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Year 7 Pool Night.

Thank you to our fantastic Year 7 students, their families and the Year 7 Pastoral Care Team for your contribution to an awesome Year 7 pool night on Thursday 5th March. Lots of fun, laughter and good times were had by all of those who attended. The enthusiasm, encouragement and team spirit from the Year 7 students was wonderful to see.

Debutante Ball.

It is reassuring to know that, in our current very difficult and changing global circumstances, we still have occasions in our lives that remain constant. The Debutante Ball, held on Friday 13 March, was a truly grand occasion. The students were absolutely fantastic and the debutantes and their partners looked fabulous. These events are particularly enjoyable because they involve students, staff, immediate family and the wider community, celebrating the success of our young people. Congratulations to all involved!

Coronavirus.

The effects of the spread of coronavirus continue to evolve and I am including a letter to all families to outline our processes to support our Brauer College community. I very much appreciate your phone calls of support. I will continue to provide updates as relevant information becomes available. If you have any queries, please contact me on 5560 3888.

Jane Boyle
PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every day, our community is grappling with a myriad of issues as we determine the best approach in responding to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. In supporting families, Brauer College anticipates to respond with best practice to our ever-changing environment.

In consultation with our staff and advice from the Department of Education, we outline to you the College’s actions around the postponement of school events, hygiene protocols to minimise transmission of the virus and the structure of learning programs in the event of school closure.

**Events and School Activities**
The following have been postponed until further notice:
- Open Night
- All excursions and camps.
- All Whole School and Year Level Assemblies
- All Inter-School sports
- BAD Production and Rehearsals
- Academies

We appreciate the excellent work that our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students have invested into the preparation of these events and we very much hope that these events will run later in the year.

**Hygiene Practices within Brauer College**
All students have been addressed by their Pastoral Care Leaders about the importance of good personal hygiene and the ways in which we can protect ourselves from contracting the virus. Two government fact sheets to support families in school are currently on display around our College. We ask for your assistance in reminding your children about maintaining these simple, yet effective and protective, hygienic practices outside of school.

At the College, we have ensured that:
- All amenities have soap and paper towels that are cleaned and replenished daily.
- The Canteen has hand sanitiser available.
- Students are reminded to bring their own drink bottle and not share them.
- Students are reminded to wash their hands after using water fountains.
- Students are reminded not to share food.
- We have implemented additional cleaning protocols to support our efforts to maintain a safe environment for everyone.

**Continuation of Learning Programs in the Event of a School Closure**
In the event that the Department of Education closes schools temporarily or we are required to transition to remote learning students will be required to follow their normal timetabled classes whilst at home.

- Teachers will communicate with students through our Compass platform. Our students use Compass daily and are already familiar with all of their online learning programs.
- Teachers will be working remotely to their timetables and the preference is for students to also work to their regular timetable. Teachers will be available during these times to communicate with students [for example, via email or ZOOM] to assist students through their set lessons.
- Students will select their timetabled class in their daily schedule on Compass and their lesson plan will be available to view and work through.
- Guidelines to access existing online platforms, including Edrolo, Math Pathways, Education Perfect, Stile, On Guard, etc. will be available on Compass.
- Students without internet access at home are required to inform their teachers to enable work to be provided to them.

**Summary of Action required**
- All parents and carers are to ensure that you have your Parent Login details for Compass, as this will be your primary source of information updates to access student learning information and to contact teachers. Please call our Front Office on (03) 5560 3888 if you need Compass access details.
- Students are required to notify their teachers if they have no internet access at home.
- We encourage all students to continue attending school. However, following the advice from the Department of Education, if any member of your family has mild flu-like symptoms, please keep your child at home.

We thank you for your co-operation and support with these changes and we will do our best to continue to keep you updated through Compass and Facebook on changes to the Department’s response to COVID-19.

Jane Boyle
Year 12 Road Trauma Presentation

An informative, vital presentation to the Year 12’s this morning from Trudy Morland and John Keats from Victoria Police. They presented the facts about road trauma, the expectations of society on our young people and the implications of their decisions and who it affects.

The messages were supported by two very brave road trauma victims who presented personal accounts. One an accident victim who is still in recovery and the other a mother who lost her 23 year old son to an accident caused by alcohol and fatigue.

A lot of food for thought and while we hope these tragedies never happen to people we know and love it is invaluable to be more aware of the impacts our decisions can have on ourselves and those around us.

We thank Trudy, John and the Road Trauma team for visiting us today and imparting their wisdom and knowledge.
Study Tip #5: Mantras for a Positive Mindset

Last week’s Study Tip focused on the benefits of positive self-talk to help us achieve a mindset that is helpful for learning and mental wellbeing. This week’s focus is on ‘mantras’ or sayings to repeat over and over to yourself to make positive mindsets a habit.

Select some that feel helpful for you – write them on sticky notes and put them up around your study space at home or in your planner or locker at school. Create your own too & share them with friends. These can be helpful reminders – especially when we start thinking unhelpful negative thoughts!

Some ‘mantras’ that can help you be a successful learner:

- Mistakes are an opportunity to grow.
- Practice makes progress.
- I can’t do it… YET!
- Today I will try something new!
- Mistakes are how I learn.
- If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you!
- Big ideas start small…
- I will be the change I want to see!
- Whatever happens today… I can handle it!
- This is tough, but I can do it!
- If what I am doing isn’t working, something has to change.

Study Tip #6: TIPS FOR BEING A GOOD LEARNER

Being good at learning is not something that we are born with – we have to learn it and practise it!! Here are some helpful tips:
- Good learners are curious – they wonder about things and ask questions!
- Good learners understand that learning takes effort.
- Good learners understand the need to persevere and don’t give up easily!
- Good learners are motivated by achieving – the harder they have to work the more rewarding the outcome!
- Good learners never run out of questions.
- Good learners find connections with what they are learning and what they already know.
- Good learners enjoy sharing what they have learned – this also helps to make sense of the learning!
- Good learners understand that failure is an important part of the learning process – embrace mistakes and learn from them!
- Happy studying!!

Physics Conference

4 VCE Physics students were fortunate enough to attend the STAV Physics Conference last month at Latrobe University.

Hands On Learning

Well Being has a new triage desk screen! Huge thank you to Brendan Martin, Blaire Grande and Jordan Mitchem (not pictured) pictured here with Bruce and Jude.
CREATING HAPPY & HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS!

A range of different articles will be published in the Parent Bulletin for you as parents to learn about ways you can assist your child to develop resilience, self-belief and the confidence for them to be the best that they can be! These articles will complement activities being conducted in Pastoral Care throughout the year, and may provide a stimulus for discussion at home. They are all adapted from the resources made available by the Learning Curve Wellbeing Program and the Student Planner.

GOAL SETTING

Thinking about what adolescents want to accomplish is not sufficient for them to be motivated enough to pursue them with long-term passion. Research has shown that it is necessary for students to make the choice to write down their goals, obstacles they may confront and strengths and people who can assist them to accomplish them. Avoid shoot for the stars goals, because maintaining their passion and zest is often too difficult.

Setting term goals, and then breaking them down into two week targets to achieve, provides them with regular little wins, which over the term, combine to assist them to move steadily towards their goals. The most effective goals in nurturing personal and academic growth are process goals, where they focus on following a series of steps and receiving regular feedback on their progress.

Unfortunately, our current school system demands performance goals, which only serve to increase pressure on students and their teachers. Encourage students to use the goal setting, goal action plan and goal reflection pages in their journal/planner every term.

Acknowledgement: Sheldon & Adams Miller

Adapted from the Learning Curve Wellbeing Program
On the first day, we climbed Mount Sturgeon. It was very difficult. There were bushes in the way, the stones made it difficult to climb, it was very hot and my drink bottle was empty. On the way down, there were more hazards like rain, slippery rocks and wind. My feet really hurt during and after the climb but at least I and some others got to ride a car back to camp!

Clifford Deloso

On the first day, almost as soon as we arrived, we all walked to the base of Mount Sturgeon and started climbing the treacherous mountain. The start of the walk was about thirty minutes through the bush, then it began to slope upwards. After about an hour and a half, we came to the fake top. We had had a VERY long climb. After that, we climbed for about another thirty minutes - then we finally arrived at the top! The view from the top was amazing! Unfortunately, we couldn’t stay long because there was a storm coming, so we headed down the mountain and back to camp.

Lucia Grinton
I lay there, concealed in the thick layer of ferns, waiting for the bell to ring. In the distance, I could hear the shouts and screams of those who had been found. Suddenly, I heard the sound of feet stomping towards me. I saw a beam of light flicker past me, then come back towards me. Luckily, the beam of light just missed me. That was just one of the exciting activities at the Dunkeld camp.

To have a mini bus on the first day of camp was a sign that we would have lots of fun. We all clambered up and sang songs until our throats hurt and we could sing no more. The start of my camp was carefree, no worries and an excited feeling all the way at the bottom of my stomach. As the first day arrived and we travelled across Halls Gap to see wonderful sights, this day was simply beautiful. The night activities were sensational, as we tracked through the muddy grounds, across rivers and through bush. Hiding in the dark, was - to be honest - the scariest, sitting there in the damp, cold ferns. Feeling drops of cold rain patter down on me, I had no idea what was going on so, I let my mind slip away into thoughts. Then, when I thought time was up, I sat up, looked around and wondered. Truth turns out, we hadn’t even started yet. The next day crawled in and it was another day full of tired fun and extreme laughter. Each day, we had gotten closer and closer with each other and, by the end of this fun, adventurous camp, we were closer than we could have ever imagined and had formed strong bonds that hopefully will last for the next 6 years.
On the very last day of our terrific camp, we climbed a mountain called Mount Piccininny. Once we got to the top, you had the option of bush bashing back down. We were in a group with Paige, except she left us, so Cohen went with us instead. We kept walking down and all the trees were scratching us and poking us, so we started hitting them with sticks. At one point, Jermaine hit me in the head with a branch, which was fun. When we finally got to the bottom, we were about 100 metres from the camp, so we walked there. We were the third (or second) group to get back down. As we waited for the other groups, Miss McPherson (Leah) gave us biscuits. It was a fun day and, luckily, everyone survived!
On Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday the 11th of March, 4 Brauer College students undertook their Bike Education training at Merrivale Primary School.

Kobi Bidmade, Riley Fox, Chad Yates and Hayden Snell all participated in the two day course that now allows them to help train other primary/secondary school students through their Bike Education training. All 4 boys are also undertaking a Certificate 3 in Sport and Recreation and this additional qualification will go hand in hand with their certificate they plan to have completed by the end of this year.

Well done boys.

Kurt Lenehan
SPORTS INDUSTRY PROGRAM COORDINATOR
SPORTS COORDINATOR

On Wednesday 26th of February a 31 strong army of Year 9, 10 and 11’s girls participated in the Warrnambool District Volleyball competition for Summer Sports. Throughout the day all teams showed excellent teamwork, communication skills and commitment as they played their best.

The 4 teams, 1 x senior girls and 3 x intermediate girls were out vibing and having loads of fun, with the Brauer College 1 Team (Year 9 Girls) winning a game, whilst also coming a draw. Brauer College 3 (Year 10 Girls) had a successful day out, winning 3 games out of a total of 5. The other intermediate team, Brauer College 1 and Senior Girls team (Year 11 girls) brought a lot to the table but unfortunately didn’t manage to secure a win. The day was a huge success and we all had a fantastic time with a special thanks to everyone who participated.

Thanks to Geena Van Vugt 10F for coaching the Year 10 girl team.

Signing off from Fatima Tamasese and Kimberley Hennessy

A couple of Volleyball legends from the great day out.
On Friday the 6th of March, Brauer College hosted its House Athletics Carnival. It was a mild 20 degrees with a refreshing breeze that cooled down all the participating students. There was a great turn out from the school community with lots of colourful costumes and dress-ups. Every event that was ran throughout the day was full to the brim and all students gave it their all when fighting for points for their Houses.

There were records broken, close races and as always the relays provided a great spectacle to finish the day off. However, the Teacher vs Student relay was a real talking point throughout the afternoon. After the Teachers lapped the Students in the relay in the House Swimming Carnival, the Students were after revenge. THEY GOT IT!!! They were too slick across the track and their baton changes were faultless. 1 ALL.

This year saw an increased participation in all events and as an outcome, the Overall Results could not be calculated in time to be presented to the school. Although there have been many people trying to get a sneak peek of the results, they will be presented to the school at the next Whole School Assembly. Aside from this, there were some fantastic individual results accomplished by those who stood out in all events they participated in.

Well done everyone on another fantastic carnival. NEXT UP..... House Cross Country.
Country Buses

The last day of term - next Friday 27th March, Country Buses will run from 2:30pm.

Thank you.

DOBSONS

The Brauer College Uniform Shop will be opening in the school holidays, to cater to families needing to purchase uniforms, with the transition from Summer to Winter uniform in Term 2. The opening hours are:

- Friday 3rd April - 10-3pm
- Monday 6th April - 10-3pm
- Tuesday 14th April - 8-10am, 1-4pm
  (First day of Term 2)

Click and collect is also available 24x7, with pick up available on the days listed above.

Normal hours resume Thursday 16 April.
For Uniform Shop queries please call Melissa on 5560 3877 during shop hours, or email bra@dobsons.com.au