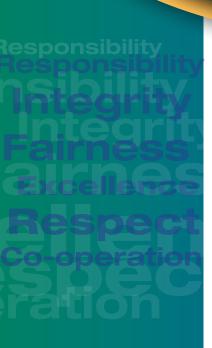
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From the **Principal**

Welcome to term 3. Now that the mid examinations, year parent/teacher/student conferences and the Term 2 reporting process are complete, plans must be put in place either to maintain momentum or to make up for lost time. I urge you to work with the teachers to ensure a successful outcome for your child by the end of the term.



The official opening of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) exhibition, 'Beyond the Desk', showcased the very talented teachers at Brighton who are practising artists. Art teacher and Cygnet House Leader, Cheryl Evans, dreamed of such an event and after three years of planning, with the support of her team, she made it happen.



Many of the pieces are for sale including jewellery designed by internationally recognized Kath Inglis. Congratulations to all artists: Mike Badenoch, Barbara Bleckly, Jill Brindley, Carol Cook, Cheryl Evans, Kath Inglis, Annie Kwok, Niccy Pallant, Yasmin Paterson, Con Preston, David Reed, Megan Retallick, Jamie Tester, Alan Todd, Nima Valamanesh and Maj-Lis Vatzlavik.

The Hakuo Study Tour and brief visit from Toyodai and Himeji schools in Japan enriched our environment. The Brighton student buddies were generous in their time and their understanding.

The students are enjoying the comfort of the new Brighton Performing Arts Centre for assemblies and the Drama students feel like real actors when performing in the space. I remind the school community that it is available for hire by phoning 0434 602 051.

Olivia O'Neill Principal

Diary Dates

AUGUST

29	SIV Year 7 in-zone trials, No. 1	
30	Old Scholars meeting, 7.30pm	
31	Year 8-11 Parent / Teacher /	

Student Conferences

31 Years 9-12 SIM auditions, Years 9-11

SEPTEMBER

1	SIV Year / in-zone trials, No. 2	
1	Curriculum Review meeting,	
	3.30nm	

5 School Closure Day (Royal Show)

6 Governing Council meeting,7.30pm

11 Sunday market
13-23 Festival of Music
14 Percussion Showcase
15 Uniform meeting 1.10

Uniform meeting, 1.10pmSIV SA Schools CupYear 8 Immunisations

25 Sunday Market

26 SIV Year 8, 9,10 in-school trials

27-29 Music Moderation

28 Curriculum Review meeting,

3.30pm

28-30 SIV South Coast Tour

29 Reports distribution, 3.00pm

30 Decibel Day

30 End of term 3, dismissal 1.00pm

30 Rock Eisteddfod

OCTOBER

17	Beginning	of term 4
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23 Sunday Market

25 Old Scholars meeting, 7.30pm

26 Valedictory, Adelaide Convention

Centre

28 Last day of formal lessons for

Year 12s

30 Sunday Market

31 Year 12 Exams begin

Congratulations

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to brothers **Riley and Jacob Cocks** who both won their respective age group in the State Cross Country Championships held at Oakbank Racecourse. Riley won the 5km U16 Boys title in a time of 17:40mins and Jacob won the 6km Open boys title in a time of 22:00mins.

Well done to both Riley and Jacob. Special mention must go to Michelle Lennon, Tim Lennon and Natasha Hollamby who all completed the course.



ROTARY AWARD

The Rotary Club of Brighton recently ran a 'Job Evaluation Program' for Year 12 students enrolled in the subject of 'Workplace Practices'. Three members of the Rotary Club evaluated the cover letters and résumés prepared by the students and conducted mock job interviews.

All students received honest and helpful feedback about their applications and interviews. A score for each section was calculated by the Rotary Club members and a "winner" for the program was declared. The "winner" was the person who would be offered the position as the successful applicant. That person was **Samuel Wall**. Samuel was presented with his award at a Rotary Club dinner.

The school appreciates the support of the Rotary Club of Brighton and the students benefit from their input into the program.

Sandra Larsen,
Coordinator, Career Development

Sports for

Schools



Brighton Secondary School has registered in the Sports for Schools promotion with Coles Supermarkets to acquire sporting equipment for the students to use during their recess and lunch breaks.

If you are shopping at Coles and are asked if you would like Sports for Schools vouchers, please say "yes" and send them along to school with your student. The collection box will be placed in Student Reception.

Congratulations

To Mark Masefield, Year 9, who has been selected in the state Under 15 Rugby Union Team.

Congratulations to Hannah Lyons who was selected to represent the state in the Pizzey Cup Tennis squad. The competition was held during the first week of Term 2 at the Bendigo Tennis Centre, Victoria. This was the first time SA had been represented for 15 years.

Jack Newton, Year 10, who has been selected in the State Under 15 Boys Hockey Team. The team is playing in Melbourne during the next school holidays.

Rachel Lyons who has been selected in the 2011 Women's Gymnastics State Team.

Matt Wright, Year 11, who has been awarded a Baseball Scholarship to the South Australian Sports Institute.

Jacob Cocks, Year 11, selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Cross Country Championships in Canberra in August.

Riley Cocks, Year 10, selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Cross Country Championships in Canberra in August.

Jenny Lee, Year 10, who has been selected in the Secondary School Sport SA Interstate Golf Championships to be held in August / September.

Ethan Rump, Year 10, who represented SAASA in swimming in week 2 of term 2.

Jocelyn Burnett, Year 12, who won a silver medal at the Australian Elite Junior Diving Championships held 15th July at the new Aquatics Centre.

Sarah Hopkins, Year 10, on winning silver and bronze medals at the Australian Elite Junior Diving Championships held at the new Aquatics Centre.

Mensur Cutahija, Year 9, who has been selected for the State U 15 Boy's A TableTennis team for the 2011. The Australian Junior championships will be held in NSW in September.

Congratulations to Shane Harvey, Patrick Cusenza, Chris Kither, Jack Whaley, Justin Evans and Harrison Riddle who play for the Glenelg Football Club. Their Under 15 Football Team won the State Championships at AAMI Stadium on Saturday 6th August.

Tom Bowen was named in the All Star 5 Interschool Surfing Championship team and will be participating in the National Championships in Tasmania later in the year.

Brighton Secondary School would like to make special mention of Jacob Cocks, Year 11, who has been chosen as a member of the 2011 Australian Commonwealth Games Team and will be very shortly travelling to the Isle of Man, United Kingdom to represent Australia at the IV Commonwealth Youth Games.

Jacob is one of 87 young Australian athletes who will compete in seven sports during these Games which will be held from 7th - 12th September.

Well done Jacob and we wish you well.





































Special Interest

Volleyball

YEAR 9 VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE-BRIGHTON VS HEATHFIELD

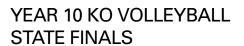
On Tuesday 5th July Brighton Secondary School hosted the annual 'Year 9 Brighton vs Heathfield Volleyball Challenge'. Each school entered three boys and three girls teams in the daylong competition. The day provided our students with much needed match conditions against strong opposition and gave the teachers an opportunity to observe how the teams competed in pressure situations. A group of Year 11 SIV students who recently completed their Level 1 Coaching Course were chosen to coach and mentor the year 9's. They are to be applauded in the enthusiastic and professional manner in which they conducted themselves. I know the Year 9's appreciated their support.

Players from both schools were also expected to share officiating duties including refereeing and scoring. To their credit, they performed these tasks admirably, contributing to a day that ran very smoothly. Although the challenge was informal and official results not kept, the matches were played in a competitive yet friendly spirit.

Many thanks to the Heathfield teachers and students for an enjoyable experience and the SIV staff at Brighton for ensuring the day was a success.

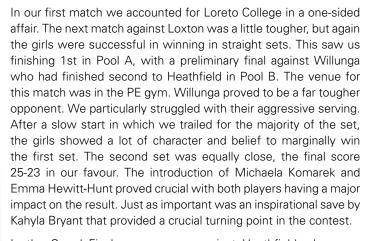






On Friday 1st of July Brighton Secondary School hosted the State Finals for the Year 10 Girls Knock-Out Volleyball. Automatically qualifying for the tournament denied our girls the chance to develop strategies

and systems in match conditions. However, we were confident that our preparation and talents would see us compete strongly throughout the daylong event.



In the Grand Final we came up against Heathfield who were also undefeated. A series of errors including a rotational fault, combined with some strong play by Heathfield saw us down 7-0 in the first set. Although the girls rallied we went down 25-21. The second set saw us play our best volleyball of the day. Clare Djokic dominated with her serve and the girls better utilised the 'free balls' to keep Heathfield to single figures for the set. In the deciding set our girls were able to continue their strong form winning comfortably. Maddie Murphy who improved as the day went on, dominated at the net with a series of punishing

spikes and block kills. Clare and Keturah Tinney set wonderfully well for the entire tournament and Brittany Kendall and Yvette Halstead were consistently strong performers throughout. Bonnie Armour's height also provided another spiking option and blocking presence at the net whilst Hannah White performed brilliantly in her role as passer and server.

Shane Durbridge



Drama

in the new BPAC

Following the exciting grand opening of the Brighton Performing Arts Centre in May our Drama classes literally hit the new stage running! With such a state of the art facility at our fingertips, we were all feeling extremely fortunate to test out the venue and share our talents with friends, family and the community.

Our Year 8 classes took to the stage first with theatrical presentations of myths and legends as part of their study of Greek Theatre. Week 8 saw our Year 11 Drama class perform their small group devised storytelling pieces, featuring the techniques of physical theatre and contemporary innovator, Julie Taymor. Week 9 was particularly theatrical with two evening performances from our Year 10 Drama classes presenting their small group devised Collage Dramas on the theme of Our Crazy Dreams and Nightmares. The busy term ended with our Year 9 Drama classes and their performances of a range of twisted fairytales to students from Paringa Park Primary School, along with an evening performance to the public. All performances were well supported and students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in truly authentic theatrical experiences.

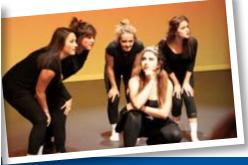
With new classes this semester, it has been a real treat for students to begin fresh in the new venue. We have another busy semester ahead and will have further opportunity to become acquainted with the space and new equipment.

The next major class performance is our Year 12 Group Production later this term. Students are presenting The Grimm Tales in the BPAC in Week 9. The physical theatre performance includes a selection of the familiar stories, with adaptations that are very close to the original versions written by The Brothers Grimm.

Term 4 will include our Year 11 Drama students in a group-devised production entitled Australians at War to coincide with Remembrance Day. Our Year 8-10 classes will also be presenting a range of performances toward the end of the term. We encourage you to come along and enjoy the new era of Drama at BSS. We look forward to seeing our supporters at the new Brighton Performing Arts Centre this semester.

Melissa White and David Reed









In the world of 'once upon a time' life contrasts between the dark and cruel, and the light hearted and superficial. With the questioning of morals underlying the action, for the characters it is about choosing to fight or take flight in their eternal search for the 'happily ever after'.

Performance Dates:

Wednesday 21st September 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd September 7.30pm Friday 23rd September 7.30pm

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 6th September and will be available from Student Reception. Adults: \$12, Student/Concession: \$8.

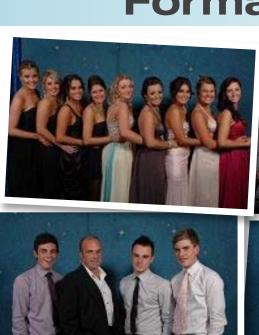
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Year 12

Formal

Brighton Secondary School Year 12 2011 Formal was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Thursday 7th May.



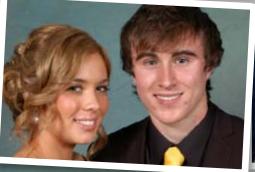


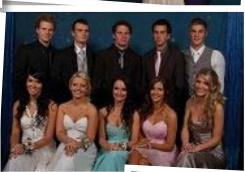






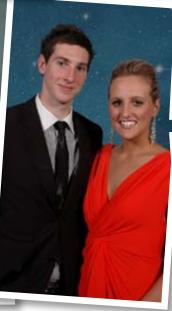


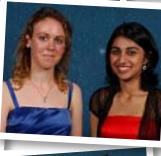


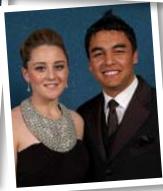


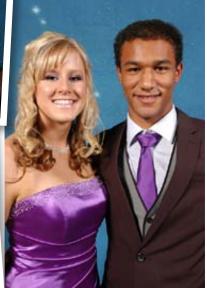














Girl with a Dog

Short Story & Art Competition



Supported by funds from the City of Holdfast Bay Council and the Claridge family, the annual Girl with a Dog competition was launched on the evening of Thursday 18th August in the school hall foyer. Guiding entrants this year was the theme: "Dare to Dream".

The winners of the short story and art competitions were presented by Jenni Reynolds, Community Development Officer, Holdfast Bay Council.

Congratulations to the following entrants who won the prize in each section:

Art Competition:

Primary (5-12 years) Macy Newman Secondary (13-18 years) Jasmine Crisp Open (19 years and over) Ashley Derman

Short Story Competition:

Primary (5-12 years) Julia Damato Secondary (13-18 years) Elina Lukina

David Thomson Assistant Principal





International

Student Programs

HAKUO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SHORT TERM STUDY TOUR

From Sunday 25th July to Saturday 13th August, Brighton Secondary and homestay families played host to a group of Short Term Study Tour visitors from Hakuo Junior High School, Japan. Their program had been planned by the school in conjunction with International Education Services to improve their grasp of the English language and to provide a taste of our Australian lifestyle. Students attended English as a Second Language classes and also attended some classes with their Australian 'buddies'. Their program was varied and included making Anzac biscuits, sporting activities such as Australian Rules football, cricket and volleyball. They also visited Cleland National Park and the Adelaide Central Market. A highlight for students was the visit from 'Animals Anonymous' where they were able to hold Australian animals and reptiles. The tour finished with a farewell ceremony with families, buddies and students.

We are extremely grateful to the generous families who hosted the students and offered Australian experiences that the school could not. It was obvious from the tone of the farewell when students boarded the bus to go to the airport that both Japanese students and host families enjoyed the experience. Many people contributed to the positive atmosphere engendered by this visit, by either planning or being involved in the many activities. Our thanks go to our own staff for their contribution to the program, and the wonderful students who were Australian 'buddies' for our guests.



The International Programs Committee would like to sincerely thank all students and staff involved in the program; in particular Ms Amie Flink, Acting Coordinator International Student Programs (Term 2) and Ms Deb Parsons Manager International Student Programs.

This was the 3rd visit Hakuo Junior High School has made to Brighton Secondary School and we look forward to seeing them again in 2012.

Lynlee Graham Coordinator International Student Programs















Languages

News

It's been a busy start to Term 3, with some intrepid students sitting the tests for the national Assessment of Language Competence certificates in Years 9 and 11 French and Japanese, and the exams for the state section of the Alliance Française competition in Years 10 & 11 French. We wish them all good luck as they await their results.

There have been numerous departures and arrivals of exchange students, and as we farewell Irene Hartl and Yvonne Witte, we welcome Kay Oestmann from Germany and Mirei Tani from Japan: both are Rotary students here for 12 months.

We also greeted Marine Huet from France for 10 weeks (here just at the right time, as she was able to join in Year 10 work experience, as well as be part of rubbishbusters for a week), Will Puelles from Spain for 3 months, and Bastien Pinot who's been here for only 6 weeks.

We had brief but enjoyable visits from our sister school in Japan, Toyodai Himeji. The students joined a Year 8 Japanese class, and experienced other lessons here in Art, Home Economics, Music and Physical Education (Aussie Rules). Thank you very much to students from the Years 10, 11, and 12 Japanese classes who did a great job as buddies. Special thanks to Ms Graham for organising the programme.

Things have been buzzing in the class room as well. The Year 9 French Paris project made good use of laptops, with an iMovie and presentation required. The Year 8 French game-making produced some excellent efforts which were tried out and appreciated by

the Year 10 French classes. Year 8 Japanese comic-strip creation resulted in some highly creative efforts, making excellent use of the language we've covered. Year 10 Japanese students made clever and entertaining 'doctor appointment' videos to present to the class.

All in all, a very good start to the semester.

Lyn Hearn, Coordinator, Languages and Exchanges

IMPRESSIONS FROM MARINE HUET, YEAR 10 EXCHANGE STUDENT

"Being on exchange changed my lifestyle. I gained independence and was left to myself while learning English in a completely unknown country! Here I was very quickly integrated, and met some very nice people who put me right at ease. The days have passed and it really feels like home, since I don't want to leave. At the end of this trip I have gained confidence in myself and improved my English, learned to live in Australia, and realised that Australia is a beautiful country I had an incredible opportunity to travel to. Now it's time to pack up and return to France, my head full of memories.

Thanks to Brighton Secondary School, I learned how the Australian students study. I'm very impressed by all the subjects they can choose, and all their kindness for international visitors."

BONJOUR,

My name is Joe Sizer and I've been extremely lucky to be able to come and work at Brighton Secondary School as a French teacher for Term three. My love for the French language came from spending two years travelling around the South of France and working in several varying occupations. After revisiting France many more times after that, I decided that I had to share the beauty of this magnificent country and language in schools around South Australia. This is also an extra exciting few months as my wife and I are expecting our first baby any day now! I look forward to spending the next couple of months with you all here at Brighton Secondary School.



Parents Involvement

in One-to-One Learning

The Brighton Secondary School's one-to-one learning program features teacher and student learning interaction using the student's notebook computer and a supporting Information Technology environment.

Students are able to learn the skills for thriving in the 'wired-world' in which we now live. The benefits to the student include ease of researching from the rich, dynamic set of global information now available, ease of sharing information with each other and their teachers plus gaining pride in being able to master the complexities of technology in preparing their school work. Using the one-to-one program, the teachers are more easily able to deliver and monitor many aspects of the curriculum, for example, the dissemination and collection of homework.

The involvement of Parents in their child's learning is important and so BSS Governing Council has setup a sub-committee for facilitating ideas for the parents' involvement in one-to-one learning. The subcommittee has received a small PIE grant from DECS to assist with its valuable work. The sub-committee has met a few times, included a few parents, teachers and students and now wishes to engage the wider BSS parents to seek their input.

At this stage, the sub-committee's plans include preparing a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) sheet for parents for assisting them and their child to maximise learning outcomes using the one-to-one technology in their homes. The sub-committee would greatly appreciate if parents could contribute by suggesting questions that are important to them. For example, what would you have found useful to know in the first few weeks of your student bringing the notebook home? What issues are you experiencing with the notebooks and your student that you would like answered?

The sub-committee's plans also include developing a Suggestions Sheet for parents' involvement in one-to-one learning. This Suggestions Sheet would complement the FAQ sheet. The Suggestions Sheet would cover useful suggested tips on the use of your student's notepad in the home (for example, time constraints/ internet access, and how to help out with homework). Therefore, any tips and suggestions that you may have would also be most welcome to be collated along with those we have already received. In subsequent newsletters, the sub-committee will explain our progress and intentions.

So any useful questions, suggestions or feedback, please let the Parents' One to One Learning Committee know by sending an e-mail to **governingcouncil@brightonss.sa.edu.au**. Thank you.

Parents' One-to-One Learning Committee

A Taste of Korea

On Thursday 18th August the Asia Literacy Committee at Brighton Secondary School hosted "A Taste of Korea".

Participants included some of our staff members, BSS Korean international students and guests from DECS, the Lotus Asia Network as well as special guest Kelly Lee, a Year 7 student from Belair Primary School. The program began with mingling and tasting of food prepared by some members of the committee as well as welcoming piano playing from Sung Jun Kang.

Kelly Lee, dressed in traditional costume, sang a Korean piece and delighted the audience. Kelly will be joining the Special Interest Music program in 2012. Chris Liu from BSS played a magnificent piano solo.

Jackie Thomson, Curriculum Manager Asia Literacy R-12, spoke about resources to support engagement with Asia in the curriculum as well as opportunities for teachers to travel to Korea. Christine Thompson, Curriculum Manager, English 8 – 12, spoke about her personal journey in relation to her love of Korea and its literature, as well as her teaching experiences there. BSS teachers Gemma Brunckhorst and Dzintra Kargans also shared their positive experiences of the





Winter NK International Schooling Camp in Korea, where they and BSS students joined other students and teachers from Australia and Korea.

The program concluded with a cooking demonstration from Amy Kim and Grace Lee. Their bulgogi dish was eagerly tasted and received high praise from the participants. Jenny Lee, Angela Kang, Nathan Park and Sae-jan Park also assisted.

One of our visitors commented that "it was a pleasure to participate in the program and I want to congratulate you for hosting and orchestrating such a fine meeting/event. The room looked great, the food was excellent and the music was spine-tinglingly lovely".

This event reflects Brighton's ongoing engagement with Asia and also promotes intercultural understanding in our community.

Barbara Richards
Deputy Principal; Director of Curriculum

School to School

Pilot Project



In Terms 3 and 4 the Year 9 Japanese class have an exciting opportunity to be involved in a school to school pilot project where they travel to Brighton Primary School and teach the Year 7 students basic Japanese conversation skills on Monday's during one of our double Japanese lessons.

The aim of the project is to consolidate the vocabulary and knowledge of the Year 9 students in an authentic situation. You really need to know the language

to teach it to someone else! A secondary aim is that this program will excite the Year 7 students about learning a second language next year.

We have received a grant to carry out this project and have been using iPads to film the Japanese conversations between the Year 9 and Year 7 students.

Both the Year 9 and Year 7 students are really enjoying the project. The Year 7 students finding are challenging but are enjoying learning new Japanese words

expressions each week. The Year 9 students are enjoying being

the teachers and are finding ways to teach the language more effectively. Both groups are excited to have the opportunity to use the iPads as a part of their language learning and have been getting along really well during the weekly sessions.

By the end of the project the Year 7s will have completed a Self Introduction and a Role play with the Year 9 students entirely in Japanese.

I am very excited to be involved in this pilot project and can't wait to see the final products produced cooperatively by the Year 9 and Year 7 students.

Amie Flink Japanese Teacher



SALA

at BSS

SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS LIFE DRAWING EXHIBITION

A group of year eleven and year twelve students are currently exhibiting life drawings at Carclew Youth Arts Centre in North Adelaide as part of South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival. These students completed a full day workshop at the Art Gallery of South Australia. Tuition from experienced lecturers from the Central School of Art instructed these students on the challenges of Life Drawing.



Community News

PARENTING COURSES

Organisations such as Centacare, 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide and Relationships Australia, 49a Orsmond Street, Hindmarsh constantly run courses for parents. They run many and varied courses on topics, such as:

Inside His Head, Understanding Teenage Boys How to Drug Proof your Kids

Mum's House, Dad's House – dealing with change after separation.

Focus on Kids

Making Step Families Work

Some of these courses are run free of charge and others there is a small fee. For information on courses, dates and costs, please phone: Centacare **8210 8200** or Relationships Australia **8245 8100**.

RAISING GIRLS

Mr Steve Biddulph is giving a talk at Immanuel College on Monday 26th September, 7.30pm entitled "Raising Girls". Tickets @ \$27.50 each can be booked on **www.trybooking.com/ucf**

SOMERTON BRIGHTON TENNIS CLUB

2011 / 12 Summer Season

Nominations are now being sought from Junior & Senior players for the upcoming summer season.

Junior Registration and Free come n try coaching morning on Saturday 10th September 9.00am – 12.00noon.

Phone or email to register: Steve Beckley **0431 891 733**.

Email: sbeckley@chariot.net.au

Somerton Park Tennis Club is located at 40 Wilton Avenue, Somerton Park.

SEACLIFF TENNIS CLUB

Open Days

Sunday 28th August 2011 11.00am – 3.00pm at Aboyne Avenue, Seacliff Park and Saturday Sept. 3rd 12.00pm – 3.00pm at Lipson Avenue, Seacliff. Free BBQ.

For details phone **0417 824 143** or **jimmatthews@internode.on.net**

GLENLEA TENNIS CLUB

There is a Junior Open Day at the club on Sunday September 4th 2.00pm – 4.00pm. It will be held at the Glenlea Tennis Club, Ferguson Avenue, Novar Gardens. Come and have a hit / meet the coach, bbq sausage sizzle, games and prizes.

Call **0416 726 956** for information.

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