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IMPORTANT DATES

June 11 th , 2012	Queen's Birthday – public holiday
June 12 th , 2012	Y12 and Y10 Exams commence
June 14 th , 2012	Y12 GAT (General Assessment Test)
June 18 th , 2012	Start Semester 2
June 26 th , 2012	School Council meeting
June 27 th , 2012	Sports Programs instalment due
June 29 th , 2012	Instrumental Music lesson Semester 2 payment due
June 29 th , 2012	Curriculum Day – students do not attend classes
June 29 th , 2012	Yr 12 Formal
June 29 th , 2012	Last Day of Term 2
16 th July, 2012	Start Term 3
20 th July, 2012	Y11 Legal Studies excursion – County Court
23 rd July, 2012	Y12 Biology excursion – Melb Uni
7 th August, 2012	VTAC Information evening - 6pm (RSVP form attached)
10 th Aug, 2012	Sports Programs instalment due
13 th Aug, 2012	Pupil Free Day
16 th Aug, 2012	Student Parent Conferences

The College is developing a new website. We should "go live" very soon. Stay tuned.....more details shortly!

Principal's report

Box Hill Senior students take on the world

When students leave secondary school hopefully they will have accrued many fine memories they can take with them. It may be of the wonderful friends they have made, the teachers that have influenced their learning or the array of extra curricula activities they have been involved in.

I would like to think it is the many fine Maths and English periods students have undertaken which they remember most about being at Box Hill Senior. In reality though, I know what most students will remember most vividly in years to come will be one of the many extra curricula activities that they have had the opportunity to take part in.

This year our students will have the chance to participate in one of three exciting international tours. At the end of November when the exams are finished, different student groups will be travelling to the United States, Borneo and India.

1. USA Basketball tour - Every second year our Australian schools championship basketball program heads to the United States for a three week tour. This year our teams will be playing in New York, California and Hawaii. Under the direction of Head Coach Kevin Goorjian our four teams (2 male and 2 female) will play a series of games against American schools. Students will also get the opportunity to visit iconic tourist attractions such as Disneyland,

the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Alcatraz Prison and Pearl Harbor, as well as attending a NBA game.

2. Borneo Expedition - At about the same time as our basketballers are heading off to the USA, another 16 students will embark on a month-long expedition to Borneo. This tour is being led by Michelle Clark, one of our senior Student Management leaders. The planning for this expedition began last year and has required student ownership throughout. Students have been responsible for researching the culture of Borneo and devising an appropriate itinerary. The World Challenge Expedition program encourages students to develop skills in the following areas - leadership training and life skills development; cultural awareness through hands-on experience and financial responsibility through raising expedition funds and managing an in-country budget, while also providing students an opportunity to participate in a meaningful community service project in a remote village. Over the duration of their expedition, students learn to become more environmentally aware by exploring diverse landscapes, cities and rural towns. They will hopefully also develop an appreciation for other cultures and gain a broader global perspective.

This Borneo Expedition involves trekking through Kubah National Park to Bario, a remote jungle town and then along the Kelabit Highlands Adventure Trail. Students will also have the opportunity to climb Mt Kinabalu.

This personal challenge allows students to set physical goals and to achieve self-fulfilment after strenuous trekking and camping amongst foreign villages and environments. The team will also experience a sense of community service through volunteering their services to assist at the Semenggoh Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, where students will have the opportunity to witness rehabilitation strategies for endangered native animals. Following the trekking phase and jungle experiences, students will then volunteer their services to a struggling, remote community village. Duties in this village may include building and construction, teaching English, developing social skills with children of the community or hunting for and preparing meals for the local people. There will also be an opportunity to sight see, mingle with locals and explore some of the historical and social wonders of this Malaysian country.

3. India trip - 12 students and 3 teachers, are preparing for a two week tour of Rajasthan in Northern India. We have entered into an educational partnership with the Neerja Modi School in Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan. Our students will spend time with students of Neerja Modi as well as working with the underprivileged girls of the Nischay school.

Nischay is a separate campus of Nerja Modi. The girls who attend Nischay are from the slums of Jaipur and normally these girls would be denied the opportunity for any form of education. However the main campus sponsors these girls and allows them to experience school and gain a limited education. The Box Hill Senior students will work directly with the Nischay students and help them with their literacy and numeracy development. Working at the Nischay school will be confronting, but at the same time will be an uplifting experience. As part of this tour our students will have the chance to visit many places of cultural and historical significance including the elephant safari at the Amber Fort, a tour of the pink city (Jaipur), day and night tours of the Ranthambore tiger safari, visiting the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal, camel riding through the sand dunes of Agra and two nights in the culturally rich town of Pushkar. All of which should provide our students with enough memories to last a lifetime.

Steve Cook
Principal

Study tip # 4
Study with low lighting

Research shows that for 70% of students studying with low lighting is best. Bright light reflecting off a white page can stress the eyes and make learning harder. Avoid studying under fluorescent lighting as these lights flicker at a different rate to your brain. Fluorescent lights make you tired, reduce motivation and give some people headaches.

VCE Exams -Important Information

All students who are enrolled in Year 12 VCE units will receive a copy of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority publication 'VCE Exams Navigator 12'. The booklet contains student information about ALL year 12 VCE exams (including the GAT) and timetables for both June and November exams. Students should read the booklet carefully and in particular the information about rules and conduct of VCE examinations including-

- Procedures for late arrival at an exam
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices
- Approved equipment/materials for exams
- Special provision for VCE students
- Rules related to non-attendance at an exam.
- Timetable clashes and the scheduling of three exams in one day.

Water bottles (labels must be removed).

<p>Unit 3 & 4 June examinations and GAT timetable</p> <p>Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period which is included in the times shown in the timetable.</p>			
Tuesday 12 June	<p>9:00 am – 10:45 am</p> <p>Biology Exam 1</p>	<p>11:45 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Physics Exam 1</p>	<p>2:45 pm – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Accounting Exam 1</p>
Wednesday 13 June	<p>9:00 am – 10:45 am</p> <p>Psychology Exam 1</p>	<p>11:45 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Chemistry Exam 1</p>	<p>2:45 pm – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Environmental Science Exam 1</p>
Thursday 14 June	<p>10:00 am – 1:15 pm</p> <p>General Achievement Test (GAT)</p>		

VCE Special Provision

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) offers "Special Provision" for students who become ill or experience hardship at the time of their VCE assessments. Parents can access more information about "Special Provision" by visiting the VCAA website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au. If you have any further queries regarding "Special Provision" please contact the Director of Student Management, Fiona Erwich, ph: 9890 0571 or e-mail ferwich@bhssc.vic.edu.au.

Careers/Pathways News

VTAC - Tertiary Entrance for 2013

Year 12 Parent & Student Information Evening

Tuesday 7th August 2012 at 6pm in the School Library

This information session is designed to assist parents & students understand what the requirements are in applying for tertiary places at university and TAFE next year. Please refer to the flyer at the back this newsletter for further details and return the reply slip if you wish to attend.

Year 12 student destinations for 2013.

The majority of Year 12 students have had information sessions during Advocacy to explain tertiary and/or employment options for next year.

It is recommended that parents make themselves familiar with the website www.vtac.edu.au which gives detailed course information and when Open Days will be held. These can be beneficial to students to clarify or assist with course selection for next year. Tertiary applications open on 6th August and close on 29th September. All applications are submitted online to www.vtac.edu.au

Career information for Year 10 & 11 students

Open Days are an important element of the whole tertiary course selection process. They give students a great opportunity to find out more information about the course and the institution they may wish to attend.

Details of dates for 2012 will be updated on the website www.vtac.edu.au soon.

If you require any further information please contact John Curran on 9895 1121

Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience is not compulsory at the College this year but is highly recommended if a student has the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in.

There are no set dates to do work experience and if a student wishes to do one week at a time, the college arrange this to suit the needs of the employer, provided it is not during exam times.

IMPORTANT

A Work experience Arrangement Form must be completed 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 John Curran in the library or ring 9895 1121.

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 John Curran in the library.

Students interested in Animal Studies - RSPCA

For students aged 13yrs and older (ages taken from 1st January, 2012), we have some great careers based sessions for people wanting to work in the animal industry. Sessions include;

- o ***Animal Attendant for a Day (13-18yrs) - Wednesday 4th July - 9:30 - 3:00 pm***
Are you interested in a career with animals? Come and learn about the basic care needs of animals at the RSPCA and how we provide them. Tour our shelter and find out about the role of an animal attendant, adoptions officer and ambulance driver. This is a great first step into working with animals! . Places are limited.

- o ***Inspector for a Day (15-20yrs) - Monday 9th July - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm***
Are you interested in and inspired by the amazing work of the RSPCA Inspectors? Come along to our Inspector for a Day session and learn all about this challenging and rewarding role. Participate in crime scene investigation and evidence collection activities and learn about how the RSPCA works to help animals suffering from cruelty and neglect. Places are limited.

- o ***Vet Day (15-20 yrs) - Wednesday 11th July - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm***
Are you interested in working with animals in the future? Take a backstage look at the work of vets and nurses at the RSPCA. Learn about assessing a dog's temperament, watch live surgery and spend some quality time with our education animals. Places are limited.

Costs:

\$100.00 for new members (includes 12 month RSPCA membership)

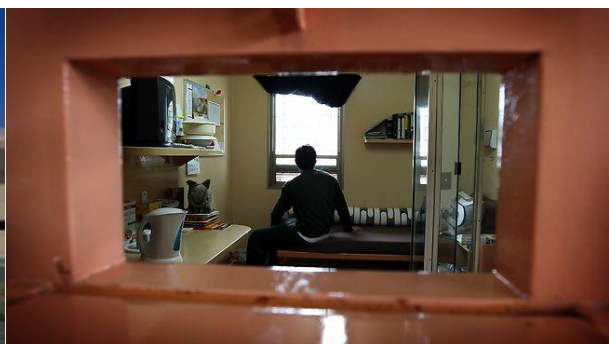
\$90.00 for existing members

Visit www.rspcavic.org for more information about any of our programs. Call Penny on 9224 2286 to book a place.

Humanities News

Legal Studies students to Loddon Prison

On Tuesday the 29th of May Paul's Year 11 Legal Studies class took a long drive to the country to visit HM Loddon Prison. The students had the opportunity to sit with prisoners and find out about the crimes they had committed, their lives in prison, and some life choices to avoid. The class represented the school well and hopefully learnt some lessons on how to stay on the right side of the law. Many thanks to Neil Meredith for driving the bus.



Science News

Year 11

On 21/5/12 Mahdi Nosatti, an organic chemist from Victoria University, was a guest speaker for year 11 Chemistry. Mahdi is in the process of completing her doctorate in free radical chemistry. The students found her journey from unenthusiastic high school science student, to failing uni student to doctorate, quite inspirational. Her advice, "When it is hard, just keep on going. If you fail, just do it again." Simple, yet effective.

Mahdi made students aware of a range of new tertiary study options. In the photograph Mahdi can be seen receiving a box of chocolates from Bridget Pledge as a token of appreciation for her visit.



Year 10

Science classes have experimented with dry ice as part of their Chemistry Unit. They have experienced it subliming (blowing up balloons and film cannisters) and acidifying solutions. There was a diverse range of inquiry based learning in the experiments. All classes enjoyed the experience. Pictured here is Sally Wilson who is obviously enjoying her work!

Sport News

Rugby League – Jackson Brenchley



One of the school captains, Jackson Brenchley, will be competing in the School Boys Championship in Rugby League during the Queen's birthday weekend. He is representing the school and his league club in Melbourne (Waverley Oakleigh Panthers) and the state of Victoria. Jackson has also been asked to captain the squad of 18



boys who will compete against South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

AFL – Caitlyn Wilson and Courtney Young



Congratulations to Caitlyn Wilson and Courtney Young who represented Victoria in the Women's AFL national championships. Courtney Young has been selected in the under 18 All Australian women's 2012 team.



Tennis Program

STATE CHAMPIONS - SENIOR GIRLS TENNIS



On Monday 21 May our Senior Girls Tennis Team of Gussie O'Sullivan (Captain), Ashleigh O'Brien, Anna Karagaslis, Ozge Mehmet and Monica Nguyen, defeated Maribynong College by 4 games to win the State Championships of the Senior Girls tennis. Having won their Round Robin pool comfortably, the final was against their rival team, Maribynong College, who had defeated them in the past two State Finals. As it was going to be the last State Championships for four of the girls who are in Year 12, they were determined to go out as winners. With a strong team spirit and the ability to change up the doubles pairings, the girls played strong, positive tennis and deserved the win. Congratulations to this team who are wonderful ambassadors for our school.

STATE CHAMPIONS - PRIMARY GIRLS



On Monday 4 June our Primary Girls Tennis Team of Jasmin Starr and Eve Humphries defeated Armadale District, two rubbers to one in the final of the Primary Schools Girls Division at Boroondarra Tennis Centre. The girls had played excellent tennis throughout the entire competition as neither girl dropped a singles rubber, therefore, they did not have to play doubles. In the final, through constant rain, Jasmin continued her dominance by not dropping a game for the entire competition and won 8/0, while Eve maintained her composure and won 8/7. A fantastic result for both the girls and our school.

Football Program

The Premier League Football is at an interesting stage as after two rounds all four teams in Pool A have one win and one loss. Box Hill had previously won against Sale CC and then was comprehensively beaten by Hallam SSC. On June the 6th BHSSC had a comprehensive victory over Lakeside SC (Caroline Springs) and now advances to the semi finals of this competition. The school has been contacted by the Draftstar Company who provides opportunities for programs in Certificate 2 in Sport coaching (AFL) for our football students. The program covers things like Level 1 Youth Coaching course, First Aid Certificate, providing an understanding of modern AFL game plans, Concussion Education and Management Certificate etc.

There will be some 1-2 day camps during the holidays plus completing work on line. The coaching staff at BHSSC believes this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to enhance the work we do at school. Forms have been distributed and need to be returned to Myles Ashton before the exam period. An added bonus is that it will not cost the students anything as it is fully funded by the government. Draftstar is also fully endorsed by the AFL.

Basketball Program

Senior Basketball Premier League Results

The senior boy's first and second teams and the senior girls team have been competing in the School Sport Victoria Premier League competition this term.

The senior boys' first team remained undefeated in their pool after winning their round three game on Wednesday against Rowville 2. The senior boys have played consistently well beating Hallam Secondary College and Maribyrnong in the first two games. All of the boys have contributed to the wins and have been playing well as a team. Ben Simmons top scored in Wednesday's game with 14 points and Elias Kafrouni (pictured) was strong on the boards. The team will now play off in the semi-final in the coming weeks.





The senior boy's second team had a win against Rose Hill in the first round, suffered a close loss against Ballarat High School in the second round and went down to Rowville 1 on Wednesday. Sam Robb (pictured) top-scored on Wednesday with 12 points and Brad Hauer led the rebounding. The boys will now play off for 3rd and 4th place.

The senior girls' team beat Bendigo Senior Secondary College in the first game, lost a close game against Ballarat High School and beat Eltham High School on Wednesday 64-60. Rebecca Ott (pictured) has been very consistent for the team and scored a game-high 19 points against Eltham H.S. She has been strongly supported by Emily Simons, Breanna Mackenzie and Tessa Ramsay. The girls now play off in the semi-final in the coming weeks.



State Representatives

Congratulations to Tessa Ramsay, Emily Simons and Michael Wearne (pictured) for being selected to represent Victoria in the SSV School State teams. They will play in the School Sport Australia Basketball Championships in Melbourne, 11th-17th August. We wish them all the best in their preparation and tournament games.



Kayla Bretherton (pictured) has been selected in the U16 Victorian Metro Women's State Team. This is a fantastic achievement and she will participate in the Australian Junior Championships in Tamworth in July. Good luck Kayla!

Ben Simmons

Ben Simmons has had an extremely busy past few months. We welcomed Ben back to BHSSC from the Australian Institute of Sport earlier this year. He has since played in the U18 Australian Junior Championships where his Victorian Metro State team won the silver medal and he was the team's second leading-scorer and leading rebounder.

Ben then represented the U17 Australian Junior National Team at a 'four-nations' tournament in China. Ben had a very successful tour and was the top scorer and rebounder in a couple of games. Due to his great form in China, Ben should be in a good position to make the final selection for the team, who will compete in the U17 World Junior Championships in Lithuania in June/July this year.



It hasn't stopped there for the 6'8", year 10 student though, as he has been selected to attend the prestigious invite-only Pangos All-American Camp in Long Beach California. Ben and his father Dave Simmons flew out to LA on Thursday with the camp running from 1st - 3rd June.

Thank you to Chris Ramsay for the great photos.

June 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

VTAC – Tertiary Entrance for 2013 **Parent & Student Information Evening**

Your son/daughter may be applying for tertiary education next year. The application process can sometimes be confusing to both the student and their parents. It is highly recommended that you as a parent and your son / daughter attend this information evening to gain a better understanding of this process.

The information session is for all parents whose son or daughter is interested in applying for University, TAFE (Certificate 4, Diploma or Advanced Diploma) and Private Provider courses in 2013.

Date: Tuesday August 7th 2012

Time : 6.00 pm

Location: School Library

If you are interested in attending please complete the tear off slip below and return it to John Curran in the Library by Wednesday 1st August or provide details by email to jcurran@bhssc.vic.edu.au or phone the school on 9895 1121.

Yours sincerely

John Curran
Careers Adviser and Pathways Coordinator

VTAC – Tertiary Entrance Parent Information Evening

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

Advocacy Group: _____

I/We will be attending

No. of people attending _____

I/We will not be attending

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: ____/____/____