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IMPORTANT DATES

21 st September, 2012	Yr11 Biology Excursion
21 st September, 2012	Y10 & Y11 Term 3 coursework due
21 st September, 2012	End of Term 3
8 th October, 2012	Start Term 4
11 th October, 2012	Fashion Parade
12 th October, 2012	Unit 4 Coursework due
15 th October, 2012	Y12 Practice exams begin
16 th October, 2012	Annual Art Exhibition commences and continues to 18/10/12
23 rd October, 2012	Y12 Celebration Dinner
25 th October, 2012	Last Day of Y12 classes
26 th October, 2012	Y10 & Y11 early dismissal at 12.20pm
26 th October, 2012	Y12 Final Assembly
29 th October, 2012	Y12 Swot Vac commences
1 st November, 2012	Y12 Exams commence
2 nd November, 2012	Y11 Coursework due
5 th November, 2012	Y11 Swot Vac
6 th November, 2012	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day
7 th November, 2012	Yr 11 Exams commence
9 th November, 2012	Y10 Coursework due
20 th November, 2012	“Flaying Start” commences for Y11 going into Y12 in 2013
20 th November, 2012	Y10 Exams commence
30 th November, 2012	Y10 last day
19 th December, 2012	Awards Night Y10 - 12
21 st December, 2012	Last Day Term 4

For more information on anything in this newsletter please visit the new website at www.bhssc.vic.edu.au ! Also, download the calendar if you want to have a handy reference about events.

Principal's report

On Saturday August 18 I had the pleasure of attending our annual Debutante Ball. The Grande in Wantirna South accommodated over 350 extremely proud mums, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends and teachers of our students. We had 18 couples who presented on the evening. Our girls looked absolutely stunning – with some of the girls making their own dresses in their Fashion classes. Our boys scrubbed up magnificently as well, managing to not put a foot out of place as they glided around the dance floor. I think I even noticed a smile from some of the boys – was it because of the pleasure of being part of the evening or was it through sheer relief that they had survived their public dancing ordeal? Congratulations to all the students who were involved. Your behaviour during the rehearsal period and on the night was exemplary.

Many thanks to those staff and family members who attended this evening and a very big thank you from our couples to choreographer Deborah Wooten and her team. They did an outstanding job in teaching the students to dance and making it such a fun filled experience!

I hope those attending enjoyed themselves as much as I did. Special thanks to Assistant Principal, Damian Dwyer who organised the entire event and was the Master of Ceremonies. He was ably assisted by the Director of Student Management Fiona Erwich. Without Damian and Fiona's involvement and organisation, the night would not have been so successful.

Steve Cook

Science

BHSSC Students to Donate Blood

On 22/8/12 Doug Allen of the Red Cross Blood Bank came to Box Hill Senior Secondary College to speak to a group of year 10, 11 and 12 students who are keen to donate blood and save a life. Tori Dopheide, the science student representative and a student leader, raised her desire to donate blood and postered the school to raise interest in the student body.

Wild Action at Box Hill Senior

On September 13th and 14th all the year 10 science classes enjoyed a visit from Wild Action, who brought their Australian animal collection to BHSSC.

This is part of the Evolution unit in year 10 science. The students are now completing a project on their favorite animal and its adaptations. The most popular animals were the dingo puppy and the salt water crocodile.

Errol Hassall can be seen here with the salt water crocodile (Crocodylus porosus).



Arts

2012 Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 4th September we held the annual dance showcase. We were again delighted by the BHSSC Dance students performing their various solo and group routines. They were performing to a packed house! Congratulations to all the students involved, and a special mention to the organising teacher, Michelle Clark.



Student Management

More BHSSC talent on show

I was fortunate to be invited by two of our Year 12 students, Gabby Barreiro & Toni Saunders to attend a presentation at Holmesglen TAFE in Glen Waverley on Wednesday night 22nd August 2012.

Both students attend Holmesglen each week and are studying VET Events Management.

They were part of a group of secondary students who arranged an event as part of their assessment.

The event itself was excellent and the performance of our students, who were both the MC's for the night, was outstanding. They were both very organised and showed a great deal of confidence in front of a large audience.

The function was attended by parents, TAFE staff and careers people from other schools in the region.

They are a credit to the college.
John Curran



Year 12 VTAC Applications for 2013 courses.

Year 12 can be a confusing time for both student and their parents. If you missed the parent information night on 7th August, the following information may help you understand the whole application process to universities, TAFE's and private colleges.

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) administers all applications and the selection process. They undertake the scaling of subjects, calculate and distribute the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank). They are responsible for processing not selection. They publish the VTAC Guide which sets out all the courses available at university, TAFE and private colleges. Copies of the Guide are available at newsagents or can be borrowed from the college. Detailed descriptions are all on the VTAC website.

Minimum tertiary entrance requirements to apply for courses are a satisfactory completion of VCE and Units 3 and 4 of any English (English, Literature or Language). There are also course entrance requirements such as prerequisite studies – particular studies that must be completed at a certain level, extra requirements – presentation of a folio, pre selection test, additional application forms or an interview. Students **must** check the VTAC Guide carefully for details of these requirements.

Students are only eligible for selection once they meet both the minimum requirements and the course requirements. The student will then be considered to be in competition with other qualified applicants. Each course uses their own selection criteria. This criteria is outlined in the VTAC Guide under the heading of Selection Mode.

Ensure that courses are applied for in order of preference (from most preferred to least preferred) by 5:00pm Friday 28th September 2012.

All university courses are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) formally known as HECS and have a course code that ends in 1. The government subsidises these courses and the student is required to pay part of the cost either up front at the beginning of each semester or pay once they have finished the course and are earning in excess of \$47195. If you apply for a course ending in 2, it means you pay the full cost of the course eg. TAFE or a private provider. TAFE fees are increasing significantly in 2013. Check carefully as some of these courses are expensive. There are no longer full fee paying courses at university.

Each student requires an Application Number & PIN (which they make up).

When applying you will need your VTAC application number.

You will have to choose a 4 digit PIN when you register on-line. Make sure you don't forget it as you will need it for change of preference and obtaining your results later in the year.

All applications must be submitted on line on www.vtac.edu.au.

Make sure you list any previous Units 3 & 4 that you have completed.

Streetsafe are running courses that may be of interest to parents & students. They include courses in Responsible Service of Alcohol & Pre Schoolies Safety. These will not only give students practical real world information, it will also give them the opportunity to enter the hospitality industry upon leaving school. The course also provides crucial information on how to stay safe on the streets, out in bars and nightclubs, in particular avoiding drink spiking and violence on the streets. They are also offering a Pre Schoolies Safety Course for students and parents. If you are interested please go to www.streetsafe.com.au

Sport

Basketball Program **State and National Representatives**

Kayla Bretherton travelled to Tamworth last month as part of the U16 Victorian Metro Women's State Team. Her team won the gold medal at the Australian Junior Championships after a tough week of games. Well done Kayla!



Kayla Bretherton (back, 3^d from left) after winning the gold medal at the Australian Junior Championships

Congratulations to **Tessa Ramsay** and **Emily Simons** for winning the gold medal at the School Sport Australia Championships held at Dandenong on the 11th-17th August. Both girls had a great week of basketball and beating Queensland by 2 points close to the buzzer (after being down by 20 at half time) was definitely icing on the cake! **Michael Wearne** also played a great tournament whilst representing Victoria and his team finished in 6th place.



Emily Simons (back, 3^d from right) and Tessa Ramsay (front, centre) after winning the gold medal match at the School Sport Australia championships.

Ben Simmons represented the U17 Australian Junior National Team at the World Junior Championships in Lithuania in July this year. Ben played an important role for the team and had a great all-round tournament. The Australian team came up against some world-class opposition but surprised many big-name countries by making the gold medal match where they faced Team USA. It was always going to be a tough ask to win the game, but they fought it out until the very end, earning huge respect from the powerhouse country. USA eventually won the game 95-62.



Ben Simmons (2nd from left) after receiving his silver medal at the U17 World Junior Championships

Ben returned home to Melbourne for a couple of weeks before jetting off the USA for the Adidas Nations tournament in Los Angeles. This event sees high school players from the Pacific, African, Asian and European regions compete against American all-star players.

Playing with his old AIS teammates, Ben performed extremely well at the camp and continues to gain worldwide recognition for his game.

Congratulations on all of your achievements so far Ben – BHSSC is proud to have you at our school!

Ben Simmons (right) in action at the Adidas Nations event in Los Angeles earlier this month



School Tournament Basketball Results

The intermediate and senior boys and girls team competed in the Victorian College Championships Grand Final Day last month after winning their way through the qualification tournament. All teams played well on the day, with the senior boys and girls teams winning their respective finals. Congratulations to all players and staff involved!



The senior boys and girls basketball teams after winning their finals at the Victorian College Championships

The intermediate and senior boys' and girls' basketball teams have also been competing in the first round of the Basketball Victoria McDonald's Cup Championships. The intermediate boys and girls teams, as well as the senior boys and girls teams have all made it through to the Elite Eight tournament to be held at MSAC on Friday 31st August. The teams will be competing for a chance to play in the McDonald's Cup All-Schools Championship Game in Term 4. Good luck to all teams!

USA College Update

Congratulations to our graduating seniors from 2011 who have been extremely successful in securing themselves USA College Basketball Scholarships.



Deng Deng has been at Lee Junior College since January 2012 and is in training to begin playing with his team this season. After he completes his time at Lee College, Deng Deng will head off to Louisiana State University after verbally committing to the LSU Tigers. This is the Division 1 College where Shaquille O'Neal became famous. It is a huge achievement for any athlete, let alone for a player who came from Sudan and learnt English as his third language! Deng Deng completed his final two years of high school here at BHSSC and we would really like to thank all of his teachers who helped him achieve his dream of playing Division 1 basketball. Congratulations Deng Deng!



Deng Deng in action last year for BHSSC

Emily Schill has already settled in at her Division 1 school San Jose State University. Emily was also named in the Basketball Victoria D-League all star five. She is currently in pre-season at SJSU and by all accounts is performing well.

Sam Donald is heading off to Northwest Florida State Junior College this month where she will begin her college basketball experience. Sam will unfortunately miss out on playing in her SEABL grand final with the Knox Raiders due to her college commitments.

Taylor Dyson has secured a scholarship to the Division 1 school University of Hartford in Connecticut. Despite only playing half of the season due to his college commitments, Taylor was also named in the Basketball Victoria D-League all star five after averaging close to 18 points per game.

Having finished his duties with the Dandenong Rangers SEABL men's team, **Lucas Barker** will travel over to play for Divison 2 school Kentucky Wesleyan College. Lucas played a key role in his SEABL team throughout the finals and will be looking to further advance his game in Kentucky.

Sean Preston rounds out the talented group of players is is off to Division 2 school Young Harris College in Georgia. Sean completed the Basketball Victoria D-League season for Knox averaging 6.5 points and 2.1 assists per game.

Good luck to all of the players in their college basketball endeavours!



(L-R) Taylor Dyson, Sean Preston, Sam Donald and Emily Schill receiving recognition for their basketball success in their local paper

Natasha Main.

Wellbeing Section September, 2012

Girlfriend Program

Girlfriend is a program for young women aged between 15 – 19 who would like to learn more about themselves and to make connections with other like-minded young women. The program will help you improve your self-confidence and you will learn how to deal with the real issues that face women today.

Includes:

- ✓ Confidence, Self Esteem & Self Awareness
- ✓ Identifying Strengths and Personal Values
- ✓ Family, Friendships, Dating & Healthy Relationships
- ✓ Body Image & Healthy Eating
- ✓ The Media and Size Zero
- ✓ Managing Emotions
- ✓ Eating Disorders
- ✓ Stress Management
- ✓ Models Vs. Role Models

- ✓ Stereotyping & Bullying & Gossip
- ✓ Healthy Eating & Nutrition & Woman's Health
- ✓ Sexual Health
- ✓ Conflict Management
- ✓ Personal Presentation & Grooming
- ✓ Peer Pressure

Cost: \$50.00 No further discounts apply. Funding is made available through ACFE (Eligibility criteria applies)

Held: Fridays 9am – 2.45pm, 16th November– 14th December 2012

*People with disabilities are encouraged to apply

For further information and to reserve your place call Fiona Mepstead or Michelle Inglese at K.Y.M. (Victoria) Inc. 1119 Toorak Road CAMBERWELL VIC 3124 Tel: (03) 9722 5777 Fax: (03) 9722 5700

Film Competition (primary and secondary)

GetYaHeadRight is a Generation Next initiative to gain awareness about mental health and wellbeing in young people.

The aim of this event is to generate short 4-minutes films that deliver useful mental health and wellbeing messages made by young people for young people.

Entries close 31/10. See the below website for more information
<http://www.generationnext.com.au/events/get-ya-head-right>