Principal's Report

Term one has been an outstanding term in many respects. Sport has certainly been a feature. In addition to our normal sports curriculum, this term BHHS students have been able to compete in interschool competitions, cross country, house swimming sports and district swimming sports events. I was delighted to hear about the number of students who will be representing our school at the State level – congratulations to you all. Sincere thanks to Mr Whitehead and our coaches for all their hard work this term.

It has also been a busy term for camps. Thank you to Ms Eastwood, Mr Warton and all the staff who attended the Year 7 camp and are currently attending the Year 8 camp. They were very successful and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to learn and try new things in a safe, supportive environment.

We have also enjoyed many community events which provided the opportunity for our parents to meet and talk together. These included the SEAL Parents' Support Group Meetings and the Year 7 and Year 8 Picnics. Thank you to Mr Jellinek, Ms Eastwood, Mr Warton and the many staff who also supported these excellent events.

Finally many politicians and senior educational officials have visited our school, including our Regional Director, our Assistant Regional Director, the Education Minister Mr Dixon, the State Attorney General Mr Robert Clark, and the deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Mrs Anna Burke. Each and every one of these people expressed how impressed they were by the school, the teachers and the programs that are run here!

We have a number of clubs, lunch time activities and after school activities that are run at our school. I think you will be very impressed by the variety and the absolute dedication of our staff who give up their free time to run many of these clubs!

The interest in our school from people outside our community continues to be amazing. We have been running tours every week for prospective parents and students and recently we have had to run additional tours to accommodate all the people who wish to see our school in action. Parents continue to be impressed by our great academic record, the wonderful staff, the variety of activities on offer for the students and the tolerant and accepting environment.

This term as we sadly farewell Ms Evans Hayes, we also say farewell to Ms Baggooley as she leaves us to have her baby. Further staff changes for next term will occur due to Mr Flavell, Ms Green and Ms Tesoriero taking Long Service Leave.

So as a very short, but very action-packed term finishes, I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back at school next term.

Mrs Kate Mitchell, Principal
Parent Teacher Interviews

Bookings can now be made for Parent/Teacher Interviews to be held early in Term 2. For details and bookings refer to the school website.

Taming of the Shrew

It is with great pleasure that we announce the cast for this year's School Production of William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew".

Auditions were carried out during several lunchtimes over the past two weeks and after much deliberation we have found a wonderfully dynamic cast with whom we cannot wait to work.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Katharina - Maddie Dunkley
- Baptista - Parris Koumouris
- Lucentio - Tristan Carter
- Gremio - Emily Peart / Bridey Roddis
- Grumio - Bridget Webster / Danielle Graham
- Vincentio - Katherine Sienkiewicz
- Sly - Tahl Smith / Rory Sorenson
- Page - Sarah Leggo
- Tailor - Max Ginger
- Widow - addie Coleman
- Petruchio - Tim Palstra
- Bianca - Lizzy Cooper / Masha Roitman
- Tranio - Kate Blain
- Hortensio – Emily Cook / Tess Amad-Corson
- Biondello - Jessica Lyth
- Merchant - Nick Welch
- Lord - Tim Hughes / Matt Taylor
- Curtis - Jordan Ginger
- Haberdasher – Jamie Vitacca
- Hostess - Anna Papas

Supporting Cast - Gregor Campbell, Pat Cotter, Francesca Cantillo, Alex Ivanov, Vasish Vasan, Ruby Loosli, Sarah Grant, Dominique Amad-Corson, Isabella Coleman, Naomi Parker, Lachie MacDonald, Charlotte Callanan.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons next term with production and performances occurring in the last week of July and the first week of August. We are still looking for more students to participate in all levels of performance and production so please, Get Involved!

Mr Toby Wilkins & Ms Stephanie Davidson

Premier's Active Families Challenge

Help our school win $350-$1000 of sports gear!

The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family! Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register. For more details – see our website.
House Sports - Cross Country

Last Friday, our students competed in the schools cross country running competition. The weather was threatening however held off long enough to complete the 2.5 km course at Blacks Walk. Congratulations to all who competed (including several staff) on a great afternoon and some great results. Congratulations to the following students for winning their age group. We will be sending a number of students to the district finals next term.

13 Boys - Rami Jarrar  
14 Boys - Alexander Ritchie  
15 Boys – Brad DeFranceschi  
16 Boys – Judd Francisco  
17/20 Boys – Richard Farr

13 Girls - Ayla Williams  
14 Girls – Alice Wolhuter  
15 Girls – Jessica Tong  
16 Girls – Bridget Roddis  
17/20 Girls – Bridget Wolhuter

All students who completed the course earned points for their house and final results for the house points will be available soon.

Interschool Sports

It’s been a big few weeks for interschool sports and we have had a number of teams and individuals competing to get to the regional finals.

Baseball – Intermediate
Year 8 and Year 7 Baseball have all been played over the last couple of weeks with all teams representing the school well. Congratulations to the year 7 team that won both games and will play one more to get to the regional finals. The Year 8 team won its first match but the competition was rained out and will be continued at a later date. Our teams were coached by Mr Bond, Mr Christofakakis, Mr Carr and Mr Whitehead.

Softball
Our Year 7 and Year 8 girls competed in softball last week with some excellent results. The Year 8 team won its first match but, like the baseball, was rained out to be finished on another day. The Year 7 Softball team had great success winning both games and will play one more to get to the Regional Finals.

Tennis
Our intermediate teams competed at the district tennis competition and represented our school well in what turned out to be a long day. Thank you to Ms Fischer for her expertise on the day.

Swimming
The big sporting news at Box Hill High is the amazing achievement of the BHHS swimming team. Last week our team competed at the regional finals at Boroondara pool with Elliot Rogerson winning the 50 metre Butterfly and Backstroke. Our 14 year old girls won the 4x50 Medley relay and the 4x50 Freestyle relay. The 13yo Boys won the 4x50 freestyle relay. 10 students will compete at the State Finals this Thursday and are a great chance to be State Champions!! A big thank you to Mr Johnson, Ms Sporri and Mr Bond for their help at the district and regional competitions. Good luck! Go Box Hill High!

Mark Whitehead, Sports Coordinator
Visual Communication and Design

agIdeas 2012 Futures - Wednesday 23 May 2012

agIdeas Futures is a two hour forum by some of the world’s creative leaders. It is preceded by the agIdeas Expo with careers information from major design colleges. Conducted exclusively for secondary school students and their parents and teachers, agIdeas Futures fires imaginations and encourages innovative thinking.

At this presentation, you will hear creative luminaries reveal the inside stories of their brilliant careers. At the agIdeas Expo, information booths set up by tertiary colleges provide details of courses they offer. You can obtain helpful advice about the transition from secondary to tertiary education and explore pathways to careers.

Presented annually for the past 21 years in Melbourne agIdeas International Design Week has evolved into one of the largest and most prestigious design festivals in the world.

I would strongly encourage all students and parents at Box Hill High School to attend this inspiring event as we have had a large attendance from the school community over the past few years.

This event is held after school hours: Careers Expo 4.00-6.00pm followed by the Futures Forum 6.00-8.00pm.
The venue is Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) Main Foyer, 1 Convention Centre place, South Wharf (www.mcec.com)
Tickets are available on line at www.agideas.net or call 9416 2966, cost $40.00 ph including a 400 page hard cover special edition book on agIdeas.
Tickets are limited and selling very fast so I would recommend purchasing them as soon as possible if you wish to attend to avoid disappointment.

Mr Bryan Handson (Visual Communication & Design Coordinator)

Debating

Do topics such as “That political party leaders should be directly elected by the Australian public”, “That all domestic content quotas on TV and radio should be abolished” and “That we should not celebrate Australia Day” stir your emotions? Then, welcome to the world of Debating!

On Thursday 15 March 2012, Box Hill High School competed in the first round of the Schools Debating Competition run by the Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV) at Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School. It was an excellent start to the season for our enthusiastic and conscientious debaters. With our school well-represented by six teams, the atmosphere was filled with anticipation and excitement.

It is always a delight to see our students debate. All four Box Hill D Grade teams won their first round against the likes of Northcote High, Ivanhoe Girls and Marcellin College. Our A and C Grade teams put up a good fight against Ivanhoe Girls and Northcote High respectively, losing by the narrowest of margins.

Congratulations to Kushali Thacker, Spencer Harvey and newcomer, Jerome Yong, who were awarded “Best Speaker” for their debates on the night.
The teams on the night were:

**A Grade**  
Sarah Wiles, Grady Barrett and Erin Wait

**C Grade**  
Wynona Chin, Rohan Cornelio and Ashley Hanson

**D Grade 1**  
Harshdeep Kaur, Pamoda Guruge and Sophie Roberts

**D Grade 2**  
Jerome Yong, Georgia Wiles and Gregor Campbell

**D Grade 3**  
Rami Jarrar, Brooke Hanson and Spencer Harvey

**D Grade 4**  
Khushali Thacker, Andrew Wilson and Peter Drew

As our school is competing in the Ivanhoe region of the Competition, the remaining four rounds will also be held at Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School. The A and C Grade teams compete at 7pm and the D Grade teams at 8pm.

The Competition dates for the Ivanhoe Region are as follows:

- **Round 2**: Thursday 19 April 2012
- **Round 3**: Thursday 17 May 2012
- **Round 4**: Thursday 21 June 2012
- **Round 5**: Thursday 19 July 2012

You are most welcome to attend and support our talented students.

*Ms Wendy Grant (Debating Co-ordinator)*

**Year 8 Picnic Dinner**

The year 8 Picnic Dinner was held on Thursday 8 March in the Box Hill High School quadrangle. Over 100 parents, students and staff attended. Families participated in a 'meet the teachers' activity and joined in a mix of games coordinated by the year 12 prefects. I would like to thank all involved in the night and look forward to even bigger attendance next year.

*Mr Gary Warton - Year 8 Coordinator*

**Ambulance Insurance**

Families need to be aware that if your child is in need of emergency assistance by an ambulance, then an ambulance will be called and the cost will be borne by the family of the student. Family ambulance insurance cover is now very affordable, and we encourage all families to take out insurance, as even a short ride in an ambulance could prove to be very costly.

**Good Friday Appeal - Volunteers needed**

Each year, a number of Box Hill High School students volunteer to collect money for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. If you would like to join the team this year, please see Mr Hamley asap in Room 213 for an information sheet and permission form.
Community Announcements

Whitehorse City Council - Parent Information Session

Whitehorse City Council invites parents to an information session being presented by Andrew Fuller on the topic of ‘Supporting stressed, anxious or depressed teenagers.’ The forum will focus on practical strategies and tips that can be used to build resilience in young people and support those experiencing mental health difficulties. The session is being held at The Whitehorse Centre on Tuesday May 1st, 7:15pm – 9:00pm.

Girls Soccer

FC Bulleen Lions is looking for Girls to come and play Football (Soccer) in our Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 teams this year. The girls will participate in two training sessions a week to learn the skills of the game and then play competition games on Sundays. Football is the ultimate team sport, lots of fun and a great way to make friends in a healthy social environment – COME DOWN, PARTICIPATE & ENJOY.

- Training:
  - Under 12s – 6.00pm Wednesdays & Fridays.
  - Under 14s – 6.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays.
  - Under 16s – 7.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Please express your interest or request further information by emailing fcb lions@venetoclub.com or calling Karen Daley on 9850 4121.
**Holiday Footy Clinic for Girls**

The EFL and AFL Victoria are holding a FREE all-girls super clinic so you can come along and give football a try. It's a great way to become involved!

**When:** Tuesday April 3 - 9.30-11am for 8-12 year olds  - 11.30-1pm for 13-18 year olds

**Where:** Jubilee Park, Gardini Avenue, Ringwood

**Got the feel for it? Then come and play at Blackburn.**

Blackburn Football Club fully supports girls football and is looking for girls who want to play in the EFL’s new Under 11 and Under 14 competitions. If you are interested, please call Ian Kent on 0431771329 or drop us a line at blackburnjnr@efl.org.au

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**Career Ready! School Holiday Career opportunities at RSPCA.**

During each holiday period, the RSPCA Education Centre in Burwood East offers programs for secondary school students who are considering a career working with animals. For students aged 13yrs and older, we have some great careers based sessions for people wanting to work in the animal industry. Sessions include:

**Animal Attendant for a Day (13-18yrs) – Wednesday 4th April – 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.

**Animal ER (15-20 yrs) – Thursday 5th April - 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.
Inspector for a Day (15-20yrs)– Wednesday 11th April – 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.

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

Box Hill United SC

Box Hill United SC is seeking junior boys aged 12 for our Under 13B team. Please contact David Perry at davidperry@peacocks.com.au or on 0403 754 762 to register your interest.

Learn about yourself!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2012 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

C.O.A.C.H Community Mentoring

COACH is a free family mentoring program to provide long term support for families who want to create a brighter future. COACH is available for families in the City of Whitehorse and surrounding area who have one or more child under 12 years of age. COACH is a free program where a mentor commits to two hours per week for 12 months in which they are a ‘friend with a purpose’ an encouraging non-judgemental person trained to work with you in making changes to your life.

For more information contact:
Alan Butler: 03 9837 2975, alan.butler@stairway.org.au
Christian City Care COACH program
PO Box 3092 Nunawading VIC 3131

Keys 2 Drive... helping parents teach their Learner driver

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au

Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail proposal

Find out how this proposal could enable your child to cycle safely to school along the railway alignment. Visit the web site which is promoting the trail and add your support. http://www.bhrrt.org/