



Calendar

July

28 - 31 Jul Recommendation Week - VCE 2010
 28 - 1 Aug 'Grease' - School Performance

August

Wednesday 5 VCE Expo 5 - 7pm
 5 - 8 Yr 9 Acc Challenge Program
 Monday 10 Course Counselling Yr 9 Acc & Yr 10
 Thursday 13 Parent Teacher forms distributed, Yrs 10 - 12
 Monday 17 Course Counselling Yr 11
 Friday 21 Talent Show Evening
 Tuesday 25 Parent Teacher Night, Yrs 10 - 12

September

Thursday 3 Parent Teacher forms distributed, Yrs 7- 9
 7 - 11 Year 11 Open Week
 7 - 18 German Tour
 14 - 18 Year 9 Canberra Trip
 Wednesday 16 Parent Teacher Night, Yrs 7 - 9
 Friday 18 Interim Reports Distributed
 Last Day of Term 3

Principal's Report

Grease is here!

Last night I attended the final dress rehearsal of Grease and even at this stage, it was already a great production! The quality of the music and the energy of the performers was outstanding. It was particularly wonderful to see so many students from Years 7 and 8 working hard as either cast or crew. It certainly augers well for the future of musicals at Box Hill High School!

Grease is a very technically demanding work in terms of lighting, sound and set design. I was delighted by the professionalism of the crew and the way they efficiently handled the many lighting sound and set changes. The sets, costumes, choreography and staging were all superb and the musical performances were first class. The production is certainly a testament to the imagination and creativity of our Director, Mr Charls, the musical talents of Mrs Cohen our Musical Director, and the extraordinary talents of our musicians and cast and crew.

Grease, the musical is set in the 1950s and as the Director observes in his notes, the plot is "boy meets girl ... but cut the romantic schmaltz. The new angle is treat 'em rough, and they will love you forever' kind of mentality. The final message of the show seems to be *a girl's got to do what a girl's got to do*, in order to get her man, a very 1950s take on gender relations that is a bit cringe-making in the culture of post feminism.."

As a female in 2009 watching the production of Grease; all I can say is, isn't it wonderful that the world has moved on? One certainly hopes that gender roles have changed since the 1950s and that new paradigms have emerged whereby girls and boys no longer need to be controlled by sexual stereotyping. I certainly hope that today, all girls can choose career and life paths commensurate with their abilities, and that boys no longer have to be seen as simply "tough and macho". Certainly in our school, our goal is to encourage a culture that affirms the diversity of our young men and woman as we help them to establish a cohesive sense of "self".

So do yourself a treat, and come to this wonderful school production and immerse yourself in the 1950s. The music was certainly great! But be grateful that today, although the rebellious spirit of teenagers probably still exists, much has changed, and certainly for the better!

Finally, thank you to all the wonderful FOPA members for the myriad roles you play to ensure that our school productions are such a success! We certainly would not be able to do it without you! This production is very fittingly dedicated to Rod Buncle in appreciation of his tireless service as Foundation FOPA Convenor. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism that he always showed in his role as Convenor of FOPA. As a school we are very fortunate indeed to have had you supporting and developing the performing arts in this way.

Mrs Kate Mitchell, Principal


Uniform Shop Hours


The operational hours of the Uniform Shop are:

Mon: 12.20pm - 3.30pm,
Thurs: 8.15am -10.45am

Contact Number: 9809 5477

Absence Hotline

 9875 9133

 francis.sonia.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Canteen Roster

Week Commencing: August 3

Mon, Aug 3 Susie Bellairs Walsh
 Tue, Aug 4 Le Huong Vu
 Wed, Aug 5 Carole Byron
 Thu, Aug 6 Jennifer Wait
 Fri, Aug 7 Jane Wiles

A newsletter is issued each week and posted to the school's website. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made.

Parking Restrictions

The new drop off and pick up parking restrictions have commenced at the front of the school. The zone starts as soon as you enter the slip lane to the service road and conclude about "2 cars" past the exit to the car park. Please be mindful that parking infringement notices may soon be issued.

Mr Neil Davis, Assistant Principal

Student Details - Update

A reminder to parents and guardians - it is *vital* that the school is informed of current family contact details for all students. Please advise the school if any of your following details have changed: home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, email address, place of work, work phone number or emergency contacts.

The General Office recently sent home via the post to all parents a **Student Information Full Details Form** for each child - please ensure you have completed this form and returned it to the school so we can update our records.

If you did not receive the Student Information Full Details Form, please return a **Notification of Change of Details Form** available from the General Office or go to our website under Parents ⇒ Documents ⇒ Forms (<http://www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au/>)

You never know when the school will need to contact you in the case of an emergency - **so for your child's sake please keep us up-to-date.**

The General Office

Uniform Shop - Closed

Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed on the following day - Monday 3 August. However the PSW's Shop will be open as per normal hours. Any questions please phone 9809 5477.



German Poetry Competition

The year 7 and 9 students participated in the Regional Finals of the German Poetry Competition at Caulfield Grammar. Our students recited their poems in front of the judges and we are very proud to say Box Hill High School won the first prize in both the Year 7 category and Year 9 category.

Our winners, Elizabeth Kleeman and Liam Hartley will now be competing in the State Finals. Congratulations to them and also to Masha Roitman for special mention.

Ms Meena Nathan

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on 7 August 2009.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - 13 July 2009
- Parent applications close - 7 August 2009
- Census day - 7 August 2009
- EFT payments - Mid August 2009 onwards
- Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2009

As of 1 July 2009, smoking is NOT PERMITTED anywhere on the school property at ANY TIME both *during* and *after* school hours.

BHHS VCE EXPO

Wed
5th Aug
5-7pm
Library and Gallery

What is the VCE ?

Talk by VCE
Co-ordinator

Rm 217 (in library)

Individual Course Advising will commence on Mon 10th August. It is extremely important that students are aware of the wide variety of subjects on offer before this date and can make careful, informed decisions about their subject selection in 2010.

The VCE expo will give students and parents the opportunity to talk to staff about specific course content, assessment, prerequisites etc.

Compulsory Attendance for all Yr 9 Accelerated and Yr 10 students
Yr 11 and Yr 11+ students welcome to attend

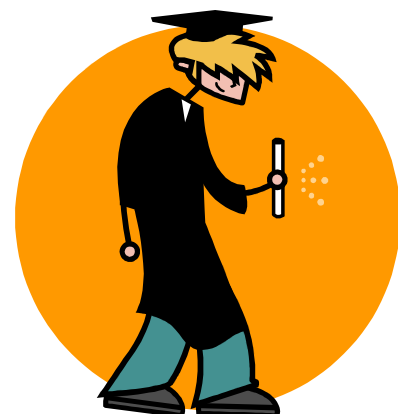


RSVP for catering purposes to general office by Mon 3rd August

Student name _____

Form _____

No. Attending the VCE Expo _____



Playing Chess is Good

Hi everyone! My name is Bill Ding. I am the captain of the Chess Club and I find it is really interesting playing chess in our school Chess Club.

Actually, our club is awesome. Our school Chess Club participated in interschool chess tournament and did a wonderful job. We came 7th out of 20. It is a really good result for a team which participated for the first time. Hopefully, next time, we could get a better result, like top 5, which have the qualification for the final.

For me, I came 4th in the interschool tournament individually, and 3rd in the Under 18 group in the Victorian Junior Championship.

Our school Chess Club is open during lunch time on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome.

The Chess Club is going to hold a chess tournament in school and I hope every student can enjoy it!

Bill Ding, Chess Club Captain

Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

We are hoping that you and your family are interested in the idea of choosing an exchange student to come and live with you for a half, one or even two semesters, sharing your lifestyle with a 15-18 year old girl or boy from Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Brazil...So if you can afford one extra at mealtimes, which is almost the only cost to you, have a spare bed and wish to make an overseas friend, possibly for life, I'd be very pleased to hear from you - (03)97584279.

Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

Experience life as an overseas teenager during your summer holidays!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is in its last round of accepting applications for students to go to Germany, Italy, Spain, France and French-speaking Belgium this summer.

Lifelong memories – lifelong friends!

Live with a host family, attend an overseas school and make new friends from around the world.

'Begin your exchange journey with an open mind and heart. Don't be afraid to leap into a world of unknown; you will be rewarded with more than you thought possible.'

- Chloe Sinclair went on a short-term program to France in November 2008

Don't miss out! Find out more:

Request your information pack: Go online www.wep.org.au or call us for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733. Attend WEP's **Open Door Day: 15 August 12pm – 4pm**

Meet WEP staff and returned students to talk about your opportunity to discover the world on a student exchange.

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