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IMPORTANT DATES

28 th March, 2013	Last day of Term 1 – no early finish
15 th April, 2013	Start Term 2
18 th April, 2013	Y11 & 12 Drama Excursion - Arts Centre
25 th April, 2013	Public Holiday - ANZAC Day
26 th April, 2013	Y12 Food Tech excursion- Museum
29 th April, 2013	SPC – Student Parent Conference
30 th April, 2013	All Year 11 students excursion – Holocaust Museum
7 th May, 2013	Y11 Legal Studies excursion– Loddon Prison
7 th May, 2013	Y12 Arts & Studio Arts Photography excursion – Ian Potter Gallery
13 th May, 2013	Y12 Business Mgmt – Carlton Brewhouse
14 th May, 2013	Y12 Theatre Studies excursion – Moulin Rouge
14 th May, 2013	NAPLAN testing
15 th May, 2013	NAPLAN testing
15 th May, 2013	Music – Burringa Gallery
16 th May, 2013	NAPLAN testing
16 th May, 2013	Y11 Outdoor Ed – Grp 1 – Mountain Bike riding
23 rd May, 2013	OPEN DAY
23 rd May, 2013	Y11 Outdoor Ed – Grp 2 – Mountain Bike riding
27 th May, 2013	Y11 Legal Studies excursion – Court visit
31 st May, 2013	Semester 1 Coursework due

Principal's report

As part of the accountability requirements for Victorian Government Schools, all schools are required to produce an "Annual Report to the School Community". The 2012 Box Hill Senior Secondary College Annual Report is now able to be accessed from the College website homepage. Please look for the Annual Report button.

The Annual Report is again printed in a format that is compulsory for all schools. The Annual Report for every Victorian school is now set out in the following sections:

1. Front Cover

2. Government School Performance Summary - "What our school is doing". This section gives a general summary about the school, including student enrolment numbers and some of our key program features. This section also provides a summary of our performance in the areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing as well as Student Pathways and Transitions.

3. Government School Performance Summary: This summary is divided into two sub-sections; Primary (grade 5 and 6 in the MY Sports Campus) and secondary (years 7-9 in MYSC and 10-12 in the Senior School). Some of the School Comparison data is not available in this summary due to a variety of reasons, such as we had no students in grade 3 or we had insufficient student numbers in grade 5 etc.

As I mentioned in the Student Pathways and Transitions section of the 'What is our school doing', the MYSC (years 5-9) is essentially a different campus to the senior school (years 10-12). Many students who enrol in year 7 at MYSC have no intention of making the transition into the tennis program at the senior school. However, much of our performance data has been grouped together, thus providing a slightly inaccurate account of student outcomes.

I have asked the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to reconsider how our performance data is reported, as in its present format I don't believe it provides an accurate statement of what has been achieved by our students.

4. Financial Performance and Position statement. This section provides a summary of the financial position of the College and also provides a brief commentary of our financial position at the end of 2012.

I commend this report to the college community and encourage you to visit our website for further information about your College. If you would like to contact me about any aspect of the Annual Report then I am happy to take your questions or feedback.

Steve Cook
Principal

BHSSC – Winners!

The College has formally been notified that **3 students** have won awards in the **2012 Victorian School Sports Awards**



Emily Simons (basketball)



Courtney Young (AFL)



Jasmin Starr (Tennis)

In addition, **Box Hill Senior Secondary College** has jointly won the
Most Outstanding School and Community Partnerships Award

COMPASS – “our online link to you and your student/s”

- www.bhssc.vic.edu.au
- Go to “Quicklinks” on the right hand side of the “Home” page (middle)

Attendance:

Parents are reminded that students are required to have an approved attendance above 90%, or they are deemed not to have met the college attendance requirement. Parent explanations for Student Absences can be conveniently entered online either before or after an absence.

A step by step guide is located under “My News” on the RHS of the parent login page.

- Select the **Approvals Tab (NOT the Unapproved Tab)**
- Click on the **green “Plus” (ADD PARENT APPROVAL)** to add details.
- Select a “Reason” from the drop down menu.
- Enter the start and finish times of the absence at the bottom of the screen. **This can cover more than one day at a time.**
- Remember to **SAVE** before you close the screen.

Parental Notes are not required for absences that have been entered online. (Parents who do not have ready online access can send a written note to the college giving approval for a student absence).

Medical Certificates should be presented to the office upon return to school.

Please note that extended absences must be approved by the College. Students can obtain a Learning plan to request approval for any absence of 5 days or more from their Year Level Coordinator, a minimum of one week prior to departure. Students undertaking a Year 12 subject who miss a SAC without a medical certificate may receive an N for the SAC and may fail the subject as a consequence.

Progress Reports:

The second Progress Report for 2013 will be published under the "Reports" tab of the Student Profile on Thursday March 28. Remember that you can email teachers directly from the COMPASS portal if you have any concerns as a result of the information in the progress report.

During Term 2, booking for Student Parent Conferences, Parent online approval and payments for excursions will be introduced. Information will be emailed to parents and placed in the "My News" section of the portal when these modules become available.

Parents who have misplaced their login can contact the college.

Fiona Erwich
Assistant Principal – Information Technology

INDIA TRIP 2013

Any parents of students who are interested in participating in the India Trip in late November 2013, can contact the Principal, Steve Cook or Trip Leader, Fern Brisbane, fbrisbane@bhssc.vic.edu.au for more information.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS INFORMATION

Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience is not compulsory but it is highly recommended that students have the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in for a week or two.

There are no set school dates to undertake work experience. If a student wishes to do one week at a time, we will fit in when it suits the employer, provided it is not during exam times.

IMPORTANT - A Work Experience Arrangement Form must be completed at least one week prior to the student starting work.

The form must be filled in by all parties then forwarded to the Principal for his signature.

If this process is not completed your son or daughter will not be covered for Workcover or any public liability insurance whilst on the job.

If a student requires a work experience form or requires any further information please see Frank De Melis, Careers and Pathways Coordinator, whose office is located in the library or ring 9895 1155.

Students looking for work experience placements.

An organisation called Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) are providing a free service to students that assists in finding a suitable placement for work experience. Their primary function is for VET students seeking a work placement but they will also consider other students wishing to do work experience.

The application is done online through their website www.imvc.com.au. Select 'Workplace Vacancies' which will show you what vacancies are available and then fill in the application form.

If you require any further information please contact Frank De Melis on 9895 1155.

Tax File Numbers

The Australian Taxation Office offers students an easier option in applying for a Tax File Number. There is a simplified application form that uses school information to verify the student's personal particulars. If your son or daughter would like to apply for a tax file number, please see **Frank De Melis in the library.**

The Age – VCE and Careers Expo 2013

When : Thursday 2nd to Sunday May 5th

Where : Caulfield Racecourse

Exhibitors include providers of VCE resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges plus 156 seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice.

Performing Arts News

Bridie O'Dare 10D and Brianna Altman-Bishop 10N have recently returned from a week-long performance tour, performing with the Children's Performing Company of Australia, Victorian Youth Theatre, in the Adelaide Fringe Festival. Both students are involved in Performing Arts courses here at the College, and we look forward to seeing their theatrical skills demonstrated in upcoming Theatre Studies and Dance performances.



Congratulations Bridie and Brianna!



Red Cross Blood Bank – Youth Ambassadors

“Every week Australians requires 27,000 donations of blood and with only 1 in 30 people regularly donating blood we feel as a College we can contribute to this massive number and help save lives.

Tom, Pete, Karlee, Megan and myself were all privileged to have the opportunity to go to Red Blood Cross Australia’s Youth Ambassador training day. We spent the morning learning about the different components of blood that can be donated and used, learning about what happens to the blood after it’s taken from the donor and about the many different diseases, illnesses and injuries donated blood is required to treat.

After that we were fortunate to hear the story of Jacob Fry first hand, a 24-year-old man that was hit in a head on collision with a truck in 2009 and with a 5% survival rate, made it through with the equivalent of 70 donations worth of blood. We all agreed that meeting Jacob, listening to his speech was one of the most inspiring things we’ve heard and has motivated us to spread the word of blood donation with our school, family and friends.

Box Hill Senior has had two blood donation trips. Louise MacFarlane and Anni Adams have taken a group of students to donate blood and we hope to continue these donations throughout the year.

We hope to spread the word of the importance of blood donation within our College and as a team save as many lives as we can, having fun while we do it.

Here is a picture of our Red Cross Youth Ambassadors on the training day March 7th, Jaimee Barriero, Tom Clifton, Peter Davis, Karlee Painter with Jacob Fry. Jacob is alive today due to the generosity of blood donors after losing all his blood in a terrible car accident. Megan Borondy also attended the training but was taking the photo.”

Jaimee Barriero - student



Red Cross Blood Bank - Student donors

“In the early hours of the morning, on Friday the 15th of March, seven generous students, accompanied by Louise Macfarlane, were greeted by a volunteer driver from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service who selflessly gives up three days a week, in order to help the Red Cross. After a quick introduction, we all jumped into the bus and enjoyed smooth sailing, on the way to the Blood Donor Centre. Once we had arrived, we had to fill in a small amount of paperwork, and it was not long until the first of us had begun to give blood. The nurses at the centre were very friendly and helpful in distracting us from the little pinch of pain caused by the needle.

After we had given blood, we were informed that each of us had saved three peoples’ lives and we were told to help ourselves to the different varieties of flavoured milk, biscuits and cheeses. Once we had finished eating, we again shuffled back into the bus and enjoyed an awesome ride home, knowing that we had just helped save more than fifteen lives.

Unfortunately, 1 in 3 people need blood donations in their lifetime, but only 1 in 30 donate at this point in time. Despite that, there are a further two blood drives planned and the possible setup of a donor centre in the school gym, for a blood



donation day. As a school, we should feel proud of the contribution that we've made to the Australian community and should all consider whether we are able to take a part in this fantastic act of human kindness.

Kirill Nosenkov

Science News

On March 25, the Year 12 Chemistry class had a day excursion to the Victorian Space Science Centre in Strathmore to use their analytical equipment. The students ran analysis on the gas chromatography, atomic absorption and UV Visible spectrophotometry.

In the picture you can see Kirill Nosenkov, Ruby Hawker and Chris Johnson working in a team to perform a UV Vis spec analysis.



Yr 12 Fashion excursion.



As part of the L'Oreal Fashion Festival, Yr 12 fashion students attended exhibitions and specialised boutiques to gain inspiration and design innovation. Students had a firsthand look at Couture International and Australian fashion designs at the National Gallery of Victoria **Ballet & Fashion** exhibition and **Dior & Yamamoto** exhibition. The students were lucky to see projects by RMIT 2nd year Bachelor of Design Fashion in the Fashion House Labassa at the Tasma Gallery.

Fashion students pictured inside the building.
We had very inspiring day in the city!

Sport News

Next term will see the start of Premier League in both football and basketball. The Premier League is conducted through School Sport Vic (SSV). The league is made up of schools conducting basketball/football programs. These better teams play each other in a competitive competition and therefore the quality is high as well.

Fixtures for basketball are being finalised at the moment, whilst football will begin on the 8th May.



Congratulations to Sam Anglicas (Year 12) who has been selected in the U18 Victorian lacrosse team.



Matt Pedersen and Blake Goodwin made it to Eastern Zone competition in swimming.



Also into the Eastern Zone is the Senior Boys cricket team. Well done.

Lastly, there is group boys who have “banded” together to play football in the VAFA U18 competition this year. They are affiliated with Kew FC and are known as the Kew/BHSSC Giants. Their first practice game was on 23rd March and coincidentally they won this game by 23 goals with the official start to the season on 13th April. Home games will be at Victoria Park Kew. We wish them well.
In future editions of Contact we will profile some of our coaching staff.



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A PAID JOB IN GAME DESIGN

Work for a game developer while earning a Cert III in Information, Digital Media and Technology at the Box Hill Institute!

Work after hours from home for video game development company Lightmare Studios for six months while undergoing industry training in game design. Earn a qualification and be paid to make game prototypes.

Years 10 and 11 students are now invited to apply for Semester 2.



‘Lightmare Studios’, an Australian video game development company is offering a six and a half month school based traineeship in game design to Year 10 & 11 students for Semester 2.

Participants earn a Cert III in Digital Arts at the Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Nelson Campus and are paid to work for Lightmare Studios online, making game prototypes.

Students study character design, 3D creation and animation among other design skills, one day a week onsite at BHIT and complete seven hours work each week, after hours from home at their own computer as part of a “virtual workspace” where they are guided by a project manager to conceptualise and create original game ideas within a team.

Lightmare are proud to deliver a truly unique opportunity to students wanting to explore this fascinating and thriving industry and introduce them to new, exciting skills. Please see Sandy Toohey (VET Coordinator) for more details.

Wellbeing Section March 2013

Presentation on Cyberbullying

On Thursday the 14th of March, Brett Lee from INESS came to talk to our students about the dangers associated with using the internet. He was received well by students and staff and he presented some useful tips as shown below:

CONTROL TECHNOLOGY - MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES!

As a student, I understand that...

- The internet is the most public place I will ever be, the cyber world will never be my own private world.
- Others may treat me harshly for poor online choices and judge me for who I portray myself to be online
- Online decisions I make can affect my future as the internet is permanent.
- When I upload, post or send I lose control of what others can do with that information or how it is used.
- The physical world and cyber world aren't separate, it's the one world as we are dealing with the same people.
- I am bound by rules and laws as much online as in the real world.
- Expectations placed on me and others in the real world do not change just because I'm behind a screen.
- By trusting my instincts, and making choices based on what I believe to be right I will be rewarded by avoiding real world issues.

GOOD ONLINE CHOICES = GREAT ONLINE EXPERIENCE

WHEN I TRULY UNDERSTAND THE CYBER WORLD IT GIVES ME REASON TO PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING:-

I will...

1. Be a true reflection online of who I am in the real world.
2. Let others know where I stand - be an individual.
3. Make decisions based on what I know is right and follow rules and boundaries.
4. Protect those around me, not be a bystander.
5. Set a positive online example for my peers.
6. Condition myself to

Would \$500 help you cover the cost of an iPad or other educational expenses?

Join Saver Plus and you could receive up to \$500 in matched savings to be spent on education related items such as:

- an iPad.
- uniforms & books.
- Laptop.



Saver Plus is now available in Whitehorse and currently has places available.

To be eligible to join Saver Plus you must:

- Be a parent or guardian of a child at school now or starting next year.
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card.
- Have some form of household income, for example, you or a Partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

To find out more please call Simon on 9239 1458 or 0434 314633 or email smansfield@berrystreet.org.au for more information!

Parent Information Session

Rod Dungan
Founder of Thriving Youth
Director & Trainer for Thriving Youth Australia

Presenting

Living Harmoniously with Your Teenager



Date: Wednesday 17 April 2013
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Location: Waratah Room
The Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
(Rear of Nunawading Library Melway Ref 48G9)

\$2 Gold coin donation

To book this event, please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/CIBO>

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