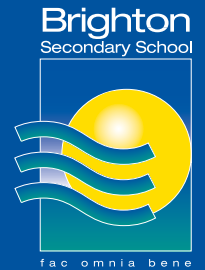


# Brighton Secondary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

The new staff have settled in well. We welcome:

- Pauline Crawford, English
- Mary Dellas, English
- Shane Durbridge, Physical Education, Volleyball
- Irene Frangos, Society & Environment
- Matt Fuss, Physical Education
- Ange MacDonald, Maths
- Michael Montedoriso, Science
- Niccy Pallant, Art
- Richard Pearce, Society & Environment
- Denis Peel, Maths
- Pierre Perez, Languages
- Sophie Russell, English
- Jan Sutherland, School Counsellor
- Lyle Sutton, Coordinator Maths
- Peter Vowles, Coordinator PE & Healthy Lifestyles
- Carmel Vozzo, Business Education
- Toby Ward, Science

It is only March and yet the school is brimming with events. Soon the Community Performing Arts Centre will be built. We are already planning the official opening for Thursday 26th May 5.30pm – 7.30pm and will keep you posted.

The Anzac Tour to Villiers-Brettonneux builds on the success of the 2009 tour. Jeffrey Kong and I will be leading the eight students in the Term 1 holidays.

The Year 8 and 9 students will be involved in Standards Day on 10th March in preparation for Sports Day on Friday 25th March.

The staff are looking forward to professional development on March 15th in understanding how to use the DECS document, 'Teaching for Effective Learning'.

I have been invited to attend the Apple World Leaders Summit in Singapore from 2nd to 9th March. In my absence, Deputy Principal, Barbara Richards, will step into my role. The Year 9 students will receive their Apple Macbook before the end of Term 1.

The Deputy and the Assistant Principals recently attended the Regional Conference with me. Dr Neil Carrington provided good advice about how we can improve our capacity to develop staff performance.

The Lift Dance Company performed in the Adelaide Fringe to wide acclaim. Congratulations to these students: Lauren Penery, Nicola Evans, Mai Ly Irvine, Kieran Turnbull, Phoebe Fisher, Margaret Cusenza, Molly Warland, Naomi McAnna, Brianna Witty, Alex Bachmatiuk, Lizzie Bastable, Abby Bastable, Amy Scott, Jordan Bray, Mark Oakley, Megan Hulbert and Paris Martin.

More parents attended the Year 8 Acquaintance evening than in the past and soon the Years 11 and 12 parents will meet the Home Group teachers on Thursday 24th March 2011 at 7.00pm.

The Year 12 students have demonstrated a keen interest in designing their inquiry topic for the Research Project - a key requirement in the New SACE. The staff are already enjoying the challenge of mentoring the students in their personal projects.

Staff have all joined at least one committee in the interests of developing a professional learning community that tries to continuously improve our practices.



**2011 Head Prefects,  
Danny Clarkson and Jess O'Reilly**

The Term 1 report will look a little different - the New SACE requires grades not percentages: A to E in Year 11 and A+ to E- in Year 12. We have taken the decision to use the A+ to E- scheme for Years 8 to 10 as well. In addition, teachers will report on and evaluate:

- **School Values:** indicates the degrees to which a student displays the school values of Cooperation, Excellence, Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility.
- **Work Ethic:** reflects a student's approach towards learning including engagement and focus, motivation, organisation and perseverance to complete tasks, in school and at home.
- **Learning Strategies and Skills:** refers to the appropriate use and increasing control of subject specific skills such as creativity, thinking, inquiry and research skills.

Finally, we are planning the 60th Anniversary of Brighton Secondary School in 2012. This is particularly exciting. We are keen to canvas creative ideas from the school community and look forward to any of your suggestions or offers of support.

**Olivia O'Neill  
Principal**



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# Diary Dates

## MARCH

- 1 Old Scholars Meeting, 7.30pm
- 1 House swimming
- 2 Volleyball parent meeting 7.00pm
- 3 Leadership Assemblies
- 3-6 Fringe Festival Dance Theatre
- 3-6 Australian Dance Theatre
- 7 Yr 10 / 11 / 12 Beach Volleyball
- 8 Year 8 & 9 Bullying seminars
- 8 Interschool Swimming
- 9 Year 8 Standards Day
- 9 SRC Leadership training
- 10 Annual General Meeting
- 10 Year 9 Standards Day
- 10 Uniform Committee, 1.10pm
- 11 Year 8 Immunisations
- 13 Sunday Market (car boot)
- 14 Public Holiday
- 15 Student Free Day (Staff training)
- 18 Harmony Day
- 21 Year 8 Woodhouse (Buffalo)
- 22 Year 8 Woodhouse (Cygnet)
- 22 Old Scholars Meeting 7.30pm
- 23 Year 8 Woodhouse (Holdfast)
- 24 Year 8 Woodhouse (Rapid)
- 24 Year 11 & 12 Acquaintance Evening, 7pm
- 25 Sports Day
- 27 Sunday market (car boot)
- 28 Finance meeting

## APRIL

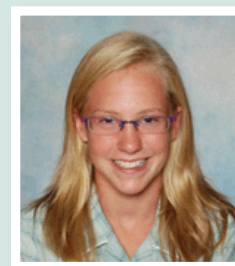
- 4 Governing Council, 7.30pm
- 10 Sunday market (car boot)
- 13 Interschool Athletics
- 14 Uniform Committee, 1.10pm
- 15 End of term, 1.00pm dismissal



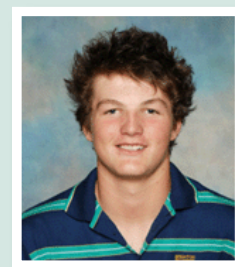
## OLD SCHOLAR NEWS

Luke Fidock, who graduated from Brighton Secondary School in 2007, has been serving Australia with the Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan since December 2010. Luke is pictured here setting up a light weight counter mortar radar at the Multinational Base in Afghanistan.

# Congratulations



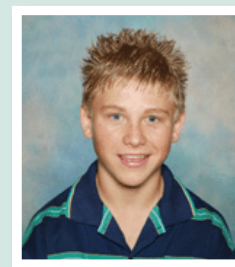
To **Renee Robb**, Year 10, who was selected in the State Development team in Surf Lifesaving and competed in Tasmania in a Southern States competition from 13th – 16th January. The South Australian team won the competition.



To **Matthew Wright**, Year 11, who has been selected in the Under 18 State Baseball League team to compete in the championships in Lismore NSW from 9th – 20th April.



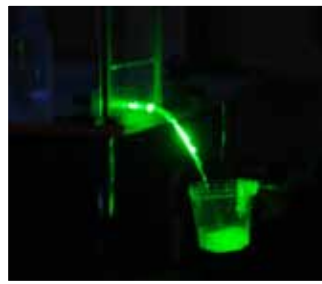
To **T-Jay Rump**, Year 9, who was also selected in the State Development team for Surf Lifesaving and competed in Tasmania 13th – 16th January.



To **Patrick Page**, Home Group 1002H, has been chosen for the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Talent Search Cycling Squad for 2011.

# National Youth

# Science Forum 2011



Current year 12 students, DeAnne Wilson and Danny Clarkson, represented Brighton Secondary School at the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in January this year. DeAnne travelled to Canberra while Danny went to Perth. Congratulations to both DeAnne and Danny for selection in the highly regarded Forum.

Special congratulations to Danny Clarkson who has been selected to be a presenter at next year's Forum. Selection to be a presenter for the next Forum is an honour for just a few of the 2011 star participants who will be 18 by the end of the year.

DeAnne Wilson's letter below was written by her to Ms O'Neill and the Science faculty following her National Youth Science Forum experience in Canberra in January this year.

"I would like to thank you for your contribution towards my trip to Canberra. I had an amazing experience at the National Youth Science Forum as I learnt many, many things and certainly had a lot of fun along the way.

At the NYSF I was given several opportunities, such as participating in the opening ceremony at Parliament House as well as listening to many world renowned scientists during some of the forums, debates and presentations. Throughout the two weeks I had a jam packed schedule containing laboratory visits with my engineering group, forums, debates, presentations and many more activities. Aside from the science activities I also learnt many other things such as public speaking, study skills and what lies beyond Year 12.

During the lab visits and forums I have learnt a lot about the scientific and engineering community and what they do. I have found that the experience has really ignited my passion for science and mathematics to even greater levels. The forum has certainly opened my eyes to many possibilities beyond school and has made me realise that where I begin is not necessarily where I will finish up. Since the forum I have been itching to come back to school and study science and mathematics, it really has made me keen to learn even more.

From the NYSF I will be able to take the knowledge and skills that I have gained and implement them through Year 12 and beyond. Not only will I take away the knowledge but also the many friendships and memories of the NYSF and the amazing experience that it was.

I hope I may be able to share with you more of the experiences that I had at the NYSF."

**DeAnne Wilson, Year 12**

## Report by Danny Clarkson

For twelve days over the summer school holidays I attended the National Youth Science Forum in Perth, Western Australia. Along with 145 other students from around Australia it was a great introduction to the career possibilities in science and engineering and a hands-on experience in a wide range of areas. Over the two weeks we attended nearly 20 lab visits and were exposed to some of Australia's leading scientists. Some of the lab visits included a trip to the Gin Gin Gravity centre where research is being conducted into the detection of Gravity waves and the Square Kilometre Array development complex.

Apart from the academic side of the program it was a fabulous opportunity to network with like-minded people from around Australia. Trust me, staying with a group of people; all with similar interests and mindsets was a LOT of fun. I can't recommend the program highly enough to anyone interested in a career in science or engineering.

**Danny Clarkson, Year 12**



# Girls Learn to Surf Day

Unlike the hot weather we have had in previous years, this year was gloomy and rained heavily on our arrival at Southport. Even though there was no surf, the girls didn't let the conditions dampen their enthusiasm. A large group went snorkelling instead and were rewarded with clear water and a great variety of fish. This experience alone made the day worthwhile for many. Others tried their skills on surf skis, whilst others paddled down the river to the mouth on surf boards. There were some small waves in the afternoon, and the girls had a great time learning the basics of surfing.

**Anthea Williams**  
PE Teacher



# 2010 SACE

## Report

**Our top student in 2010 was Eugene Braslavskiy. Eugene achieved an ATAR of 99.45 and achieved 3 merits. Kateryna Burlak who was awarded the Dux of Brighton Secondary School achieved an ATAR of 99.35 and Alice Andrawos achieved an ATAR of 99.25.**

Other students with particularly outstanding results were:

Cashmere Collins-McBride	98.55
Joanna Keogh	97.65
Megan McDermott	97.3
Julia Hicks	96.8
Sam Reid	96.6
Alva Yin	95.5
Elise Clarke	92.65
James Colton	92.65
Kimberley Evans	93.35
Eliza Graham	94.8
Callum Gunn	93.6
Nick Jiang	92.35
Kate Jeong	95
Hannah Kastrappi	94.8
Emmalee Rowlands	93.05
Jennifer Wu	93.05
Valeriya Kuznetsova	92.05
Sandy Tatyrek	92.05
Jacky Lau	91.8
Gabriella Coote	91.2
Renae Lloyd	93.85
Madalina Oprea	91.45

In total we had 12 students who achieved an ATAR of 95 and above. This is a particularly outstanding result and these students should be commended for their hard work and consistency throughout the year.

All students who managed to complete their SACE also deserve to be congratulated. It is a difficult year for many students to navigate their way through a heavy workload and balance work, family and friends and achieving their SACE certificate is a huge effort in itself.

Our students received a total of 27 merits. Callum Gunn received three merits (Composing and Arranging, Solo Performance and Performance Special Study), Alice Andrawos received two merits (Biology and Chemistry), Rachel Bartholomew received two merits (Solo Performance and Performance Special Study), Ben Betelli received one merit (Composing and Arranging), Eugene Braslavskiy received four merits over 2009 /10 (Performance Special Study, Solo Performance, Legal Studies and Mathematical Studies), Kateryna Burlak received one merit (Biology), Danny Clarkson received one merit (Photography), Cashmere Collins-McBride received two merits (Ensemble Performance and Mathematical Studies), Eliza Graham received one merit (Health Studies), Hannah Greenshields received two merits (Solo Performance and Performance Special Study), Katherine Haddow received one merit (Health Studies), Julia Hicks received two merits (Ensemble Performance and Solo Performance), Joanna Keogh received two merits for subjects studied through the School of Languages (Italian Beginners and Spanish Beginners), Megan McDermott received one merit (Psychology), Jake Taylor received two merits (Ensemble Performance and Solo Performance), Lily Upton received one merit (Visual Art Studies), Tong Zhang received two merits (Ensemble Performance and Performance Special Study).

An outstanding result from these students.

A total of 264 A's were received by our student cohort compared to 258 in 2009. Eugene Braslavskiy, Cashmere Collins-McBride and Julia Hicks received 6 A's.

Alice Andrawos, Ben Betelli, Kateryna Burlak, Callum Gunn, Hannah Kastrappi, Joanna Keogh and Megan McDermott all received 5 A's.

2010 was a watershed year as it was the final time we would be offering the new and the 'old' SACE together. Whilst our Year 12 students were undertaking the 'old' SACE, our Year 11 students were completing the requirements of the New SACE for the first time.

These changes impacted not only on the students, but also the teachers. Teachers had to write new Learning and Assessment Plans, redesign assessment tasks so that they were in line with the new Subject Outlines and change their marking scheme from the old SACE requirements to awarding students with a grade from A to E.

Overall the transition has been a smooth one, thanks to the professionalism and dedication of staff at Brighton. They have embraced the changes at hand, attending professional development sessions and working within faculty teams.

2011 promises to be an equally busy and eventful year as we prepare for the full implementation of the New SACE across both Year 11 and Year 12. It will also be the first time students at Year 12 will be required to undertake the Research Project, a compulsory subject where students must achieve a minimum C grade to complete their SACE. I am very confident that the extensive planning conducted by all faculty areas in 2010 to prepare the school for 2011 will see Brighton continuing to be the school of choice for all students, offering a high standard of education in a setting where all individuals are supported and encouraged to achieve their personal best.

**Warren Eaton**  
**Senior School / SACE Coordinator**

# Visual Arts & Design

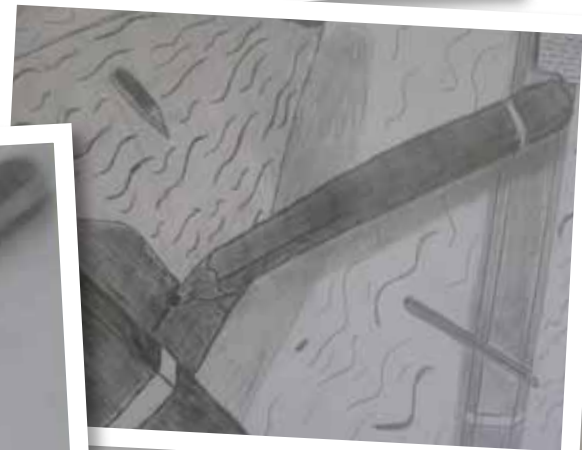
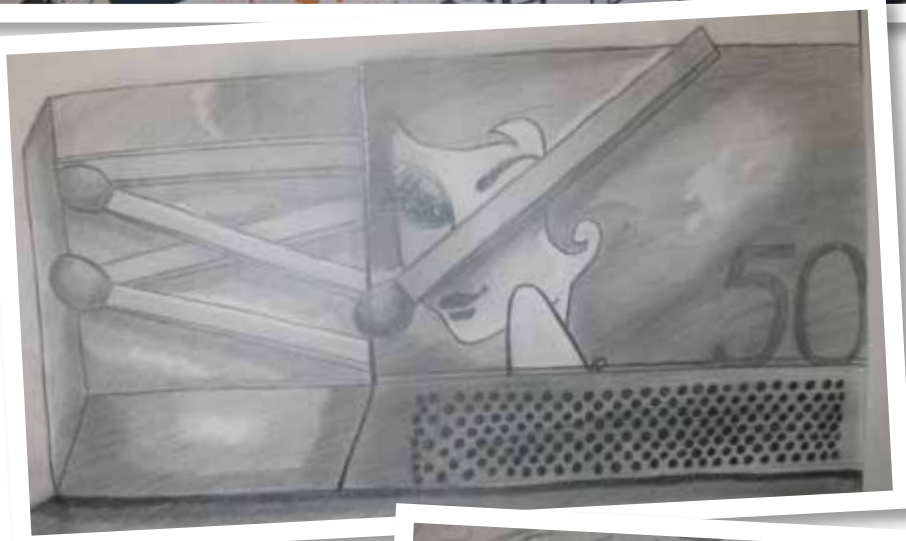
## Term 1



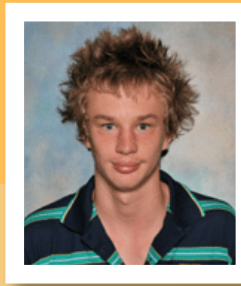
We have many projects beginning and students are already immersed in drawing and discovering ideas and media. Year 10 and Year 12 students will be visiting the Fringe Festival Art works early this term. Beth Mayfield, an ex Brighton Secondary School student, visited the Year 12 class to discuss Life Drawing. Year 10 students have been completing their Observation Drawing – drawing ordinary objects out of scale. We welcome a new staff member, Ms Niccy Pallant, to Art and Design at Brighton Secondary School.



**Yas Paterson**  
Coordinator Visual and  
Performing Arts



# Careers



## Information

### SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

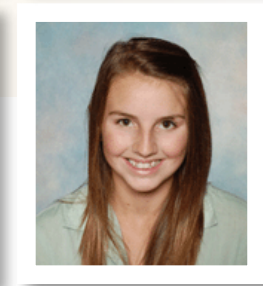
Being a School-Based Apprentice means students commence their Apprenticeship while still at school, therefore getting a head-start in their career.

There are many advantages for students who enjoy practical and hands-on work and who have a clear idea of what they would like to do once they leave school to commence a School-Based Apprenticeship. Students also earn a wage and gain nationally recognised qualifications. It enables the student to also get credit towards their SACE and an opportunity to become a valued employee in the industry of their choice.

Brighton Secondary School has five students completing School-Based Apprenticeships.

- Alec Lyons is in Year 12 and is completing the Certificate III in Floor and Wall Tiling. His host employer is David Woodland-Lee.
- Thomas Hanlin is in Year 12 and is completing the Certificate II in Automotive Vehicle Servicing. His host employer is Graham Cornes Motors Pty Ltd.
- Jack Abbott is in Year 12 and is completing the Certificate III in Bicycle Mechanics. His host employer is J T Cycles.
- Louise Bedford is in Year 11 and is completing the Certificate III in Hairdressing. Her host employer is Sharon Rae Mercurio.
- Craig Cocking is in Year 11 and is completing the Certificate III in Electro-technology. His host employer is Complete Electrical Solutions.

Enquiries about School-Based Apprenticeships should be directed to Sandra Larsen, the Career Development Coordinator.



### INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT?

If students are interested in pursuing a career in Hotel Management there is an opportunity to experience first hand what studying for a successful career at the top end of the international hotel industry would be like.

The International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) holds a Career Week twice a year at the Regency Campus.

The Career Week is held from 4 to 8 July and again from 3 to 7 October. Students interested in attending ICHM can go along and experience a week in the life at ICHM. We have had students from Brighton Secondary School participate in the Career Week in the past and they have said it was an extremely beneficial and worthwhile experience.

These week long courses are very popular. There are limited places and they fill very quickly. If parents are interested in getting their sons/daughters to attend this week they should reserve a place early. A brochure regarding the ICHM Career Week is available from Ms Larsen in the Careers Office. The website address is [www.ichm.edu.au](http://www.ichm.edu.au).

## ACTING WORKSHOPS

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# Community News

## SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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Make lifelong international friends

Share our Australian culture and lifestyle

For details on hosting an exchange student please contact Jenny Hanson, Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, phone **8556 1268**. Toll free **1800 500 501**.

## HOMESTAY NEEDED

A current female Year 12 student, who is at our school from interstate, is looking for a homestay near Brighton Secondary School. If you, or anyone you know, may be able to provide accommodation for the rest of 2011, could you please contact School Counsellor, Jan Sutherland, phone **8375 8200**.

## MARION CELEBRATES FESTIVAL

Bring your family and friends to the Marion City Council's biggest outdoor festival showcasing the talents and community spirit of Marion.

Sunday 27th March 2011, 11.00am – 5.00pm at the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way, Bedford Park (off Sturt Road next to the Maion Caravan Park)

Activities include: 4,000 native plants to give away, face painting, animal nursery, children's story telling, free camel rides, 50 arts, crafts and community information stalls.

Main stage performances include African drumming, Key Country, Bollywood, flamenco and Indonesian dancers.

Come along and help to design a native garden display and create a beautiful arts installation with professional artists. Learn about Aboriginal culture on a cultural tour.

Plenty of food and refreshments available.

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# Take a Seat



## Take a seat in the new Brighton Community Performing Arts Centre

There is an opportunity for members of the community to sponsor a seat (or a number of seats) in the new Brighton Community Performing Arts Centre.

The seating capacity of the new Performing Arts Centre is three hundred and fifty theatre quality seats. For a donation of \$100, sponsors who contribute to this initiative will be recognised by a named plaque to be attached to the back of a randomly allocated seat.

Donations are payable to the Brighton Secondary School Building Fund. Tax deductible receipts will be mailed to sponsors upon receipt of the donation and completion of the attached registration form.

Sponsors will also be included on a mailing list to be invited to the official opening of the Community Performing Arts Centre, and other high profile community events in the first year of operation.

This offer will obviously be limited. You could be one of only 350 people to have your contribution recognised. Please take this opportunity to be recognised as one of the individuals who contributed to the furnishing of this new, state of the art, community facility.

Olivia O'Neill  
Principal  
Brighton Secondary School

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