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From the Principal

Good communication is essential for the many stakeholders of Brighton Secondary School to keep informed. We continue to find ways to improve communication with families and the broader community.

Despite most students doing their best to take written and verbal information home, it is a relatively unreliable method to ensure all families are in the communication loop, hence much of our communication is now through a digital format – email, the Brighton App, the Brighton Facebook and our Learner Management System called DayMap.

Recently DayMap was upgraded to Version 8 to provide a much improved Parent Portal. This Portal currently provides all parents with the means to see their child’s attendance, their assignments and the teachers’ concerns “live” over the internet. The new version will accommodate digital reports. Through the Portal, parents will have continuous access to information about their students’ academic progress.

As term 3 reports will be accessed via the Parent Portal, all parents must have a DayMap log in. The process is outlined below for you and if you run into problems, please contact Sue Dixon (sue.dixon@brighton.sa.edu.au).

The Brighton App is another useful tool to stay in touch and keep up with school events and notices. I encourage you to go to the App Store and download the Brighton Secondary School App. The corner sign on Ilfracombe and Brighton Roads has advertised the App for some months.

I can’t impress upon you enough the importance of consistent attendance and punctuality to school and to every class. No matter the reason (legitimate or otherwise) inconsistent attendance impacts success. You can follow your child’s attendance pattern on DayMap.

We successfully applied for a $50,000 grant to work with Port Lincoln High School in a special program to engage students with school through visual arts and intercultural activities. Nima Valamanesh, the Aboriginal Education Teacher, Yasmin Paterson, The Arts Coordinator and I visited Port Lincoln to meet the key stakeholders and start the project. The students will spend time in each other’s schools as well as share intercultural excursions.

Sue Rodger, Volleyball Coordinator, will lead the imminent student tour to Koonibba Aboriginal School and then travel on to Port Lincoln to meet with the student artists. I was so impressed with the Port Lincoln students’ art that I bought 5 pieces for display at Brighton Secondary School.

PARENT PORTAL PROCESS

If you have not logged into the Parent Portal before, it is vital that you do so over the next few weeks.

Follow the following steps:

1. Ensure you have given BSS your up to date email address – please email (sue.dixon@brighton.sa.edu.au) or phone (8375 8229) Sue Dixon to update this information.
2. Once this has been done, allow 24 hours for the information to register in DayMap.
3. To access the DayMap Parent Portal, go to the Brighton Secondary School website: www.brightonss.sa.edu.au
4. Click on the DAYMAP LOGIN tab at the top, and click ‘New User?’. 
5. Enter the email address you have provided the school, and your student’s student ID number (this is at the top of all previous school reports).
6. Your login information will be sent to that email address – go back to the BSS website, click on Parent Portal and enter your information just emailed. If you have more than 1 student at BSS, all students should be visible.

Olivia O’Neill
Principal

Olivia O’Neill, Principal, with a student from Koonibba Aboriginal School at Port Lincoln
AUGUST

3  Governing Council, 7pm
3-5  Chinese Musicians visit
4  Poetry Workshop for Year 10s
5  Principal’s tour, 9.00am
6  SIV Open KO volleyball
7  Poetry workshops, Year 8 & 9
10  Uniform committee, 1.00pm
12  Year 10 → 11 and Year 11 → 12 SACE Parent Information Evening, 6.00pm
14  Recognition Assemblies for Cygnet and Buffalo Houses
17  SIV Out of zone trials Years 8-11
17-21  SIV Koombab visit to BSS
19  Parent / Student / Teacher conferences Years 10, 11 & 12, 3.30pm – 8.30pm
19-21  Adelaide Band Festival
21  Recognition Assemblies for Holdfast and Rapid Houses

SEPTEMBER

1-11  Year 12 Trial exams
2  Principal’s tour, 9.00am
3  Year 10 / 11 Subject Confirmation 3.30pm – 7.30pm
4  Year 8 / 9 Challenge Day (non school day)
4  Year 10 / 11 Subject Confirmation Day
7  School Closure Day
7  Governing Council, 7.00pm
8-18  Festival of Music
9  Percussion Showcase

OCTOBER

12  Term 4 begins
15-16  Lift Dance performance, 7.00pm
16  Year 8 Immunisations
20-23  Year 11 Outdoor Education camp
23  Jazz Cabaret
23  Year 12 Breakfast
27-30  Year 11 Outdoor Education camp
27  New Music Night
28  Valedictory

Jeffrey Kong’s Concert

After 39 years of outstanding service to Brighton Secondary School Music Centre, Jeffrey Kong, Head of Music, has announced he will be retiring at the end of 2015. On 24th June the Governor of South Australia, other distinguished guests, ex-colleagues and old scholars of Jeffrey’s gathered in the new Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall to honour his contribution to music education in South Australia.

Staff and students from the 4 Special Interest Music Centres (Brighton Secondary School, Marryatville High School, Elizabeth-Fremont School and Woodville High School) performed with old scholars on the night. The quality of the performances reflected the esteem in which Jeffrey Kong is held.
Congratulations

Casey Muirhead, Year 11, who was named Captain of the Australian Junior Women’s Indoor Volleyball Team which is currently touring Des Moines in the USA.

Ben Handberg, Year 8, who will be playing in the “Phil Ginsberg Ice Hockey Tournament” in Newcastle. This is a national ice hockey tournament and Ben has been named as the Captain of the SA team.

Brooke McGregor, Year 9, selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Cross Country Championships to be held in Melbourne in August.

Congratulations to Rebecca Catt, Isabella Dew, Natasha Lindsay, Max DeVries, Coen Key, Pat Fimmano, Paige Cleary, Jasmine England, Emily Wass, Jayden Fathers and Benson Muirhead who have all been selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Volleyball Championships which will be conducted in Tuggeranong, ACT 22nd – 28th August.

Velvet Klass, Year 10, selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Girls Football (Soccer) Championships to be played in November.

Justin Evans, Year 12, who has been selected in the SANFL (South Australian National Football League) State Under 18 Squad. He played in Melbourne in the National Championships.
Sydney Music Tour

Brighton Symphony Orchestra wins in Sydney

In late June, sixty music students toured to Sydney to perform in the Australian International Music Festival (AIMF). Surrounded by so many incredibly talented musicians from USA, China, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore and New Zealand, we engrossed ourselves in the music we were performing in the competition as well as having the time of our lives out on shopping sprees, ferry rides and a scenic walk to Bondi Beach.

Our first day in Sydney was definitely the most tiring but such an incredible and exciting time flying to Sydney, becoming accommodated, being on the lookout to spot the Opera House and later that night actually performing inside it, which was such an amazing experience!

Monday 29th June we drove by bus to Manly and went shopping in what is like for us a very small Rundle Mall and then afterwards caught the ferry to the Opera House where we were excited tourists and took many photos. We then walked to the Sydney Conservatorium and rehearsed for a couple of hours. During our time over a number of days at the Conservatorium and Kambala School we had the privilege to be conducted by so many fantastic conductors, and the composer of one of our adjudicated pieces; Mark Grandison, who all had lots of different and valuable feedback. Mark Grandison took our orchestra a few times over the week we toured and was such an inspirational and encouraging person who we cannot thank enough for all the support and for composing the extraordinary piece Janus.

Adjudication day was on Wednesday. We spent the morning on a beautiful scenic walk along the coast to Bondi where we then were set free to go find lunch and shop. The adjudication was at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. We had our sound check and I think by then we were getting quite nervous but pumped! There were so many fantastic ensembles that night and Brighton Symphony Orchestra went out there and gave it their all, which made the experience even more gratifying!

We also performed at Darling Harbour at the Maritime Museum. That was definitely the most difficult performance the orchestra had to do. We had been warned about so many concert venues having different acoustics but were not prepared for such a huge difference of sound.
Friday was our last day and was full with sound checks. I loved this day so much because it made the whole week in Sydney even more worthwhile when they announced the placings each ensemble earned in the adjudication. Keeping my hopes low I was even happier than I would have been when they announced GOLD for Brighton Secondary School (3 Golds out of 3 AIMF Sydney tours isn’t too bad).

On behalf of myself and the orchestra I would like to thank Mr Dean, for all his support and hard work put into the orchestra over the years I’ve been at Brighton Secondary School, Mark Grandison for all the wonderful feedback, help, encouragement and for composing the amazing piece Janus. I would also like to thank all the other music staff – Mr Bentley, Mr James and Ms Asser, for organising the Sydney tour so well and keeping us on track. Thanks to all the parents of the students in the orchestra for being supportive and most probably paying for a fair bit of the tour so their children can experience what this once in a lifetime opportunity is like. Also a huge thank you to the rest of the orchestra for all the hard work and extra time you have put in to pieces, it paid off, but most importantly we had fun!

Lila Davies-Ardill
Year 11, BSSO Leader
In Term 2, the Years 10, 11 & 12 Health classes spent an informative hour learning about Mental Health and the support services HeadSpace Noarlunga provide.

Our students are one of the first to use the new interactive ‘real time’ voting system. This provided the presenters with immediate anonymous results to a variety of questions. The presenters could then address their responses more specifically. The results showed students are analysing their feelings and dealing with a variety of concerns. ‘Tips for a healthy head space’ and ‘If your friend is not ok...’ are useful starting points to help support anyone dealing with mental health issues. A big thank you to old scholar Bob and his teammates Elia, Shane and Chris at HeadSpace Noarlunga www.headspacenoarlunga.org.au. Situated at 16 Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga, phone 8384 9284 or 1800 650 890.

Lori Mulhall
Health Teacher

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Outdoor Education

**Group Dynamics – Spider Web Task**

The Outdoor Education classes are participating in team building tasks to learn about types of leadership and different group roles members can adopt in order to achieve successful outcomes.

Peter Vowles
Coordinator Healthy Lifestyles

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Adelaide Choral Eisteddfod

Late last term Brighton entered three choirs in the Adelaide Choral Eisteddfod.

The Boys Chamber Choir (conductor Andrew Barrett) received an Honourable Mention in the Chamber Choir Section. The Treble Choir won the Junior Large Choir Section and Bel Canto placed second in the Open Small Choir Section, (both conducted by Emma Borgas and accompanied by Andrew Barrett). The Tour Choir also performed to promote the upcoming International Tour (directed by Andrew Barrett, Emma Borgas and Jeffrey Kong).

Congratulations to all students involved on their hard work and commitment to our-of-hours rehearsals.

Craig Bentley
Coordinator Music
(SALA) South Australian Living Artists Festival

‘Light and Bright - Illuminate the Learning’

Brighton Secondary School’s exhibition for SALA will be held on the Tuesday 18th August to Wednesday 26th August in the Brighton Concert Hall foyer. We are in the process of gathering many student works to make this an outstanding collection of creativity and learning. Students from Years 8 to 12 are able to exhibit their works and we are encouraging those students who often do some art work outside of the school program to be a part of this exhibition.

Any students who would like to exhibit their work should see Ms Paterson or their Art/Design teacher. We want your work!

The opening night is Tuesday 18th August, 5pm to 6.30pm in the Brighton Concert Hall foyer. Refreshments will be available. Parents and friends are most welcome.

Yasmin Paterson
Visual Arts Coordinator

A Teenager’s Quest

Only a few years since her auntie passed away from cancer, Charlotte Rayner decided that something should be done to remember her. So it was that last year as a Year 8 student she initiated a huge “Biggest Morning Tea” for all Year 8 & 9 students at Brighton Secondary to raise money for cancer research.

With that success in mind, Charlotte and two other friends Emma and Kiran launched into another “Biggest Morning Tea” held on 22 July this year, working with the S.A. Power Networks Employee Foundation. She was supported by a group of Year 9 girls who all helped to stage a wonderful spread of food and tea donated by many, many Australian manufacturers.

Preparations for this event included a meeting of many of these girls to create a large number of cardboard daffodils used as part of the general theming. In another coup, she managed to arrange for the eighteen winning raffle prize tickets to be drawn by Mr Mark Brownley, the General Manager of Field Services for S.A. Power Networks. It must also be mentioned that this event could not have occurred without the fantastic background support of the Employee Foundation staff Vicki Shearer and Richelle Patrick but especially to Phill Fechner, Substations Construction Operations Manager. The girls were ecstatic with the final fund-raising result of $2,800!
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Congratulations to the team of Anyue Lang, Alexandra James and Felix Chapman-Petrone, Year 12 students. They have qualified for the state final of the RACI National Chemical Analysis Competition to be held at Adelaide University on Saturday August 1. Only 12 teams state-wide have qualified for the final. They performed this chemical analysis on Open Night to demonstrate Year 12 Chemistry techniques to parents and guests. They achieved a combined accuracy of an astonishing 99.2%!

Mark Orchard
Coordinator Science / Sustainability

Australian Army Cadets
If you are interested in being an Army Cadet please visit www.armycadets.gov.au or phone 1800 671 638 or email any enquiries: 43acu@cadetnet.gov.au

The Army cadet meetings are held at the Warradale Army Barracks on Oaklands Road.

Road Safety

The edition includes the following articles:-
• Cycling in South Australia
• Riding with Children on your bicycle
• The Road Rules Test
• Brake reaction time for drivers
• Inflatable Seat-belts
• The facts on pregnancy and driving


Nature Foundation SA
This foundation is a not-for-profit nature charity to save, protect and restore SA’s natural biodiversity. The inaugural Treasure Hunt for nature is a family friendly opportunity to explore, discover, have fun and connect with nature in the very heart of Adelaide.

Where: Elder Park – Adelaide City Parklands
When: Sunday 16th August
Time: Start 10.00am – 12.00noon, Finish 4.00pm

For more information about nature Foundation SA and online registrations, visit www.naturefoundationsa.org.au, email admin@nfsa.org.au or call 8340 2880.

Sleep Research
The Flinders University Sleep Laboratory are seeking participants aged 13-25 for a research study. Participation involves completing a 10 minute online questionnaire to determine eligibility, then, if you are eligible, part 2 will involve filling out an online 7-day sleep-wake diary at home and wearing a wrist actigraphy watch for 7 days. A week later there will be some questionnaires and cognitive testing for you to undertake at our Sleep laboratory which should take 60 minutes. Participants who complete the full study will receive a $25 gift voucher of their choice. If you are interested in participating and would like to receive the link to the online screening questionnaire, please contact researcher, Alissia Wedge on wedg0003@flinders.edu.au.
Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

(Please note change of date for Year 8 & 9 conferences)

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will occur in Term 3:

The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 19th August 2015: Years 10, 11 and 12 – 3.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Monday 24th August 2015: Years 8 and 9 – 3.30pm – 8.30pm**

This year, Conference bookings will be made by parents using the ‘Parent Teacher Online’ website. Information, including a log-in and ‘how to’ guide will be distributed.

**Kane Hillman**  
**Assistant Principal Human Resources & Data**

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**SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education)**

**Parent Information Evening**

It has been decided to combine the Year 10 → 11 in 2016 and the Year 11 → 12 in 2016 Parent Information Evenings.

**This will now be held on Wednesday 12th August 2015, 6.00pm, to be held in the Brighton Theatre.**

Parents will be given information on the Year 11 & 12 curriculum offers in 2016 and Vocational Education and Training options for students.

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**Cyberbullying**

As from **July the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015** has been established. The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children’s Safety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them. There is a collection of resources available to families at [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au). Please visit this site for more information.
South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs (SAASPC) invites parents to attend

Sessions with Andrew Fuller

Monday 17 August
7.00 – 9.00pm
Valuing girls / valuing boys

Tuesday 18 August
9.30am – 4.00pm
Unlocking your child’s genius
Building resilience in children
Survival skills for parents
SAASPC annual general meeting

Where
Australian Education Union Building 163a
Greenhill Rd, Parkside

Cost
For SAASPC affiliated preschools and schools - free

For non affiliates
Monday evening  $27.50
Tuesday only     $44.00
Both sessions   $55.00

A light supper on Monday, and morning tea and lunch on Tuesday will be provided

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This is also an opportunity to meet and talk with parents from other preschools and schools

We appreciate the financial assistance of the Minister for Education and Child Development which enables us to meet the cost of the conference and provide accommodation for our country affiliates.

Accommodation
Limited free accommodation is available on Monday 17 August at Tiffins on the Park, 176 Greenhill Rd, Parkside for parents attending from affiliated preschools/ schools. It does not include meals or other expenses incurred.

If you do not belong to an affiliated preschool/ school or you wish to extend your stay you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation, although we are happy to assist you in any way.

Child care
While we are unable to provide child care ourselves, for parents attending from affiliated preschools/ schools we are able to reimburse you so your costs are covered.

Registration form / tax invoice – Sessions with Andrew Fuller

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

Name_________________________________________________________________
Home address__________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________Postcode __________
Telephone___________________________ Email______________________________

Preschool/School

My school/preschool is affiliated with SAASPC – no charge
I will be attending (please cross box)
   Monday evening [ ] Tuesday [ ] Both sessions [ ]

My school/preschool is NOT affiliated with SAASPC
I will be attending
   Monday evening $27.50 $…………………………
   Tuesday    $44.00 $…………………………
   Both sessions $55.00 $…………………………

I will require accommodation on
[ ] Monday 17 August

Please indicate if required
[ ] Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities)
[ ] I will be applying for reimbursement of childcare costs

Confirmation of registration and accommodation will be emailed or posted to your home address

ABN 60 901 906 615

Please make cheques payable to SAASPC - contact us for EFT details

Return by 3 August if accommodation is required, otherwise by 10 August to
SAASPC
GPO Box 2126 Adelaide 5001
fax 8522 4084

For more information
telephone 1800 724 640
e-mail info@saaspc.org.au
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