Co-ordinator for more information.

Blood Donation Program at BHSSC

Donations on 5th & 12th March

On March 5th, Louise Macfarlane took a group of students to the Ringwood Red Cross Donation centre to become first time blood donors. To date, the BHSSC community have made 62 blood donations with the capacity to save 186 lives. Students should see Louise Macfarlane in the Science office if they are interested in donating blood on a school excursion to the Red Cross. The next excursion is April 22nd.

First time donors, Hannah Bramble and Tomas Forrer-Crosbie are quite relaxed.
Performing Arts News

"WORKS IN PROGRESS"

The Performing Arts are presenting an informal night of short presentations and demonstrations focusing on the student’s work in progress.

This evening showcases some of the creative processes that artists experience in the creation of their work.

The intention of the evening is not to show a finished, polished performance but to highlight the exploration and imaginative application each stage of the work demands.

Please come along and make it a memorable evening for our fabulous talented students.


Where: School Hall. Free admission.

Any queries. Ring Peter or Tes.

Fashion News

The collages show images of the Kangan Institute Fashion hub excursion for Y10, Y11 and Y12 VET Fashion students. We saw the union sustainers exhibition which was part of the cultural program for Virgin Melbourne Fashion Festival.

2 BHSSC students are featured at the festival.
BHSSC international students attended the Victorian International School Student Welcome Event 2015 at the Government House

BHSSC International students, Amitoz Brar, Shuang Li and Ivy Ye, with Assistant Principal Fiona Erwich, attended the Victorian Government's official welcome of international school students. It was hosted by His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria and the Honourable James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier Minister for Education (pictured) at Government House on Wednesday, March 11 2015.

The students enjoyed meeting the government representatives and enjoyed the rare opportunity of touring Government House.

Sport News

Volleyball
Congratulations to the girls and boys volleyball teams for participating in the Whitehorse district round robin. Even though they did not win, they were competitive in many of the matches they played in.

Swimming
A small contingent represented the college at the annual Whitehorse district swimming carnival on 12th March.

Cricket
Senior boys cricket just keep on winning! After winning the Whitehorse district round robin, defeating Box Hill HS, East Doncaster SC and Koonung SC, the boys progressed to Eastern Metropolitan round robin. Here they played and defeated Ringwood SC and Camberwell HS. Outstanding efforts include: Jack Mahon 40 not out and Chris Romanin 34 not out v Camberwell. In the bowling, Lachie Jackson took 3 wickets and Dan Mutsaers 2 wickets v Camberwell.

The EMR grand final was against a good and strong Vermont HS batting side. Winning the toss, BHSSC batted first. “Ringin” James Guley opened the batting and played a superb 53. Very stylish. Supporting very well was James Thomas who also played with a degree of maturity. He scored 31 not out. “Boom crash” Jack Mahon destroyed the bowling with a quick fire 43 including five 6’s. It was awesome to watch. BHSSC 3 for 155 and this should have been enough. Vermont batted and their big guns failed to fire. They were all out for 134. Lachie Jackson, Bailey ‘Basil’ Klewer, Jack Mahon and Travis ‘T-bomb’ Andrikopoulos all got 2 wickets each.

This was a great effort from the boys who conducted themselves superbly all day. A special thanks to Dan Mutsaers who captained the team very well. This is always a tough job.

Next game is Mon 23rd March v Eastern Country in Shepparton! Good luck lads!

Golf
The Whitehorse district golf competition will be held Monday 23rd March. We have a team of 5 representing the college led by our resident Irishman, David King. Good luck on the day!

Tennis
Congratulations to Jasmine Starr (MYSC) who has made the U18 Pizzey Cup team. Well done.

SENIOR GIRLS TENNIS

Our Senior Girls Tennis were outstanding at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Championships on Friday 13 March. The team comfortably won their matches to win Pool One at Ringwood Tennis Club, then we travelled
to North Ringwood Tennis Club where they won all matches against Pool two winner Mount Waverley Secondary College to win Eastern Region Championship. The girls will now compete in the State Finals at Boroondara Tennis Centre on Monday 18 May. Congratulations to Kelly Martin, Maddison Brackenreg, Bianca Jones, Melanie Kempson and Ingrid Garvie. Georgia Frendo (out injured)

Wellbeing Section – March 2015

What is the Springboard Program?

Springboard is part of the Victorian Government's commitment to improve life outcomes for young people leaving residential out-of-home care by providing support, opportunities and assistance to education, training and/or employment opportunities.

**Springboard provides a service to young people:**
- 15-18 years of age on a Victorian Custody or Guardianship order and in residential/ lead tenant out-of-home care, or
- who was on a Custody or Guardianship order on their 16th birthday up to 21 years of age and no longer in residential/ lead tenant out-of-home care, and
- Disengaged from education, training and employment and requiring intensive support to access and maintain their involvement.

Springboard is strongly connected to and forms part of the existing suite of transition and post-care services within the region.

**Aim of Springboard**
Springboard will provide a model of service delivery that includes:
- A flexible, outreach and case work approach that will assist young people to successfully engage, or re-engage, in education, training and/or employment so as to prepare them for long-term sustainable employment.
- An innovative and collaborative partnership with the department, residential and lead tenant out-of-home care providers, post care support information and referral services and other services to maximise young people’s capacity to engage with the program, and
- A culturally competent service that is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal young people and those from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**Who can refer young people to the Springboard program?**
- Child Protection workers
- Leaving Care workers
- Community Organisations
How to contact Springboard Western
You can contact the Intake Worker
or email: staff@imvc.com.au

headspace Hawthorn is excited to be running the Amazing Race as part of the National Youth Week 2015 celebrations.

This is an entirely youth led event that aims to raise awareness about youth mental health while participants complete a range of fun challenges within the Glenferrie Precinct.

Details for the event are as follows:

Event: Amazing Race
Date: Friday 10th April *during both school and University/TAFE holidays
Time: 1 – 4PM
Location: 350 Burwood Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122
Cost: FREE

FREE tickets are now available on Eventbrite.

Just for grabbing their tickets and getting involved on the day participants will have the chance to WIN a Go Pro Hero 3+, plus we have Emporium Melbourne vouchers for the winning teams.

Every participant will also receive a headspace Hawthorn Amazing Race pack on the day which will include a bunch of vouchers and special offers from some of our supportive local traders including Grill’d, Spud Bar and 2XU.

If you could please share this email with your contacts and share/invite young people that you work with to our Facebook event that would be much appreciated.

Click on the link to go through to the Amazing Race event on Facebook.

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MARCH 2015

MARCH 5TH: So we never got to do our Affirmation workshop so here it is :) 
MARCH 12TH: Be prepared to get relaxed! With a 20 minute guided meditation followed by self massage techniques (with a booklet you get to take home!) 
MARCH 19TH: Futsal or Basketball! Meet at Aqualink Box Hill 3pm 
MARCH 26TH: Soap Making! Meet at FAN

EDG
EASTERN DIVERSTITY GROUP

EDG
We meet Thursdays 3:00pm to 5:00pm
In the back space @ Youth Connexions, Level 2 Box Hill Centro
(unless otherwise stated in the calendar)

EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who are of diverse sexuality and gender (DSG)
providing a safe and inclusive space.

EDG is bought to you by
Family Access Network (FAN) and is Funded by the City Of Whitehorse

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